

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Metropolitan Police Department



Open Government Report 2014

To institutionalize a culture of transparent and open government, accountability, and to expand opportunities for resident participation and collaboration, this report describes how the Metropolitan Police Department has and will continue to develop and enhance transparency, public participation, and collaboration. In accordance with Mayor's Order 2014-170, this report addresses the following topics:

Transparency

The MPD proactively shares a variety of information with the public on its website. To make this information easier for the public to find, the MPD created a web page, titled "Public Documents Reading Room" (<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/mpd-public-documents-reading-room>) that contains the following information:

Data and Statistics

- [CRIMEMAP.DC.GOV](#)
- [Data at a Glance](#)
- [Citywide Crime Statistics \(UCR\)](#)
- [Bias-Related Crimes \(Hate Crimes\)](#)
- [Homicide Closure Rates](#)
- [Juvenile Arrests \(Biennial Data\)](#)
- [Data Catalog \(Provided by the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer\)](#)

General Information

- [FOIA Annual Reports \(Provided by the DC Office of the Secretary\)](#)
- [Budget Information](#)
- [Organization of the Metropolitan Police Department](#)
- [How to File a Citizen Complaint or Commendation](#)
- [District of Columbia Official Code § 2-536](#)
- [List and Salaries of Current Employees](#)
- [Policies and Procedures that Govern MPD's Operations](#)
- [Request a Police Report \(PD-251\) or an Accident Report \(PD-10\)](#)
- [Criminal Record Checks \(Police Clearances\)](#)
- [Closed Circuit Television \(CCTV\): Permanent Camera Locations](#)
- [Closed Circuit Television \(CCTV\): Neighborhood-Based Camera Locations](#)
- [Locations of Automated Red-Light Enforcement Cameras](#)
- [Locations of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras](#)
- [Submit a Question or Comment to the Chief of Police](#)
- [Telephone and Contact Directory](#)
- [MPDC Annual Reports](#)
- [News Releases](#)

Additionally, the MPD has included the following information in the FOIAXpress Reading Room:

- [Shotspotter Report of Gunfire Detected 2006-2013](#)

- After Action Report Washington Navy Yard September 16, 2013

MPD is fully committed to responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests in a responsible, thorough, and efficient manner. The Department's Open Government and FOIA webpage describes the process for submitting FOIA requests and the timeline for responses. To process the approximately 1,000 FOIA requests received annually, the MPD FOIA Office currently has a staff of four (4) experienced FOIA Specialists and a FOIA Officer. In order to improve efficiency and promote greater accountability, the MPD FOIA Office transitioned to FOIAXpress, the District of Columbia's FOIA system, as of July 1, 2014.

MPD will continue to evaluate the suitability of information for publication in either the Public Documents Reading Room, the FOIA Reading Room, or elsewhere in the MPD public website.

The Metropolitan Police Department is working closely with the Office of the City Administrator (OCA) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) to identify a significant number of datasets that OCA and OCTO expect to publish online later this year. If no dataset from the Metropolitan Police Department is selected to be included in this 2014 release, we will continue to work with OCA and OCTO to identify datasets appropriate to publish in 2015. In the future, requirements for open data reporting will be provided by the Chief Data Officer.

Public Engagement and Participation

Emergency and proposed rulemaking is posted on the MPD website as a general course of action. All persons interested in commenting on proposed rulemaking action may submit comments in writing to Kelly O'Meara, Executive Director, Strategic Change, Metropolitan Police Department, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 5117, Washington, DC 20001, or via e-mail to a specific email account related to that issue. Comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Copies of proposed rules can be obtained on the MPD's public website at MPDC.DC.GOV. Copies of proposals may be obtained, at cost, by writing to the above address.

The MPD uses a variety of resources to keep the public properly informed and to get public feedback, including the following:

- **Monthly Police-Community PSA Meetings**
These meetings provide the community an opportunity to meet the police who patrol their neighborhood and discuss public safety concerns with the members of the MPD.
- **Social Media Sites**
The MPD utilizes the following social media sites to provide information to the public:
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - Instagram
- **Police-Community Online Email List Groups**
Information shared on the online email lists includes public safety community announcements and meeting dates; crime statistics; safety concerns and ideas; crime reports; and safety tips. The online email list also acts as a virtual community, which helps strengthen partnerships between the local police and the communities they serve. Members of the MPD actively respond to public safety queries posted on these list groups. <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-community-online-email-list-groups>
- **Email Contacts**
Through the Metropolitan Police Department's public website, contact information for district

patrol officers and command staff are available through the seven police district rosters at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-districts-and-police-service-areas>.

Additionally, an online directory provides the public with information about frequently-requested numbers as well as a listing of the MPD units in alphabetical order.

- **grade.dc.gov**
The MPD monitors all feedback gathered through the *grade.dc.gov* and responds to complaints/criticism when possible. During the month of October 2014, the MPD had a grade of B+.

As the agency committed to providing public safety services to the whole of the District of Columbia, everyone in the city is identified as a potential stakeholder. The MPD welcomes feedback from the public. Command staff and other specialized staff members regularly meet with stakeholders to discuss issues as they arise.

Collaboration

- **COG Police Chiefs Committee**
The MPD meets monthly with police chiefs throughout the NCR to coordinate resources, share information, plan for events and strategize to improve police services. Additionally, a number of sub-committees also meet on a monthly basis and provide advice and recommendations to the police chiefs for action.
- **Weekly Partners Briefing**
The Chief of police holds a weekly meeting with key agency partners to discuss the current threat environment, provide intelligence updates and discuss weekly events and protests occurring in the District of Columbia.
- **Youth Outreach**
Engaging with the youth in our community is a priority of the Metropolitan Police Department. Through summer enrichment programs like the Jr. Police Academy, school year partnerships like the Youth Advisory Council, and clubhouse activities at the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs, police and young people are working, learning, and having fun together. This helps foster positive relationships and open lines of communication. <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/youth-outreach>
- **Community and business partnerships**
The MPD currently collaborates with numerous community groups, business groups and advisory councils in an effort to receive feedback, as well as to disseminate information about the department. These groups include:
 - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: <http://cjcc.dc.gov/>
 - Community Prosecution: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/140232>
 - Employer Partnership: MPD and US Army Reserve: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/139582>
 - Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) Re-Entry Program: <http://www.csosa.gov/reentry.aspx>
 - USAO Community Prosecution Unit: http://www.justice.gov/usao/dc/programs/cp/cp_outreach_programs.html
 - Citizens Advisor Councils: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/155302>
 - POST Board (Police Officers Standards and Training Board): <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/dc-post-board-police-officers-standards-and-training-board>
 - Police-Community online Email list groups: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/node/207402>