



Alexandria Police Department
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10.22.01	POLICY/PURPOSE
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It is the policy of this Department to enter into productive and cooperative relationships whenever jurisdictional responsibilities overlap.

The purpose of this Directive is to establish guidelines for police authority on the grounds, stations, trains, and vehicles of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

10.22.02	METRO TRANSIT POLICE
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- A. The Metro Transit Police Department was established by Chapter 576, Acts of the Assembly of Virginia, April 8, 1974. The United States Congress authorized the Metro Transit Police by the enactment of Public Law 94-306.
- B. Officers of the Metro Transit Police are law enforcement officers of a criminal justice agency, and have all the powers and duties needed to fulfill this obligation.

10.22.03 MUTUAL AGREEMENT

- A. A Memorandum of Understanding between this Department and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police Department was signed on January 9, 1978. An explanation of this agreement is attached (see Annex A), and is a part of this Directive.
- B. In addition to the Memorandum of Understanding with Metro Transit Police, as of June 12, 1991, a verbal agreement was made with the Fairfax County Police Department regarding the handling of calls for service on the platform of the Van Dorn Metro Station.
1. Part of the platform is located within Fairfax County, and as such Alexandria Police will respond to all calls for service at the Van Dorn Metro Station.
 2. If through investigation it is determined that any criminal or reportable offenses occurred on the platform, this agency will contact the Fairfax County Police Department to handle the police report.
 3. Alexandria Police will not take incident reports that involve activity on the platform itself.
- C. Notification is required to be made to Metro Transit Police of all significant incidents on the stations, tracks, or in tunnels (all WMATA property), regardless of whether Alexandria Police will be the reporting agency for that incident. Examples include reported bomb threats or suspicious packages, robbery, felonious assault, etc.

10.22.04 SAFE ACCESS TO METRO TRACK AREA

- A. Metro trains run on 750 volts of direct current (DC) power, which powers the trains through the electrified third rail. The power is of sufficient strength to cause instant death upon contact. Dangerous residual power may also be present in the other two rails and in parts of the train undercarriages.
- B. Under normal circumstances officers are not to enter the track area. This includes those above ground and in tunnels.
- C. If persons are chased onto a track area, officers should contain them as best as possible without entering the track area.

D. [REDACTED]

- E. The Metro Operations Control Center (OCC) will ring the attached telephone immediately. The officer [REDACTED] will answer, identify himself or herself, explain the situation, and request the immediate response of a (WMATA) representative or a Metro Transit officer to the scene.
- F. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- G. When the third rail power is reported to be removed by the OCC, it must not be considered safe until tested at the scene by the WMATA representative or the Metro Transit officer. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL OFFICERS ENTER THE TRACK BED AREA UNTIL THIS TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE TRACKS ARE CONFIRMED SAFE.**
- H. An Alexandria Police supervisor or above must be notified in all cases where track and/or tunnel is accessed or when [REDACTED] is used. The supervisor or commander will respond to the scene in all cases.
- I. When the WMATA representative arrives on the scene, he or she may request permission to restore the third rail power in areas not affected by the emergency. The scene supervisor may grant or deny this request.
- J. When the emergency situation is concluded, **AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND HAVE CLEARED THE TRACK BED AREA**, the scene supervisor will notify the Metro OCC and the WMATA representative on the scene that power may be restored.

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ANNEX A**ALEXANDRIA POLICE/METRO TRANSIT POLICE
MUTUAL AGREEMENT****DEFINITIONS**

Alexandria Police - means the Alexandria Police Department.

Alexandria Officer(s) - means officers of the Alexandria Police Department.

WMATA - means the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Patrol of Metro Property - Will be accomplished by following the joint policing concept. Alexandria officers will have concurrent jurisdiction with Metro Transit officers. Alexandria officers will have primary police responsibility on platforms, parking lots and in stations. Metro Transit officers will have primary police responsibility on Metro trains, tracks and in tunnels.
2. Incident Reports - There will be an exchange of reports made by Metro Transit officers and Alexandria officers of incidents occurring on WMATA property in order to comply with the requirements of the Central Criminal Records Exchange and departmental needs. Alexandria Police will include the reports in their UCR Reports.
3. Arrests - When an arrest is needed, it will be made by the officer observing the infraction or the first officer on the scene. Any release on a summons will be in compliance with applicable Virginia law.
4. Transport of Arrestees - Alexandria officers will transport arrestees to the magistrate if requested and available.
5. Court Appearance - Metro Transit officers will appear in Court as necessary to testify in matter resulting from their police action. Officers of either department will appear and assist as witnesses when necessary in a court hearing.
6. Court Liaison - The Alexandria Police will assist Metro Transit officers with problems related to court schedules and appearances.
7. Investigation of Misdemeanors and Felonies - All follow-up investigations will be accomplished by following the joint policing concept. Primarily, Metro Transit Police will investigate all incidents on trains and in tunnels and Alexandria Police will investigate incidents occurring on the stations and in parking lots.

8. Crime Scene Search - Initially, Alexandria Police will conduct crime scene searches until such time as Metro Transit Police officers develop expertise in crime scene search techniques.
9. Prisoner Property Custody - Prisoner's property will be held for safe keeping by the City detention facility, in accordance with existing law.
10. Securing and Executing Warrants - Metro Transit Police will secure and execute warrants necessary to the discharge of their official duties. Un-served warrants secured by Metro Transit Police officers will be retained in Metro Transit Police Headquarters. Through WALES, all police agencies will be notified when a warrant has been executed.
11. Securing and Executing Search Warrants - When it is necessary to secure a search warrant, Metro Transit officers will work through the Alexandria Police in order to meet all legal requirements. Metro Transit officers will execute search warrants issued on their petition. Alexandria officers will assist in executing the warrant if requested.
12. Detention of Prisoners; Male, Female, Juvenile - Persons arrested by Metro Transit officers will, if legally ordered, be incarcerated in local detention facilities. All juveniles detained or arrested by Metro Transit officers will be processed in accordance with Alexandria Criminal Justice Procedures.
13. Evidence Collection, Preservation and Presentation - All evidence collected will be preserved and presented by the police agency with the primary policing function.
14. Ballistics Identification and Examination - All guns officially coming into the possession of a Metro Transit officer will be examined by the Northern Virginia Regional Crime Laboratory through the cooperation of the Alexandria Police.
15. Death-Injury Notices - Notice to next of kin of death or serious injury on WMATA property will be made by the police agency assuming primary police function.
16. Crowd Control - Problems related to crowd control will be a shared function between Metro Transit Police and Alexandria Police.
17. Towing From WMATA Property - If it is determined that the Alexandria Police have jurisdiction, necessary towing will be done by Alexandria Police contract firms under the terms of the existing contract. Metro Transit Police will advise Alexandria Police Communications of all vehicles impounded by them.
18. Breathalyzer Tests - Alexandria officers will conduct all breathalyzer tests.
19. Collateral - All collaterals for offenses resulting from arrests or citations issued by Metro Transit officers will be handled by the Alexandria Court System.

20. Training For Alexandria Officers - Metro Transit Police will provide specialized training for Alexandria officers with respect to Metrorail hazards, policing in tunnels and the safety features throughout the Metrorail System.