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HPD KNEW IN 2017 — AND DID NOTHING

We the People Organize demands accountability for almost 8 years of silence and inaction

Houston, TX — August 7, 2025 ---This week, the Houston Police Department finally banned the SIG Sauer P320 — a gun that has injured officers across the country and misfired without a trigger pull. But thanks to the reporting from *Houston Public Media*, we now know the truth:

HPD knew about the danger back in 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 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*.

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

- **Why did HPD wait more than 7 years to act?**
- **Who made the decision to keep these guns in circulation?**
- **Was there a Department Circular issued warning officers of this dangerous gun in 2017?**
- **And who will be held accountable now that the truth is out?**

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

HPD's Leadership failure to ban in 2017 the use of the SIG Sauer P320 endangered the lives of officers and Houstonians. We need answers now from Mayor Whitmire, and City Officials.

We the People Organize will not let this be swept under the rug.

We demand a full investigation, public answers, and accountability for the officers and residents who were knowingly put at risk for nearly eight years.

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