



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Dear Ms. Patterson,

I would like to thank you, Mr. Bromwich, and the members of your team for taking time to meet with me to discuss the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) report, *MPD and the Use of Deadly Force: The Karon Hylton-Brown Case*. MPD has a long, productive history of working with your office and with Mr. Bromwich on use of force issues, and those collaborations have continued to keep MPD's use of force policies, training, and investigations at the forefront of best practices in policing. Having had time to revisit the recommendations from your last report, we can agree to implement the bulk of the report's recommendations, either in whole or in part. Our specific responses to the report recommendations are listed below.

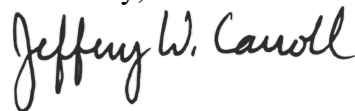
<b>ODCA Recommendation Summary</b>	<b>MPD Response</b>
<b>1. MPD should create a policy explicitly prohibiting obstruction of an administrative or criminal investigation.</b>	MPD agrees with this recommendation and will update GO 120.20 (Administrative Investigations) accordingly.
<b>2. IAB reports of investigation should include an executive summary and table of contents.</b>	MPD agrees in part with this recommendation. We see the benefit in adding a table of contents to Internal Affairs Division (IAD) investigations. However, we disagree that our IAD investigations should include executive summaries. Given the seriousness of the alleged conduct in IAD investigations, we are concerned that readers may overly rely on the summaries and miss key details in the investigation.
<b>3. MPD use of force policy and training should incorporate the totality of the circumstances test as articulated in the Supreme Court's 2025 decision in <i>Barnes v. Felix</i>.</b>	MPD agrees in part with this recommendation. MPD's use of force policy already requires that uses of force be evaluated based on the totality of the circumstances. However, we will reinforce this concept through refresher training.

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<p><b>4. The UFRB should make improvements to the decision point analysis matrix (DPAM).</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees with this recommendation. MPD will revise the DPAM to more closely resemble the model developed in conjunction with Mr. Bromwich and his team as part of our 2001 Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Justice.</p>
<p><b>5. The UFRB should review the totality of the use of force including relevant facts and events before and after force was used.</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees with this recommendation. The UFRB chair will be holding a refresher training session at an upcoming hearing to reinforce MPD policy that the Board should review the actions of all members before and after force was used.</p>
<p><b>6. The implementation of UFRB recommendations should be tracked.</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees with this recommendation and has added language to the draft update of GO 901.07 (Use of Force).</p>
<p><b>7. The UFRB's recommendation in this case to revise the vehicle pursuit policy should now be adopted.</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees with this recommendation and will draft language amending GO 301.03 (Vehicle Pursuits) to remind passenger members of their obligation to intervene when they believe an ongoing pursuit is in violation of policy.</p>
<p><b>8. The buffer period for the audio of body worn cameras should be extended to two minutes.</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees with this recommendation and will add audio to the two-minute buffer.</p>
<p><b>9. The chief of police should familiarize herself with the record in high-profile cases</b></p>	<p>Given that circumstances have evolved since the ODCA report was issued, we feel this recommendation is no longer relevant and have no additional comment on it.</p>
<p><b>10. The chief of police should issue decisional memos providing the reasons for her decisions.</b></p>	<p>MPD agrees in part with this recommendation. When a member appeals discipline, the response from the chief of police, including the reasons for denying, denying in part, or granting the appeal, is provided to the involved parties, their unit, the Disciplinary Review Division (DRD), and IAD. Settlement agreements by their nature will contain less information but are provided to the same parties. Inclusion of the details of settlement negotiations, particularly with such broad distribution,</p>

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	would undermine the deliberative and confidential nature of those negotiations, and would reduce the prospects for reaching agreement.
<p><b>11. The chief of police should share the reasons for rejecting IAB findings and DRD recommendations with relevant personnel.</b></p>	<p>Consistent with the department’s response to recommendation 10, material disagreements with IAD findings and DRD recommendations, including acknowledgment of subsequent intervening events and developments, are captured in the chief of police’s responses to appeals. IAD and DRD receive these written responses. While IAD and DRD receive all settlement agreements relating to discipline, settlement agreements resolve matters without relitigating them and will not reflect every deliberation or concession.</p>

Thanks again to both you and Mr. Bromwich for your continued commitment to the critical issue of police use of force. I look forward to working with you in the future. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,



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