

# Durham Police Department Complies with 8 Can't Wait Standards

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*Mayor Schewel Also Fulfills Obama Foundation's Reimagining Policing Pledge*

DURHAM, N.C. – Following his pledge to the Obama Foundation's [Reimagining Policing](#) effort to review use-of-force policies as well as in response to Campaign Zero's [8 Can't Wait](#) initiative, City of Durham Mayor Steve Schewel is proud to announce that the Durham Police Department is in full compliance with the 8 Can't Wait standards and has been certified by the organization.

Last summer, Schewel joined other mayors from across the country in the national pledge to review and reform use-of-force policies, redefine public safety, and combat systemic racism within law enforcement. Parallel to the Obama Foundation's effort was the 8 Can't Wait campaign and its challenge to cities to also review use-of-force policies.

"I'm very glad that the Durham Police Department is fully supportive of the '8 Can't Wait' protocols, which reflect the values of our community," Schewel said. "When former President Barack Obama issued the Reimagining Policing Pledge and Campaign Zero launched its campaign, I was glad to take up that challenge and our police department leadership has been enthusiastically in favor of these policies."

The 8 Can't Wait standards align with the Durham Police Department's [policies regarding use of force](#), which include:

- Banning chokeholds
- Requiring de-escalation
- Requiring warning before shooting
- Requiring exhausting all alternatives before shooting
- Duty to intervene
- Banning of shooting at moving vehicles
- Has use-of-force continuum
- Requiring comprehensive reporting

"Our current policies are aligned with 8 Can't Wait and our policies go beyond the 8 Can't Wait principles," said Durham Police Chief C.J. Davis. "During these very challenging times, as our community expects us to keep them safe, we will do our very best to foster trust and transparency as we serve the public."

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