

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Chief Robert Chody:

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, the 59th Inauguration of the President of the United States will be held in the District of Columbia. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for ensuring the safety of the participants and the public during the Inaugural Parade as well as with assisting the United States Secret Service with perimeter security and traffic control for the subsequent Inaugural Balls. As a result of the current threat level in the Nation's Capital and the on-going development of intelligence, I am requesting the assistance of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office during the Inauguration.

Historically, public events of national and international importance draw large and enthusiastic crowds to the District of Columbia. Therefore, your members will work in partnership with uniformed MPD officers providing increased uniformed law enforcement visibility during Presidential and dignitary motorcades, the Inaugural Parade, and the subsequent Inaugural Balls.

The MPD is asking your agency to provide a supplemental uniformed presence consisting of a minimum of 40 sworn members to aid with crowd and traffic control responsibilities. Participation of agencies unable to provide the minimum number of required members will be addressed on a case by case basis.

If your department is able to accommodate this request, please respond as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, August 27, 2020, with the number of sworn members that will be assigned to this event. Please provide your response via email at mpdipc.2021@dc.gov. The MPD will pay for the cost of salaries, lodging, travel, and a per diem for meals, as appropriate, for the sworn members sent to assist us. I am looking forward to an on-going dialogue and appreciate any assistance you may provide.

Assistant Chief of Police Jeffery Carroll, Homeland Security Bureau, or Inspector Robert Glover, Homeland Security Bureau, Special Operations Division, will contact you shortly after you reply in the affirmative in reference to this request. Questions may be addressed to Sergeant Nathaniel Porter on 202-809-8700 or via email at nathaniel.porter@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Peter Newsham Chief of Police