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Honorable Mayor John Whitmire  
City of Houston  
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**We the People Organize demands accountability: for almost 8 years, HPD Leaders endangered the lives of officers and Houstonians.**

Several weeks ago, following our press releases exposing HPD's seven-month delay after one of their own officers was injured after his SIG Sauer P320 weapon discharged without a trigger pull, the Houston Police Department finally removed the SIG Sauer P320 from the Department's approved firearms list, banning the Sig Sauer P320— a gun linked to a death and serious injuries nationwide. But thanks to the reporting from *Houston Public Media*, we now know the truth:

**HPD knew about the danger surrounding the Sig Sauer P320, as far back as 2017 under Chief Art Acevedo**

According to the Houston Public Media after HPD learned about a potential malfunction reported on social media, HPD tested the firearm. According to Captain Gregory Fremin, who was then in charge of training at the Department's academy, the gun accidentally fired more than 10 percent of the times when it was dropped.

"We dropped the weapon 30 times and, out of the 30 times, it discharged four times. So, we can't have a discharging at all like that. That is a severe safety issue for all our officers out on the street," Fremin tells *Houston Public Media*.

While HPD replaced the SIG Sauer P320 in 2017 with officers receiving new SIG Sauer P320 guns, but the department didn't remove the gun from the department's

list of approved firearms, which explain why an HPD officer was injured in January 2025 had a SIG Sauer P320.

So, we ask what took HPD so long to act?

- **Why did HPD replace the SIG Sauer P320 in 2017, but allowed the gun to remain on the department's list of approved firearms?**
- **Why did HPD wait more than 7 years to remove the SIG Sauer P320 from the Department's approved firearms list, according to a Department Circular dated August 1, 2025?**
- **Who made the decision to keep the SIG Sauer P320 in circulation in 2017?**
- **And who will be held accountable now that the truth is out?**

Let's be clear again: this isn't about politics. This was about public safety, transparency, and accountability.

HPD's Leadership failure in 2017 to remove the SIG Sauer P320 from the Department's approved firearms list, banning the use of the SIG Sauer P320 endangered the lives of officers and Houstonians. We need answers now from you Mayor Whitmire, and City Officials.

**We the People Organize will not be ignored nor let this be swept under the rug.**

We are requesting a meeting with you within the next thirty days to discuss this serious and troubling matter.

We demand a full investigation, public answers, and accountability for the officers and Houstonians who HPD's Leaders knowingly put at risk for nearly eight years.

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Sincerely,

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We the People Organize

**We Hold Elected Officials and Police Accountable**