

# GENERAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## I. BACKGROUND

This general order describes the organizational structure of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The organizational charts that depict this structure can be viewed on the Department Internet site at <https://mpdc.dc.gov/publication/mpdc-organizational-chart>.

## II. REGULATIONS

The Chief of Police must approve any changes to the organizational structure of the MPD.

## III. PRIMARY ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENTS

A. The MPD is comprised of the following nine organizational elements:

1. The Executive Office of the Chief of Police (EOCOP) is the final authority for all policies, procedures, and activities of the Department and its members. The offices, divisions, and unit that comprise the EOCOP provide specialized service to the Chief of Police in support of the Department's mission and vision.
2. PSN coordinates crime prevention and reduction efforts in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts and one substation. In addition to providing professional and effective patrol services throughout the District, PSN members respond to calls for service in their assigned District.

3. PSS coordinates crime prevention and reduction efforts in the First, Sixth and Seventh Districts and two substations. In addition to providing professional and effective patrol services throughout the District, PSS members respond to calls for service in their assigned District.
4. The Homeland Security Bureau (HSB) integrates intelligence and operational functions to ensure that the District is well-protected and that the government prevents and is prepared to respond to threats and critical incidents. The HSB supports patrol operations in reducing crime and fear of crime by providing specialized patrol and tactical resources, improving information-sharing, processing relevant information, and providing actionable intelligence to authorized personnel.
5. The Corporate Support Bureau (CSB) oversees the major administrative, technical, and business functions of the Department that are critical to keeping the agency running effectively and efficiently, including facility and fleet management, medical services, equipment and supply, evidence and property, and records.
6. The Professional Development Bureau (PDB) oversees the Metropolitan Police Academy and recruiting responsibilities to support MPD and the District by developing a well-trained and professional police force. PDB is also responsible for the testing office, coordination of volunteers, human resource management functions and disciplinary review processes.
7. The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) works with the community to solve crimes, bring offenders to justice, support the recovery of victims, and protect witnesses. The bureau also manages our School Safety Division and our Youth and Family Services Division.
8. The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) acts as the guardian of MPD's reputation, and ensures MPD's accountability through comprehensive investigations of alleged misconduct, use of force, and equal employment opportunity (EEO) violations. The bureau manages the language access program and also serves as a liaison to the courts.
9. The Information Technology Bureau (ITB) ensures that technology and its use support the mission of the Department. The ITB functions include software development, data quality and compliance, business application development, and information technology program management.

**IV. DEFINITIONS**

When used in this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated.

	<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1.	Branch	A sub-element of an office or division that typically has two or more sections.
2.	Bureau	A major element of the Department which manages field operations or provides other essential support functions.
3.	District	A geographic subdivision of Patrol Services (PS).
4.	Division	A sub-element of a bureau or office that typically contains at least two sub-elements that may be branches, sections or units.
5.	Office	An element that provides support functions to the entire Department.
6.	Patrol Services (PS)	Two elements of the Department that manage field operations, Patrol Services North (PSN) and Patrol Services South (PSS).
7.	Police Service Area (PSA)	A geographical subdivision in a district.
8.	Section	A sub-element of an office, division or branch that typically has two or more units or teams.
9.	Squad	A sub-element of a section that performs a specific field operation.
10.	Team	A sub-element of a district, division, branch or section That performs a specific task or operation, or provides a specific service.
11.	Unit	A sub-element of an office, branch or section containing more than one staff person and performing a specialized function.



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