

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

POST-DEPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS

The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, pursuant to the post-deployment public notice requirements established in 24 D.C. Municipal Regulations (DCMR) § 2502.5, hereby gives notice of its deployment under exigent circumstances of 27 temporary Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras between January 14, 2021 and March 8, 2021.

Exigent circumstances included unanticipated situations that threatened the immediate safety of individuals and property within the District of Columbia; provided that the cameras had no greater scope or capabilities than was reasonably necessary to achieve a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

MPD deployed the 27 cameras in the aftermath of the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and in anticipation of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration and heightened security risks thereafter.

The locations of those temporary Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras were as follows:

Camera Location
501 13th St NW
917 17th St NW
1010 16th Street
370 1st St NW
449 Indiana Ave NW
518 14th St NW
623 US-50
398 7th St NW
1748 New York Ave NW
1199 Constitution Ave NW
799 15th St NW
12th St SW
401 1st St by the Hyatt
1899 F St NW
12th St and H St NW
13th St and NY Ave NW
Independence Ave SW
23rd St NW and Constitution NW
17th St NW and Constitution NW
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Camera Location
400 US-1 ALT
799 17th St NW
429 10th St NW
1770 Rhode Island Ave NW
299 3rd St NW
306 12th St NW
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

During exigent circumstances, cameras can be deployed on a temporary basis without advance public notice, but with a post-deployment notification to the public. The temporary cameras were mounted on various buildings and infrastructure such as signal poles. The areas of view included public spaces around the National Mall, the US Capitol, the White House, Union Station, and other critical installations, as well as major arteries and highways that pass through the District. In addition to the above listed temporary cameras, the Metropolitan Police Department's Permanent CCTV system serves as a secure, wireless network of 31 permanent cameras owned and operated by the MPD.

The CCTV system is not a round-the-clock video monitoring operation. CCTV camera feeds are displayed in the MPD's Joint Operations Command Center (JOCC) and the Command Information Center (CIC) when needed and pursuant to current DC Code. Both centers are secure facilities located in the same complex on the 5th Floor of police headquarters. The JOCC is operated by the MPD, but may include staff from other federal, regional, state, and local public safety agencies participating in joint operations. The CIC is operated by MPD.

The MPD's use of CCTV is designed to ensure the protection of personal privacy rights. The CCTV network has no audio capability; it provides video images of public spaces only. The cameras can pan at 360 degrees and tilt at 180 degrees. The cameras do have the capability to zoom in on a particular location, but are used primarily to monitor wide areas of public space, not the individuals within that space. The CCTV system does not use facial-recognition or any other biometric technology. Both DC regulations and internal MPD policy expressly prohibit the arbitrary monitoring of individuals or monitoring of individuals based on race, gender, or other factors. Regulations and policies also prohibit the use of the CCTV system for the purpose of infringing on First Amendment rights.

Additional information about the CCTV network can be found on the MPD website at www.mpdc.dc.gov/cctv.