



Memo

Date: April 4, 2018

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
From: Cerelyn J. Davis, Chief of Police *CJD*
Subject: Response to recent petition

Regarding the concerns of certain interest groups on the issue of police/military training in Israel, my training experience in Israel had nothing to do with terrorism tactics, military tactics, or the use of or exposure to, military equipment. My specific visit was based on developing leadership academies, leadership principles, and the challenges experienced with building community and police relations with the growing homeless population in the US, comparable to Sudanese populations in Israel. The Atlanta Police Leadership Institute (APLI) was an assigned project under my leadership and is well regarded as a curriculum designed to groom bright and extremely prepared Atlanta Police leaders of tomorrow. This highly academic training has no police operations component, and challenges selected participants to become 21st Century police leaders.

In addition, there has been no effort while I have served as Chief of Police to initiate or participate in an exchange to Israel, nor do I have any intention to do so. During my short tenure, I have been quite focused and intentional in building stronger police and community relations here in Durham.

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