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SUBJECT: Response to Panel's Report
– Q3 and Q4

DATE: January 3, 2024

FROM: MTPD – Chief Michael L. Anzallo

THRU: WMATA Board of Directors
GM/CEO – Mr. Randy Clarke
EVP/COO – Mr. Brian Dwyer
MTPLC – Chairman Colin Dorrity

TO: Investigations Review Panel – Chairperson Sheila Williams

I want to thank the members of the Investigations Review Panel for your support of the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD). The department appreciates your feedback regarding this quarter's review and will continue to strengthen our community engagement. The following responses address the panel's questions during the meeting:

- MTPD conducts fare evasion focused point of entry details three days a week at varying locations with an emphasis on high crime and high fare evasion stations.
- MTPD has issued Body-Worn Cameras (BWC's) to all officers. Additionally, MTPD will create a presentation about our BWC program to show at the next meeting.

MTPD continues to build and maintain community trust through ethical decision making and transparency.

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December 26, 2023

TO: Michael Anzallo, Chief of Metro Transit Police Department and Daniel Alvarez, Deputy Chief - 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

CC: WMATA Board - 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

SUBJ: 2023 (Q3 and Q4) Case Reviews performed by Metro Transit Police Department Investigations Review Panel

Greetings,

Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Investigations Review Panel reviewed five (6) 2022 Q3 and Q4 cases, and respectfully submit the following findings and recommendations:

1. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force/Failure to Maintain Decorum
 - a. Background – MTPD Officer requested long guns for someone pointing a bottle rocket firework. Determine if the Officer's action actions were commensurate with the policies and procedures of MTPD.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. There were no recommendations at the time of the review.
2. [REDACTED] – Administrative review of Officer stopped and released a subject who had been on the track bed.
 - a. Background – MTPD Officer stopped and released a subject who had been on the track bed.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and video footage. agreed with the investigation's findings and agreed with the findings of the investigation.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. None
3. [REDACTED] – Failure to take Necessary Police action while on-duty
 - a. Background – MTPD Officer recorded inaccurate police report.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. None
4. [REDACTED] – Citizen's Complaint of Officer not taking proper police action.
 - a. Background – MTPD Officer used excessive force.

- b. Findings – No evidence to support the claim of excessive force used by Officer. The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings.
- c. Recommendations:
 - i. None

5. [REDACTED] – Racial Profiling

- a. Background – Violation of Bias-based Profiling
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings. Also, there was discussion with the team regarding the status of "fare invasion" at Metro. Fare enforcement is in place.
- c. Recommendations:
 - i. None

6. [REDACTED] – Excessive Force Used

- a. Background – Complainant sprayed Officer with pepper spray.
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statement and agreed with the investigation's findings.
- c. Recommendations:
 - None

After you have had time to review our findings and recommendations, we would appreciate your response to this letter, including what actions were taken. In addition, the Review Panel Team has requested a briefing on the use of Body Camera by the MTPD staff for a future meeting.

Sincerely,

Sheila Williams

Chairperson, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel