

Metropolitan Police Department

Patrol Sector Model

Frequently Asked Questions



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has been working to broaden its use of a sector model. MPD continues to work collaboratively with DC's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and Office of Unified Communications (OUC) to incorporate sectors into operations.

What is a sector model?

Under a sector model, each patrol district is divided into three sectors with a sector being an informal grouping of Police Service Areas (PSAs). Each sector is led by a captain, who will report directly to his or her respective district commander. Sector captains will be responsible for their assigned areas 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Please note that the sector model DOES NOT eliminate PSAs and officers and sergeants will continue to be assigned to their current PSAs under the sector model.**

How does the sector model affect the Metropolitan Police Department?

This is an internal organizational change intended to better support patrol operations. It will also improve internal workflow and personnel management in each district. Additionally, as eligibility for retirement in the command ranks continues to grow, the sector model affords the Chief of Police another opportunity to develop managers and assess sector captains for command staff positions.

How does the sector model affect the community?

The sector model **WILL NOT** disrupt or alter MPD operations and activities, or services to the community in any way. It is an internal management shift, and the sergeants and officers whom you see on the street every day are not changing under this new model. Overall, this model aims to allow for faster dispatch, lower response times, and improved service to the community.

My PSA Lieutenant has always been my point of contact with MPD. Under the sector model, whom should I contact?

The sector model will provide *additional* MPD management points of contact for community members. In addition to the sector captain, there will also be lieutenants on every shift for the sector. Similarly to how you contacted your PSA Lieutenant, you can contact your sector captain or any of the lieutenants in your sector.

Do MPD members want to incorporate the sector model?

This has been an on-going effort led by MPD's Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of the Patrol Services Bureau, and the district commanders. We also have agreement with the FOP on the sector model.

Are you eliminating the Police Service Areas (PSAs) under the sector model? Are sectors going to slowly take the place of PSAs?

The sector model **DOES NOT** eliminate the PSAs, and sectors are **NOT** replacing PSAs. This is an internal organizational change intended to better support patrol operations and the community.

Are PSA boundaries changing under the sector model? If yes, why?

The PSA boundaries within 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D, and 7D remain the same. The Fifth and Sixth Districts will have a small modification to their PSA boundaries within their District. These changes do not affect every PSA in 5D and 6D, and will not have a negative impact on police service. In fact, these changes are in line with MPD's patrol strategy and aim to provide geographic continuity. (Please see the [maps](#) in the Press Release for the exact boundary changes.)

What sector am I in?

Please find a complete list of the PSA-Sector alignments and accompanying maps in MPD's Press Release, which can be found [here](#).