GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 17, 2026

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 *Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022,* effective April 21, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-345; D.C. Official Code § 5-113.01), please find attached Metropolitan Police Department's data on its overtime spending as of the pay period ending May 2, 2026. 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 Jeffery.Carroll@dc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Interim Chief of Police

Enclosure

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

Pursuant to the *Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022*, effective April 21, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-345; D.C. Official Code § 5-113.01), 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):

- October 18th due to IMF/World Bank meetings;
- November 1st due to Howard University Homecoming and the Marine Corps Marathon;
- November 15th due to First Amendment activities;
- November 29th due to foreign dignitary escort and activation in the wake of the shooting of two National Guard members;
- December 13th due to the lighting of the national Christmas tree, FIFA activities, holiday details, and the continuation of the details related to the shooting of the National Guard members;
- January 10th due to New Year's Eve details and First Amendment activities;
- February 21st due to the Walk for Peace and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) annual meeting;
- March 7th due to the Iran conflict, State of the Union Address, and the AIPAC annual meeting;
- March 21st due to the Iran conflict;

- April 4th due to the Iran conflict;
- April 18th due to the Cherry Blossom Festival and the Iran conflict; and
- May 2nd due to the Iran conflict and foreign dignitary and presidential escorts.

	Prior Report	Current Report
As of Pay Period Ending (PPE):	4/4/2026	5/2/2026
Local overtime budget for FY26:	$32,538,920	$32,538,920
Local hours budgeted for FY26:[1]	382,884	382,778
Period to date estimated expenditures: Local	$37,806,325	$43,535,418
Period to date estimated expenditures: Non-local	$26,647,563	$32,796,002
Local hours used to date:	454,432	521,320
Local hours remaining:	(71,548)	(138,542)
% of local hours remaining:	-19%	-36%
% of FY remaining:	49%	41%

PPE	Local (Other)	Local (Court)	Non-local (EPSF)	Non-local (Other)	Total Hours
10/1-10/4/25	11,170	424	4,164	1,135	16,893
10/18/25	33,213	1,606	22,981	6,740	64,540
11/1/25	39,393	1,359	10,815	11,936	63,503
11/15/25	34,436	1,385	13,332	4,640	53,792
11/29/25	29,950	1,076	17,659	3,365	52,050
12/13/25	31,572	1,177	17,847	4,481	55,076
12/27/25	30,753	778	7,150	3,737	42,418
1/10/26	35,287	808	11,089	2,723	49,906
1/24/26	34,796	1,106	14,816	2,903	53,620
2/7/26	33,932	785	12,838	2,725	50,280
2/21/26	32,269	1,065	28,871	2,691	64,896
3/7/26	28,808	1,395	34,015	5,131	69,348
3/21/26	30,698	1,328	29,338	7,981	69,344
4/4/26	32,593	1,273	33,942	3,270	71,078
4/18/26	32,162	1,215	30,650	6,743	70,770
5/2/26	32,027	1,483	34,465	3,873	71,849
Total Hours	**503,056**	**18,264**	**323,972**	**74,070**	**919,361**
Estimated Cost	**$42,056,103**	**$1,479,315**	**$27,193,279**	**$5,602,723**	**$76,331,420**

[1] Although the dollars approved in the budget is constant throughout, the number of hours funded may fluctuate as the actual average rate of pay varies depending on factors such as time in service or rank. Sworn members of the rank of inspector or above are not eligible to earn overtime.