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## **Columbus Policing Hosting Policing of Crowds Seminar** *Leading Academic Expert on Crowd Psychology to Speak*

The Columbus Division of Police will be hosting law enforcement agencies from across Ohio on Friday, August 25, 2023, for a seminar on crowds, riots, and policing. Professor Clifford Stott, a world-leading academic expert on crowd psychology from Keele University in the United Kingdom, will lead the workshop for senior law enforcement leaders, policymakers, operational commanders, and trainers involved in or interested in crowd management. The seminar will focus on updates on the science of crowd psychology, models of best practices in science-led approaches to crowd policing, and new strategies and tactics used by the Columbus Division of Police.

Professor Stott is a distinguished visiting professor at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University and has recently worked directly with the Columbus Division of Police to advance crowd management approaches, including the creation of the Dialogue Team in 2022.

One-on-one interviews are being made available to media outlets.

**WHERE:** Auditorium | Columbus Police Training Academy  
**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m. (B-Roll Only), 2:30 p.m. (Interviews)  
**WHO:** Clifford Stott, Professor  
Commander Duane Mabry, Columbus Division of Police

Interested media outlets are required to RSVP to the Public Information Office by 9 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, by emailing [mediarelations@columbuspolice.org](mailto:mediarelations@columbuspolice.org).

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