

GENERAL ORDER



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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I. BACKGROUND

This directive defines the jurisdictional and operational responsibilities of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) with respect to the United States Capitol Police.

II. POLICY

The policy of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is to extend assistance to the United States Capitol Police in its mission to protect members, employees, and officers of Congress, as well as their families, visitors, and properties under the control of the Architect of the Capitol, including the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds. (CALEA 2.1.2)

III. DEFINITIONS

When used in this directive, the following terms shall have the meaning designated:

1. The United States Capitol Buildings

The following structures are considered United States Capitol Buildings:

- a. United States Capitol;
 - b. Senate and House Office Buildings, garages, and annexes;
 - c. Capitol Power Plant;
 - d. Subways and enclosed passages connecting two or more Capitol structures; and
 - e. Real property underlying or enclosed by any such structure.
2. The United States Capitol Grounds

The following are considered United States Capitol grounds:

- a. Squares, reservations, streets, walks, roadways and other areas as defined on a map showing areas comprising the United States Capitol Grounds (See Attachment "A").
 - b. Properties not contiguous to the Capitol Grounds, but under control of the Architect of the Capitol (See Attachment "A").
3. Crime of Violence is defined in 18 USC § 16 as:
- a. An offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or
 - b. Any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

IV. REGULATIONS

- A. The Capitol Police, under the direction of the Capitol Police Board, has exclusive charge and control for policing the U.S. Capitol Buildings and Grounds. The Board consists of the following:
 1. Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate;
 2. Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives; and
 3. Architect of the Capitol.
- B. Members of MPD are authorized by law to make arrests within the Capitol Buildings and Grounds for any violation of the law. **However**, no member of MPD shall, except with the consent, or upon the request of the Capitol Police Board, enter such Buildings or Grounds to make an arrest in response to a complaint, serve a warrant, or patrol the Capitol Buildings and Grounds. (CALEA 2.1.2)
- C. MPD has the responsibility for policing all areas that are not considered Capitol Buildings and Grounds. (CALEA 2.1.2)
- D. Public Law 102-397, dated October 6, 1992, states that a member of the

Capitol Police has the authority to make arrests and otherwise enforce the laws of the United States, including the laws of the District of Columbia, to include the Capitol Buildings and Grounds and other properties under the control of the Architect of the Capitol within the areas:

1. Bounded by the north curb of H Street from 3rd Street, N.W. to 7th Street, N.E.,
2. The east curb of 7th Street from H Street, N.E., to M Street, S.E.,
3. The south curb of M Street from 7th Street, S.E. to 1st Street, S.E.,
4. The east curb of 1st Street from M Street, S.E. to Potomac Avenue S.E.,
5. The southeast curb of Potomac Avenue from 1st Street, S.E. to South Capitol Street, S.W.,
6. The west curb of South Capitol Street from Potomac Avenue, S.W. to P Street, S.W.,
7. The north curb of P Street from South Capitol Street, S.W. to 3rd Street, S.W., and
8. The west curb of 3rd Street from P Street, S.W. to H Street, N.W.
9. Within the District of Columbia, with respect to any crime of violence committed within the United States Capitol Grounds;
10. Within the District of Columbia, with respect to any crime of violence committed in the presence of the member, if the member is in the performance of official duties when the crime is committed;
11. Within the District of Columbia, to prevent imminent loss of life or injury to persons, or damage to and/or loss of property, if the member is in the performance of official duties when the authority is exercised.

V. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

- A. Investigation of criminal offenses occurring in the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds are handled by the Capitol Police, with the exception of homicide cases and serious sex offenses, which shall be investigated by MPD with the assistance of the Capitol Police.
- B. The Capitol Police have a Civil Disturbance Unit, and will handle mass arrest situations in the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds.
- C. The Capitol Police are authorized to access the Washington Area Law

Enforcement System (WALES) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The Capitol Police may use the Teletype system of MPD by hand carrying information to the Telecommunications Branch, Synchronized Operations Command Center (SOCC) for data entry.

D. Arrests

1. Capitol Police members will obtain a central complaint number from the Public Safety Communications Center for use on all reports prepared as a result of an arrest.
2. MPD shall provide support services such as fingerprinting, photographing prisoners, and scheduling lineups as necessary. (CALEA 2.1.2)
3. MPD shall provide cellblock facilities for all Capitol Police prisoners. (CALEA 2.1.2)
4. When prosecuting cases in court, the Capitol Police will request the arrest records of persons arrested by a member of the Capitol Police from the MPD Records Department.
5. Juvenile arrests that are made by Capitol Police will be processed by their members. The Capitol Police member is required to appear in the Family Division of the Superior Court as the arresting member.
6. A member of the Capitol Police, if so designated, or MPD will arrange the release of an arrested person, if he/she qualifies for citation release.

E. Property

1. Property classified as lost, found, or suspected proceeds of a crime, shall be handled by the Capitol Police, stored at the Capitol Police property division storeroom and listed on the Capitol Police property book.
2. After 90 days, unclaimed found property shall be transported to the MPD Evidence Control. (CALEA 2.1.2)
3. The Crime Scene Section of the Capitol Police will handle its own evidence and recovered weapons. Recovered property shall be recorded on a PD Form 81 (Property Record) and PD Form 107 (Property Control Book) supplied by the MPD and shall be transported to the MPD Evidence Control. (CALEA 2.1.2)
4. Vehicles impounded and classified as evidence by the Capitol Police,

shall be stored on a short-term basis at a United States Capitol Police facility.

F. WALES

The Capitol Police participate in the Washington Area Law Enforcement System (WALES). When a "positive hit" is made on WALES by the Capitol Police, they shall notify MPD's Teletype Unit giving all pertinent information. (CALEA 2.1.2)

G. Traffic Control

1. Parking violations and general traffic enforcement on the Capitol Grounds is handled by the Capitol Police. This includes pedestrian and vehicular traffic control at intersections and other points either on or immediately adjacent to the Capitol Buildings and Grounds.
2. All crashes are handled by the Capitol Police in their area of responsibility, except those involving fatalities or injuries that may result in death, and crashes involving MPD vehicles. The Major Crash Investigations Unit, Special Investigations Branch, handles these crashes. (CALEA 61.2.1(a) & 61.2.2(a))
3. When the Capitol Police impound a vehicle from the Capitol Grounds for traffic or rush hour violations, the Bureau of Parking Services, Department of Public Works, shall handle the towing and storage of the vehicle.

H. Reporting Requirements/Notifications (CALEA 2.1.2)

1. An MPD member shall telephonically notify the Capitol Police Watch Commander on (202) 224-0908 of any incident occurring in the District of Columbia involving a Member of the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate.
2. A copy of the report of any such incident shall be faxed, as soon as it is completed, to the Capitol Police Watch Commander.
3. An MPD member shall provide the Capitol Police Watch Commander with a copy of reports taken by MPD of incidents occurring on the Capitol Grounds but reported to MPD.

I. Commanding Officer, First District

The Commanding Officer, First District, shall request a meeting with the Deputy Chief, Operational Services Bureau, Capitol Police, to discuss any mutual concerns of their Departments, in their respective areas of responsibility, when needed. (CALEA 2.1.2)

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Attachment

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