

General questions

- 1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
- 2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

- 1. Of the nearly 2,600 complaints of Minneapolis police misconduct since 2013, 77 resulted in discipline—mostly suspensions or letters of reprimand. Do you think more transparent and stricter discipline measures would increase trust in the police? Why or why not?
- 2. William Green said "The power of the police federation, for example, really comes from the state, for all intents and purposes. The real place where we need to see systemic change is outside the hands of Minneapolis city governance." Where do you think activists should focus their attention?
- 3. Smith advocates for folding armed police officers into a larger public safety department that can respond with a wider range of skill sets such as addiction and mental health resources. What do you think the benefits to this approach would be? Are there any drawbacks?