

Little Rock's police chief announced a new task force on Tuesday following an independent review of his department. As KUAR news intern Remington Miller reports, the report included about 80 recommendations for the L-R-P-D.

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This is the first audit the Little Rock Police Department has had in years, according to Police Chief Keith Humphrey. In a news conference, Humphrey said there were specific topics the recommendations fell under that the task force will focus on.

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“The main points I want to bring out they talked about professional standards, cultural competency, harassment, take-home vehicles. We talked about the handling of private and confidential information and also our promotional processes.”

The internal task force will be led by Maj. Heath Helton and is comprised of eight other officers from multiple divisions. Some are patrol officers and others have experience in accreditation, training, and handling public information.

Humphrey also highlighted some of the work the department has completed in order to address Little Rock's violent crime by working with the Drug Enforcement Agency. On Oct. 25 there were three different search and seizure warrants executed at separate locations.

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“Those seizure warrants resulted in 47 pounds of methamphetamines, 100 grams of fentanyl tablets, one assault rifle, three handguns, one of which was stolen, and \$50,000 in currency.”

The police chief said to date the department has removed 645 illegal guns from the streets of Little Rock and arrested 437 individuals related to those weapons. RCM, KUAR News.