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Civil Rights attorneys Antonio Romanucci of Romanucci & Blandin and Ben Crump and Ben Crump law release a statement in response to an Inspector General report on Chicago Police conduct during summer unrest

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The Inspector General's scathing report of Chicago Police actions and inactions during last summer's civil unrest paints a picture of officers lacking both leadership and accountability for their actions. If one of the primary messages of protestors was lack of trust of police in their communities, the interactions between officers and citizens during those episodes exacerbated the problem. Now to be clear, there were far too many criminals among the peaceful protestors, looting and destroying property, and the lack of arrests and accountability for all of those individuals is also greatly concerning. We keep saying reform is needed in our police departments across the country, yet police leadership has not demonstrated an ability or interest in making meaningful change. These decades-long reform requirements are beyond overdue. Every day that goes by without real and meaningful reform is another day that someone's life is needlessly endangered by bad policing or another day where hundreds of individuals have their protected civil rights violated. As the legal team representing many victims of police misconduct across the country, we have created a platform for significant and positive police reform at the federal level to provide national standards, training protocols, oversight and accountability. To read the whitepaper with the reform platform please visit: <https://act.bencrump.com/a/police-reform>. The website also includes a petition for citizens to add their name to support critical federal police reform.