

March 22, 2024

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

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

SUBJ: 2024 (Q1) Case Reviews performed by Metro Transit Police Department Investigations Review Panel

Greetings,

Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Investigations Review Panel reviewed six (6) 2023 Q1 cases, and respectfully submit the following findings and recommendations:

1. [REDACTED] **Excessive Use of Force**

- a. Background – MTPD Officer used excessive force against complainant. Determine if the Officer's actions were commensurate with the policies and procedures of MTPD.
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and also the video of the incident was available.
- c. Recommendations:
 - i. The Review Panel agreed with the investigation and no further recommendations were made at the time of the review.

2. [REDACTED] – Rude, Discourteous or Inappropriate Comments/Behavior or Gestures

- a. Background – MTPD Officer photo posted on Twitter checking on unhoused (homeless) individual sleeping near the escalators.
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and agreed with the investigation's findings of insufficient evidence to disprove the allegations.
- c. Recommendations:
 - i. None

3. [REDACTED] – Failure to take Necessary Police action while on-duty, Rude and Discourteous

- a. Background – MTPD Officer responded to an assault call and failed to conduct a proper preliminary investigation, which resulted in him completing a report which did not accurately reflect the incident.
- b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and also watched the video of the incident. The MTPD Officer's report did accurately depict the incident that occurred. The Review Panel agreed with the investigator's findings.
- c. Recommendations:
 - i. None

4. [REDACTED] – Notification of a Telephone call complaint from Mother of the arrested citizen, discourteous and rude behavior by Officer
 - a. Background – MTPD Officer used profanity, rude, discourteous and inappropriate behavior and excessive force when arresting the individual involved in a chaotic scene at the Anacostia Metro Station.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and also viewed the video footage of the scene at the Metro Station. The Review Panel agreed with the investigation's findings. The cameras used by the MTPD clearly helps the Review Panel in making a clear assessment of the actions of the Officers and the citizen's being filmed in these settings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. None
5. [REDACTED] – Supervisory Violation: Failure to Report to Scene When Required
 - a. Background – Response to a bomb threat at L'Enfant Plaza Metro which led to a station's evacuation.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statements and fully agreed with the investigation's findings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. None
6. [REDACTED] – Conflict of Interest Involving Off-Duty Conduct
 - a. Background – Recruit Officer involved in an off-duty car accident and left the scene.
 - b. Findings – The Review Panel reviewed the statement and fully agreed with the investigation's findings.
 - c. Recommendations:
 - i. 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 appreciated the presentation on the Body Camera Program. The overview was very important to the panel members and we are impressed with the streaming capabilities and to hear of the citizen's complaint cases decreasing. We look forward to hearing more updates in the future.

Sincerely,

Sheila Williams

Chairperson, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel



M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT: Response to Panel's Report – Q1

DATE: April 8, 2024

FROM: MTPD – Chief Michael L. Anzallo [REDACTED]

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

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