

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202271

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of OIG's Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The Office of Inspector General is presenting a review of the Metro Transit Police Department's investigation of complaints regarding police officer misconduct.

PURPOSE:

The Executive Committee's acceptance of OIG's report entitled:
Special Project Report - MTPD Internal Affairs

DESCRIPTION:

N/A

Key Highlights:

The MTPD investigates complaints against sworn officers in a manner generally consistent with its policies. However, the MTPD's policies have not been revised since 2014. The OIG recommends that complaints against senior MTPD officials (at the rank of captain and above) as well as other allegations of a sensitive nature be brought to OIG's attention for possible OIG investigation.

Background and History:

The OIG initiated a proactive review of the practices of the OPRI in February 2020. The review focused on the policies and procedures for investigating complaints of misconduct by MTPD officers. OIG reviewed complaint data from February 2018 – February 2020. OIG also reviewed 55 case files of completed investigations.

OIG determined the MTPD's policies are outdated and do not adequately address all the constitutional warnings that may be required during internal investigations.

Discussion:

OIG made 12 recommendations. MTPD concurred with eight, concurred in part with three and disagreed entirely with one recommendation. The recommendation MTPD disagreed with was that it develop a policy to refer complaints against senior officials and other allegations of a sensitive nature to the OIG for a determination as to whether OIG will investigate or refer back to OPRI.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no impact on funding.

TIMELINE:

Anticipated actions after presentation: Executive Committee's acceptance of this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts OIG's report and approves its public dissemination.