

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No: 1:15 CV 1046
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Plaintiff)	
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v.)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
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CITY OF CLEVELAND,)	
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Defendant)	<u>ORDER APPROVING SECOND-YEAR</u>
)	<u>MONITORING PLAN</u>

Currently pending before the court in the above-captioned case is the Monitor Matthew Barge’s (“Monitor”) Motion Submitting Second-Year Monitoring Plan (“Second-Year Plan”). (ECF No. 120.) The Monitor, jointly with the United States of America and the City of Cleveland (collectively, the “Parties”), seeks court approval of the Second-Year Plan (ECF No. 120-1), which sets forth goals, deadlines, and milestones for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

After careful review, the court finds that the Second-Year Plan complies with the requirements of the Consent Decree. The Second-Year Plan will provide clear guidance and realistic expectations for the Parties, and the community, as they continue to implement the policies and procedures developed or finalized during the first year under the Consent Decree. For example, the Monitoring Team will continue to work with the Cleveland Police Department (“CPD”) to evaluate the Office of Professional Responsibility and the Police Review Board and ensure that these entities

perform their duties in a fair, objective, and expeditious manner. (*See* ECF No. 120-1, at 16–19.)

The Second-Year Plan also details major objectives, key results, and milestones associated with new topics of focus for the year, including community and problem-oriented policing, bias-free policing, search and seizure, and officer training. For example, the Second-Year Plan largely implements the Community Engagement Framework for Community and Problem-Oriented Policing Plan and Bias-Free Policing Policy. (*See id.* at 1–2.) It also calls for the CPD to develop revised search and seizure policies that comply with the requirements of the Consent Decree. (*See id.* at 23.) In regard to officer training, the Second-Year Plan focuses on the revision of the CPD’s in-service training instructor policy; the finalization of plans for in-service training, recruit academy and probationary field training, and supervisor training; and the development and implementation of training on the revised Use-of-Force Policy. (*See id.* at 6–9.)

Accordingly, this court, having considered the Second-Year Plan and the terms of the Consent Decree entered into by the Parties, hereby approves the Monitor’s Motion Submitting Second-Year Monitoring Plan (ECF No. 120) and incorporates the terms of the Second-Year Plan (ECF No. 120-1) herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

April 20, 2017