

# Metropolitan Police Academy



## Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC)

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## Introduction

As a police officer, you will encounter many stakeholders and others who have a vested interest in the communities which you serve. Part of your duties will encompass working with different individuals at various levels of engagement to accomplish the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department. Upon graduating from the academy, you will be assigned to a patrol district, and Police Service Area (PSA). Each patrol district, and PSA, falls within a Ward, which is comprised of geographical areas designated as Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC). Currently, there are forty-six ANCs within the District of Columbia, each of which is further divided into smaller areas known as Single Member Districts (SMD). The largest ANCs have 10 SMDs and the smallest has just 2. As a result of the population growth shown in the 2020 census, the number of SMDs has increased from 296 to 346.

## 1 - Define Key Terms

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission** – An ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) is a non-partisan, neighborhood body each made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. These ANCs are a unique feature of the District of Columbia’s Home Rule Charter.

**Commissioner** – person elected to represent a Single Member District within an Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

**Single Member District** – a small geographical subdivision within an Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

## 2 – Identify the Roles of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC Commissioners) are elected to represent their area within each ANC. Commissioners serve two-year terms without pay, and are elected in November in even-numbered years (e.g., 2022, 2024, etc.)

ANCs were established to bring government closer to the people, and to bring people closer to the government. In addition to providing people with a greater say in the matters that affect their neighborhoods, ANCs were intended to end the duplication of effort caused by the proliferation of special advisory groups.

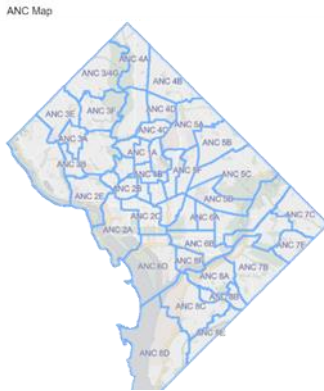
Each ANC Commissioner’s main job is to be their neighborhood’s official voice in advising the District government (and Federal agencies) on matters that affect their neighborhoods. Although they are not required to follow the ANC Commissioner’s advice, many District agencies are required to give the ANC Commissioner’s recommendations “great weight”.

In addition, District law states that agencies cannot take any action that will significantly affect a neighborhood unless they give the affected ANCs 30 days advance notice. This includes things such as zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety, budget, and health services.

ANCs may also initiate recommendations for improving city services, conduct neighborhood improvement programs, and monitor resident complaints.

### 3 – Identify the Current Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and Single Member Districts in Wards 1 – 8

As you have learned in your previous lessons at the Metropolitan Police Academy, the Metropolitan Police Department is divided into seven patrol districts. The city itself, however, is divided into geographical areas known as “Wards”. There are eight Wards within Washington, DC, each comprised of ANCs.



#### Ward 1

- ANC 1A (SMDs 1A01 through 1A10) – represents the northern part of the Columbia Heights neighborhood
- ANC 1B (SMDs 1B01 through 1B09) – represents LeDroit Park, southern Columbia Heights, U Street, northern Shaw neighborhoods
- ANC 1C (SMDs 1C01 through 1C09) – represents Adams Morgan, Lanier Heights, and part of Kalorama Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 1D (SMDs 1D01 through 1D07) – represents Mount Pleasant and northwest corner of Columbia Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 1E (SMDs 1E01 through 1E07) – represents Park View, Pleasant Plains, and Howard University neighborhoods

#### Ward 2

- ANC 2A (SMDs 2A01 through 2A09) – represents West End, Foggy Bottom, George Washington University, part of the Downtown neighborhoods
- ANC 2B (SMDs 2B01 through 2B09) – represents Dupont Circle, Striver’s Section neighborhoods
- ANC 2C (SMDs 2C01 through 2C04) – represents Chinatown, Downtown, Penn Quarter neighborhoods
- ANC 2D (SMDs 2D01 through 2D02) – represents Kalorama Heights neighborhood
- ANC 2E (SMDs 2E01 through 2E08) – represents Georgetown, Burleith, Hillandale neighborhoods
- ANC 2F (SMDs 2F01 through 2F08) – represents Logan Circle, Thomas Circle, Old City, Blagden Alley, Franklin Square, parts of Shaw neighborhoods
- ANC 2G (SMDs 2G01 through 2G06)

### **Ward 3**

- ANC 3A (SMDs 3A01 through 3A05) – represents McLean Gardens and part of Cathedral Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 3B (SMDs 3B01 through 3B06) – represents Glover Park and part of Cathedral Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 3C (SMDs 3C01 through 3C08) – represents Cleveland Park, Massachusetts Heights, Woodlawn-Normanstone, and Woodley Park neighborhoods
- ANC 3D (SMDs 3D01 through 3D07) – represents Berkley, Foxhall, Kent, Palisades, Spring Valley, and Wesley Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 3E (SMDs 3E01 through 3E08) – represents American University Park, Tenleytown, Friendship Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 3F (SMDs 3F01 through 3F06) – represents Van Ness, North Cleveland Park, Wakefield, Forest Hills neighborhoods
- ANC 3G (SMDs 3G01 through 3G07) – represents Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne neighborhoods
  - Although its name begins with a “3”, ANC 3G is actually located in two wards (Ward 3 and Ward 4)

### **Ward 4**

- ANC 3G (SMDs 3G01 through 3G07) – represents Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne neighborhoods
  - Although its name begins with a “3”, ANC 3G is actually located in two wards (Ward 3 and Ward 4)
- ANC 4A (SMDs 4A01 through 4A07) – represents North Portal Estates, Colonial Village, Parks at Walter Reed, Brightwood, Shepherd Park neighborhoods
- ANC 4B (SMDs 4B01 through 4B10) – represents Takoma, Lamond Riggs, Manor Park, part of Brightwood neighborhoods
- ANC 4C (SMDs 4C01 through 4C07) – represents southern part of Petworth neighborhood.
- ANC 4D (SMDs 4D01 through 4D08) – represents northern part of Petworth and Brightwood Park neighborhoods
- ANC 4E (SMDs 4E01 through 4E06) – represents Crestwood and 16<sup>th</sup> Street neighborhoods

### **Ward 5**

- ANC 5A (SMDs 5A01 through 5A09) – represents Fort Totten, Michigan Park, North Michigan park, Queens Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Catholic University, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home neighborhoods
- ANC 5B (SMDs 5B01 through 5B07) – represents Brookland, University Heights, Woodridge neighborhoods
- ANC 5C (SMDs 5C01 through 5C07) – represents Arboretum, Brentwood, Fort Lincoln, Gateway, Langdon, part of Woodridge neighborhoods
- ANC 5D (SMDs 5D01 through 5D09) – represents Carver-Langston, Gallaudet, Ivy City, Trinidad, Union Market neighborhoods
- ANC 5E (SMDs 5E01 through 5E06) – represents Bates, Bloomingdale, Stronghold, Truxton Circle neighborhoods
- ANC 5F (SMDs 5F01 through 5F07) – represents Eckington and Edgewood neighborhoods

## Ward 6

- ANC 6A (SMDs 6A01 through 6A07) – represents Atlas District and part of Capitol Hill neighborhoods
- ANC 6B (SMDs 6B 01 through 6B09) – represents Capitol Hill and Barney Circle neighborhoods
- ANC 6C (SMDs 6C01 through 6C07) – represents Near Northeast and Stanton Park neighborhoods
- ANC 6D (SMDs 6D01 through 6D08) – represents Southwest/Waterfront neighborhood
- ANC 6E (SMDs 6E01 through 6E09) – represents Mount Vernon Triangle, NoMa, Northwest One, Sursum Corda, Judiciary Square, and Downtown East neighborhoods

## Ward 7

- ANC 7B (SMDs 7B01 through 7B09) – represents Dupont Park, Fairfax Village, Fort Davis Park, Greenway, Hillcrest, Naylor Gardens, Penn Branch, and Randle Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 7C (SMDs 7C01 through 7C09) – represents Burrville, Capitol View, Deanwood, Grant Park, Hillbrook, Lincoln Heights, and Northeast Boundary neighborhoods
- ANC 7D (SMDs 7D01 through 7D10) – represents Eastland Gardens, Hill East, Kenilworth, Kingman Park, Mayfair, and River Terrace neighborhoods
- ANC 7E (SMDs 7E01 through 7E07) – represents Benning Ridge and Marshall Heights neighborhoods
- ANC 7F (SMDs 7F01 through 7F08) – represents Benning, Dupont Hill, and part of Hill East neighborhoods

## Ward 8

- ANC 8A (SMDs 8A01 through 8A07) – represents Anacostia and Fairlawn neighborhoods
- ANC 8B (SMDs 8B01 through 8B07) – represents Garfield Heights, Hillsdale, Knox Hill/Buena Vista, Skyland, and Woodland neighborhoods
- ANC 8C (SMDs 8C01 through 8C08) – represents Barry Farm, Congress Heights, and Douglass neighborhoods
- ANC 8D (SMDs 8D01 through 8D08) – represents Bellevue neighborhood
- ANC 8E (SMDs 8E01 though 8E09) – represents Shipley Terrace and Washington Highlands neighborhoods
- ANC 8F (SMDs 8F01 through 8F05)

## 4 – Discuss Common Interactions Between MPD Members and ANC Commissioners

As a patrol officer, you will interact with many people on a daily basis as you conduct your duties and patrol your assigned areas. It is possible that you might interact with an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner during your shift. These interactions may vary from a simple contact, engagement at a community event, while investigating a call for service, or while guarding a crime scene.

As mentioned previously in this lesson, ANC Commissioners are elected to represent their areas within their assigned ANC, so they have an interest in what occurs within their area, as well as a duty to keep their constituents informed. MPD shares information with community stakeholders through a variety of methods, such as online community groups (e.g., Google Group Listservs, NextDoor), monthly PSA meetings, and on-scene briefings (depending upon the scope and type of event).

As with all interactions with community members, MPD members are required to maintain professionalism and display courtesy and respect for all. There will be certain types of events where the sharing of information and interaction with an ANC Commissioner should be done by an official. As you have learned through prior blocks of instruction, it is

important to follow the chain-of-command. If a question arises as to the scope and type of information that should be shared on a particular scene, members shall notify an official and be guided by their instruction.

## **SUMMARY**

Through the information discussed in this lesson, you now have a better understanding of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the roles that ANC Commissioners fulfill within the communities which you will serve as a patrol officer.