

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-056-2023

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Burroughs, Blegay, Oriadha, Dernoga, Olson

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 Community Policing: Data and Reports*

3 For the purpose of requiring Prince George’s County Police Department to make certain data
4 and/or reports available to the County Council and the general public regarding police activities.

5 The reporting requirements will provide certain information, including but not limited to the
6 demographics of the Prince George’s County Police Department, the number of instances
7 alleging use of force, and complaints regarding police officers.

8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

10 Section 2-543.

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Section 2-543 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
15 added:

16 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

17 **DIVISION 48. COMMUNITY POLICING: DATA AND REPORTING.**

18 **Sec. 2-543. Community Policing.**

19 (a) Legislative findings.

20 (1) The United States Department of Justice advises that:

1 (A) strong relationships of mutual trust between police agencies and the communities
 2 they serve are critical to maintaining public safety and effective policing;

3 (B) police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to provide
 4 information about crime in their neighborhoods, and to work with the police to devise solutions
 5 to crime and disorder problems; and

6 (C) community members' willingness to trust the police depends on whether they
 7 believe that police actions reflect community values and incorporate the principles of procedural
 8 justice and legitimacy.

9 (2) The Police Executive Research Forum hosted a national meeting of police and
 10 community leaders. The following key issues and recommendations were determined to be
 11 useful to help police departments and their communities to develop collaborative strategies for
 12 moving forward. Police departments should:

13 (A) acknowledge and discuss with communities the challenges local police departments
 14 face;

15 (B) be transparent and accountable;

16 (C) take steps to reduce bias and improve cultural competency;

17 (D) maintain focus on the importance of collaboration and be visible in the community;

18 and

19 (E) promote internal diversity and ensure professional growth opportunities.

20 (b) Community policing guidelines. To further community policing objectives:

21 (1) police officers must strive to regularly initiate and engage in positive nonenforcement
 22 activities with their communities;

23 (2) the Prince George's County Department of Police (*hereinafter "the Department"*)
 24 must ensure cultural competency throughout the Department and increase police officer
 25 knowledge of the County's diverse population;

26 (3) the Department must emphasize the recruitment of candidates with ties to the County;

27 (4) the Department must increase community outreach initiatives and police officers must
 28 attend community events on behalf of the Department;

29 (5) the Department must provide adequate training in de-escalation tactics;

30 (6) the Police Chief must designate a liaison to each population that is disproportionately
 31 impacted by inequities, as appropriate; and

1 (7) the Department must incorporate mental health and positive youth development
2 initiatives in partnership with County departments, agencies, and community-based
3 organizations.

4 (c) Reporting requirements.

5 (1) By February 1 each year, the Department must report the following information to the
6 County Executive and County Council for the prior calendar year:

7 (A) information about the demographic makeup of the Department, including:

8 (i) the total number of sworn police officers in the Department;

9 (ii) the total number of sworn racial minority police officers in the Department by
10 race and ethnicity;

11 (iii) the total number of sworn female police officers in the Department;

12 (iv) the number of sworn police officers in the Department that reside in the
13 County; and

14 (v) any other demographic information voluntarily provided by sworn police
15 officers;

16 (B) the number of recruiting events wherein the Department participated and/ or
17 sponsored;

18 (C) the number of instances of use of force that resulted in an injury when the injury
19 occurred as a direct result of a police officer's actions;

20 (D) the number of civilian complaints about use of force by a police officer;

21 (E) the number of violations of the use of force policy, and the number of police
22 officers found to have violated the use of force policy;

23 (F) the number of civilian complaints regarding discrimination and harassment;

24 (G) demographic information regarding individuals stopped (including a stop and frisk
25 that does not result in a citation or arrest), searched, cited, arrested, or the subject of a use of
26 force incident by the Department, including:

27 (i) race;

28 (ii) ethnicity;

29 (iii) gender;

30 (iv) age; and

31 (v) any other demographic information voluntarily provided by the detainee;

1 (H) demographic information regarding individuals subject to a field interview,

2 including:

3 (i) race;

4 (ii) ethnicity;

5 (iii) gender;

6 (iv) location;

7 (v) age; and

8 (vi) any other demographic information voluntarily provided by the detainee;

9 (I) a description of the Department's community policing efforts, including community
10 policing programs, participation in town hall meetings, and efforts to engage with schools,
11 recreation centers, community centers, and senior centers;

12 (J) the percentage of patrol officers who were assigned to neighborhood patrols;

13 (K) the number of youth under the age of 18 years referred to intervention programs by
14 police officers;

15 (L) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and
16 Human Services, regarding the number of calls for service involving substance abuse, the
17 responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls;

18 (M) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and
19 Human Services, regarding the number of calls for service involving mental health issues, the
20 responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls;

21 (N) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and
22 Human Services, regarding the number of service calls involving a homeless individual, the
23 responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls.

24 (O) a description of the Department's training standards and practices, including
25 training and practices related to de-escalation;

26 (P) the number of police officers subject to each type of officer discipline;

27 (Q) the number of police officers who were suspended with pay;

28 (R) the number of police officers who were suspended without pay;

29 (S) the number of overtime hours worked per Police District;

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1 (T) the number of investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Division, the
 2 Administrative Charging Committee, and the Police Accountability Board of the Department;

3 and

4 (U) with respect to civilian complaints:

- 5 i. the number of complaints per Police District;
- 6 ii. the number of officers against whom the complaints were made; and
- 7 iii. the outcomes of the complaints.

8 (2) The County Council annually must hold a public hearing regarding the report submitted
 9 under paragraph (1).

10 (3) Subject to state and federal law, the Department must maintain the following public
 11 datasets, to include race, gender, age, and ethnicity data, and data by police district, division, and
 12 bureau:

13 (A) use of force incidents;

14 (B) field interview reports;

15 (C) juvenile citations;

16 (D) criminal citations, including trespassing citations;

17 (E) alcohol beverage violations;

18 (F) possession of marijuana violations less than 10 grams;

19 (G) smoking marijuana in public places;

20 (H) the pointing of a service weapon, taser, or pepper spray at an individual;

21 (I) the issuance of a stay-away order for trespass enforcement, and the location of
 22 property where the enforcement occurs;

23 (J) information identified under Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the 2021 Laws of
 24 Maryland regarding the activation, deployment, and results of the SWAT team;

25 (K) information identified under Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the 2021 Laws of
 26 Maryland regarding search warrants;

27 (L) arrests, including arrests on or immediately adjacent to school property;

28 (M) searches, including searches that result in arrest or the discovery of contraband;

29 (N) stops (including stop and frisks that does not result in citations or arrests);

30 (U) service calls related to mental health;

31 (V) service calls related to substance abuse issues;

1 (W) service calls related to homeless individuals; and

2 (X) service calls determined to be unfounded.

3 (4) If state or federal law prevents the Department from publishing a dataset under
4 paragraph (3), the Department must, in its report under paragraph (1), identify the dataset and
5 explain the reason that the dataset is confidential.

6 (5) For the datasets published under paragraph (3), the Department must provide an
7 explanation of terms used in the data, such as the term other to identify race or ethnicity, and
8 guidelines regarding how to navigate the data.

9 (d) Annual survey.

10 (1) The Department annually must conduct an anonymous survey of residents and officers
11 regarding police-community relations, including, at a minimum, the levels of trust communities
12 have in the police.

13 (2) The survey must be administered to residents in multiple languages.

14 (3) The survey must contain demographic information, including racial, ethnic, age, gender,
15 and geographic information, regarding respondents.

16 (e) The Department must designate an individual officer as the point of contact responsible for
17 the data collection and transparency requirements under this Section.

18 (f) The Department must post online each written agreement it has entered into with a property
19 owner regarding the enforcement of trespass laws.

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21 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
22 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
23 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
24 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
25 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
26 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
27 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
28 or section.

29 SECTION #. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
30 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
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Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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