



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with the *Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2022*, effective December 21, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-610), please find attached Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) data on its overtime spending as of the pay period ending January 28, 2023. The report provides pay period to date expenditures as well as hours used and remaining. While the agency works to use overtime judiciously, it is a critical and largely inevitable function of police work.

Please contact my office at 202-727-4218 or Robert.contee@dc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Contee III
Chief of Police

Enclosure

cc: Muriel Bowser, Mayor
Lindsey Appiah, Acting Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Pursuant to the *Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2022*, effective December 21, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-610), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is required to publish data on its overtime spending. This report is provided in response to the Act.

Overtime Use

The Metropolitan Police Department is committed to being a trusted steward of District of Columbia resources. While the agency works to use overtime judiciously, overtime is a critical and largely inevitable function of police work. When an officer makes an arrest, he or she cannot check out at the end of the shift and leave the processing to someone else. For officers not on a day work shift, the follow-up work with prosecutors and potentially in court will all be on overtime. Similarly, detectives investigating a case do not hand it off to another detective when they are off duty. Specialized units that do not have 24-7 staffing sometimes must respond to the community during off hours. And perhaps most importantly, police must have the ability to shift resources and tours of duty at short notice or for a limited time to respond to emerging or serious public safety issues. Because of a need to staff regular assignments and provisions in the collective bargaining agreement governing notice for work schedules, these often must be staffed through overtime. Overtime usage is reviewed on a bi-weekly basis both from an agency-wide level (usage by bureau and division) and on a more discreet level (justification per person by bureau and division by the respective managers).

Overtime usage is generally divided into locally funded overtime and non-local or reimbursable overtime. The primary types of locally funded overtime are court overtime, which includes casework with prosecutors, and non-court overtime. Non-local or reimbursable overtime may include federal or grant-funded overtime, reimbursable details funded by third parties such as alcohol beverage establishments, and the Emergency Planning and Security Fund (EPSF). The EPSF costs are generally related to:

- Providing public safety at events related to the nation’s capital;
- Providing response support to immediate and specific terrorist threats or attacks in the District; and
- Providing support for requests from the United States Secret Service.

Data

Data on overtime usage is provided below. This includes information by hour and expenditure. From an operational level, overtime is generally tracked by hours. For example, supervisors and managers do not review and approve an officer’s pay rate; they review and approve the number of hours worked. Overtime hours were higher in the Pay Period Ending (PPE):

- December 17th due to staffing for the US–Africa Leaders Summit;
- December 31st due to preparations for potential First Amendment assemblies; and
- January 28th due to the release of video in a police-involved death in Memphis, TN.

	Prior Report	Current Report
As of Pay Period Ending:	12/31/2022	1/28/2023
Local OT Budget for FY23:	\$17,538,921	\$17,538,921
Local Hours budgeted for FY23:	268,548	268,548
Period to Date Estimated Expenditures: Local	\$8,093,804	\$10,154,980
Period to Date Estimated Expenditures: Non-Local	\$12,388,001	\$18,212,176
Local hours used to date:	126,331	157,970

	Prior Report	Current Report
Local hours remaining:	142,217	110,578
% of Local Hours Remaining:	53%	41%
% of FY Remaining:	73%	65%

PPE	Local (Other)	Local (Court)	Non-local (EPSF)	Non-local (other)	Total Hours
10/1-10/8/22	9,903	461	2,766	5,435	18,564
10/22/21	16,697	897	13,642	5,623	36,859
11/5/22	19,255	1,144	4,952	6,703	32,054
11/19/22	18,977	1,125	3,412	3,646	27,159
12/3/22	17,325	619	4,623	3,666	26,232
12/17/2022	11,184	810	132,457	2,433	146,884
12/31/2022	27,725	211	1,379	2,363	31,978
1/14/2023	16,040	623	11,249	2,158	30,070
1/28/2023	14,350	626	75,048	3,091	93,114
Total Hours	151,455	6,515	249,527	35,116	442,613
Estimated Cost	\$9,764,064	\$390,916	\$15,886,992	\$2,325,184	\$28,367,156