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Have you ever felt so fed up of all the violence and injustice that occurs around our cities? Martin Luther King Jr. quotes “ Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

“. The thought of feeling scared of our community police instead of feeling safe and secure? There are times when one just feels police brutality completely must come to an end. Look at what happened to 18-year-old Michael Brown who was shot to death by a police officer named Darren Wilson. Why if there seems to be so much evidence of Brown surrendering, was he murdered? It’s time to ask certain questions to our local chief of police to figure out if the training and psychological/screening tests are done in the academy’s enough to show if the police officers are capable of really knowing when their lives are really in danger or if they feel threatened for any reason.

On August 9, 2014, in Ferguson, Missouri, unarmed Michael Brown and his friend Dorian Johnson were walking down the street minding their own business when suddenly, they were approached by a police officer named Darren Wilson. Supposedly, officer Wilson had gotten a phone call about a robbery, but evidence shows that he was on the phone with another person, which makes one question if those 2 innocent black men were bothering him somehow by then walking in the neighborhood. An article from CNN called “ What we know about Michael Brown’s shooting” by Elliot C.

McLaughlin, there is a video about Dorian speaking about what had happen on the day of the shooting and he explains how Wilson pulled on over and told them to get off the sidewalk, and Brown and Johnson both told them that they were so near to their destination and kept walking. Then, the police officer almost tried hitting them with his car, tried getting out and the car door

somehow bounced back at him which caused him to get angry and made him want to choke Michael. Michael kept pulling back away from him while Wilson kept pulling his way making seem as if he was trying to put him inside his car.

After Brown finally pulled away, Wilson got out of his vehicle and said, “ I’m going to shoot.” He fired his weapon and at the point, Michael had already been shot when him and Dorian tried running for their lives. Officer Wilson then came closer to Brown as he turned around and said, “ hands up, don’t shoot!”. The police officer shot him about 6 times and unfortunately, Michael Brown passed away at the scene. Dorian Johnson hid behind a car and ran to his home. Was it necessary to react that way and kill this innocent young man? There are several ways this situation could’ve been handled, such as Wilson asking them questions to see what they’re up to and let them go if they weren’t causing any trouble.

Furthermore, Lucia L. Suarez Sang from Fox News states how studies show that Ferguson, Missouri has been known one of the few states of race and color based matter, which is why it’s very important for communities to make sure that police officers are professionally trained for racial prejudice. The New York Times addresses how many police divisions are more white people than the citizenry they’re supposed to be helping.

If I had the chance to give advice to local community leaders who might involve the mayor, city council or even the chief of police, the specific advice I would give to move beyond the violence and heal community tension is to give officers more time on how to deal with tough situations that happen in

the streets and the proper way of dealing with people who have psychological disorders. The article “End Police Brutality” published by Zak Cheney Rice, he specifies how the Washington Post states that officers spend way much more time, about 60 hours, learning how to use their weapons and spend about 8 hours on how to handle people with mental illnesses. This just indicates why police officers act so terribly when someone approaches them. If it was the other way around, then that way they’ll have more experience on how to get along with the people in they are serving. Another way to reduce police brutality is by making police officers take specific screenings and tests to see if they have any history of PTSD, disorders and racial issues.

Having them do interviews of those certain topics to see how they react or what response they give. This would really help the chief of police decide what type of people should be able to serve the communities. Though racism has been going on for thousands of years, it has not stopped, and history is basically repeating itself. Darren Wilson should have not gotten away with it so easily. He must face the consequences for murdering a young man who had a future ahead of him, this just has to do with him being racist. The thought of Wilson claiming that he only used his weapon for self defense is quite absurd since Michael was clearly unarmed and was not even near him. To move beyond violence and heal community tension, we have to do more than just start protesting, we also have to put our part and just listen to what officers have to say to us if they think we’re up to something or if they think we look “suspicious”.

Police officers should try and be a part of their community to get to know the people who live in the area, and not just attack black men or women because of their skin color.