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I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this order is to outline the jurisdictional and operational responsibilities of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) with respect to the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) facilities located in the District of Columbia.

II. REGULATIONS

- A. The MTPD and the MPD have concurrent jurisdiction for providing police service on WMATA facilities in the District of Columbia.
 1. The MTPD shall have primary responsibility for handling incidents and offenses on WMATA facilities with the exception of:
 - a. Missing persons;
 - b. Serious assault where the victim sustains life-threatening injuries;

- c. Homicides; and
 - d. Death investigations other than suicides or obvious, accidental deaths.
 2. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this order, for street crime incidents and offenses (e.g., theft, robbery, assault) occurring at a **WMATA bus stop**:
 - a. The first member from either agency to respond to the scene shall handle the initial investigation (e.g., render first aid; determine if an offense or incident occurred; identify victims, witnesses, suspects; safeguard the crime scene) and complete any required reports.
 - b. Make an arrest when probable cause exists. If an arrest is made, the agency making the arrest shall handle the incident.
 - c. If an arrest is not made, MTPD members shall contact the MPD and MPD shall handle the follow-up investigation.
 3. MPD members shall be responsible for handling incidents and offenses that occur at all non-WMATA bus stops (i.e., bus stops that do not have a WMATA metrobus stop sign.).
 4. Upon mutual agreement by both agencies, MTPD may turn cases over to MPD when the incident appears to be related to a crime pattern or ongoing MPD investigation. The case transfer shall be approved by the MPD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Watch Commander and the MTPD Watch Commander.
 5. MPD members shall turn incidents and offenses on WMATA facilities over to the MTPD when an MTPD member responds to the scene, with the exception of incidents listed in Part II.A.1.
 6. MTPD is responsible for conducting their own investigations of incidents and offenses that occur on WMATA facilities with the exception of the incidents listed in Part II.A.1.
- B. Continuing Offenses
1. The MPD shall handle offenses that start outside of WMATA facilities but then continue onto WMATA facilities.
 2. The MTPD shall handle offenses that start on or in WMATA facilities but then continue off WMATA facilities consistent with their jurisdictional authority.
- C. Questions regarding jurisdiction not specifically addressed by this order shall be resolved by the MTPD watch commander and the MPD watch commander in the

district of occurrence.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Report Processing

1. Nothing shall preclude members of either agency from taking reports for incidents and offenses that occur at WMATA facilities should conditions warrant such action. Cases, as described in Part II.A, shall be transferred to the primary designated agency for follow-up.
2. The MTPD will complete their reports in the MPD Records Management System (RMS) and will use an MPD central complaint number (CCN) on all reports prepared by that agency.

B. Records Access

1. Members shall ensure that the MTPD has access to all MPD records that are necessary for that agency to fulfill its responsibilities.
2. Members shall be aware that the MTPD shall provide access to the records maintained by the MTPD.

C. Arrests

1. Members shall be aware that in accordance with WMATA Compact, the jurisdiction of the MTPD shall be limited to all the transit facilities owned, controlled, or operated by the WAMTA, but this restriction shall not limit the power of the MTPD to make arrests in the Transit Zone for violations committed upon, to or against such transit facilities committed from within or outside such transit facilities, while in hot or close pursuit or to execute traffic citations and criminal process.
2. When the initial apprehension of a suspect is made by an officer of the MTPD, he or she shall be considered the arresting officer for the purpose of prosecution or the detention journal in accordance with GO-PCA-502.05 (Use of the Detention Journal).

D. Booking Procedures

1. Members shall be aware that all booking services including fingerprinting and photographing for MTPD arrests shall be provided by the MPD.
2. The MPD shall provide detention and confinement facilities for all MTPD prisoners (i.e., adults and juveniles) prior to them being transferred to Central Cellblock (CCB) or the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Service (DYRS) Youth Services Center (YSC).
3. It shall be the responsibility of the MPD watch commander of the affected

district or division to arrange for the release of persons arrested by officers of the MTPD, if the arrested person is eligible for release by post and forfeit (i.e., elect to forfeit), citation release, or diversion for juveniles; this includes juveniles released without charge from the Juvenile Processing Center (JPC). Members are reminded that MTPD will process all MTPD non-custodial (i.e., "61-D") arrests.

4. The MTPD shall be responsible for the individuals they arrest prior to entering an MPD facility. Once the arrestee enters an MPD facility, the MPD shall be responsible for the arrestee to include any required transportation.
 - a. Once the arrestee enters an MPD facility, the MPD shall be responsible for any guard details (e.g., hospital detail). Members from the district in which the arrest occurred shall be responsible for the guard detail and shall handle the guard detail in accordance with GO-PCA-502.07 (Medical Treatment and Hospitalization of Prisoners).
 - b. Prior to the arrestee entering an MPD facility, the MTPD is responsible for any guard details for the individuals they arrest.

E. Property

1. The MTPD will retain and process all prisoner property resulting from arrests by MTPD members.
2. The MTPD will handle items of property taken into custody and classified as suspected proceeds of a crime.

F. Found Property

1. Members shall turn over contraband or weapons recovered from a transit facility to the MTPD. The member will be provided with the MTPD report number generated to document the transfer of custody.
2. Members shall be aware that property classified as "found property," recovered from WMATA transit facilities shall be turned over to a WMATA employee in accordance with the procedures contained in GO-SPT-601.01 (Recording, Handling and Disposition of Property Coming into the Custody of the Department).

G. Death Notifications

1. MPD shall make death notifications for all cases in accordance with GO-OPS-401.08 (Notification of Next of Kin in Cases of Serious Injuries or Fatalities), with the exception of suicides and obvious, accidental deaths.
2. MTPD shall make death notifications for suicides and obvious, accidental

deaths.

H. Juveniles

1. MPD shall provide booking, transportation, and diversion services for juveniles arrested by MTPD.

I. Traffic and Towing


1. MPD members shall have primary traffic enforcement responsibility around WMATA facilities to include any traffic fatalities, and all driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated cases.
2. The MTPD will, however, take action on clear safety violations that come to their attention outside of WMATA facilities. In such cases, the MTPD shall notify the MPD who shall handle the arrest; and the MTPD shall be the complaining witness.
3. MPD members shall have the responsibility of investigating all traffic crashes and fatalities at WMATA facilities. If a MTPD officer arrives on scene first, the member will initiate first aid, request medical assistance, and secure the scene for MPD.
4. MTPD will be responsible for impounding the vehicles of persons arrested by MTPD officers, and for all other towing as required by current orders and regulations. MTPD will provide its own crane service for MTPD vehicles.

IV. DEFINITIONS

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

	Term	Definition
1.	Transit Zone (Zone)	Consists of the District of Columbia, the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church.
2.	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	Public transportation agency commonly known as "Metro".
3.	WMATA bus stop	Area within 150 feet of a metrobus stop sign, excluding the interior of any building not owned, controlled, or operated by the WMATA.
4.	WMATA facilities	All real and personal property located in the Zone, necessary or useful in rendering transit service between points within the Zone, by means of rail, bus, water or air and any other mode of travel, including without limitation, tracks, rights-of-

		way, bridges, tunnels, subways, rolling stock for rail, motor vehicle, marine and air transportation, stations, terminals and ports, areas for parking and all equipment, fixtures, buildings and structures and services incidental to or required in connection with the performance of transit service.
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V. DIRECTIVE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

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