



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** At a future date  
**Staff:** Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney  
**Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** #communitypolicing#data

AGENDA ITEM #6B  
October 21, 2025  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

Bill 33-25, Police – Community Policing - Annual Report Deadline

Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Katz, Luedtke, and Mink

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- N/A; Introduction

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- Bill 33-25 would:
  - (1) amend the statutory deadline for a certain data report related to the Montgomery County Police Department; and
  - (2) generally amend the law governing policing.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- N/A

### This report contains:

Staff Report  
Bill 33-25  
Letter from the Advisory Commission on Policing – October 13

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

October 16, 2025

TO: County Council

FROM: Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Bill 33-25, Police – Community Policing – Annual Report Deadline

PURPOSE: Introduction – no Council votes required

Bill 33-25, Police – Community Policing – Annual Report Deadline, sponsored by Lead Sponsors Councilmembers Katz, Ludetke, and Mink, is scheduled to be introduced on October 21, 2025.<sup>1</sup> A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill 33-25 would:

- (1) amend the statutory deadline for a certain data report related to the Montgomery County Police Department; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing policing.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bill is to amend the statutory deadline to provide the Montgomery County Police Department (“MCPD or Department”) adequate time to compile, verify, and standardize data for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report, ensuring greater accuracy, consistency, and alignment between initial and finalized publication.

**BACKGROUND**

Approximately 4 years ago, the Council enacted Bill 45-20, Police – Community Policing – Data, now 2021 L.M.C. Chapter 31, which established reporting requirements for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report.

Section 35A-6 of the Montgomery County Code requires the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to publish an annual report containing specific statistical data for submission to the County Executive and County Council by February 1. The report includes several categories of MCPD data, for example:

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- information about the demographic makeup of the Department;
- demographic information regarding individuals stopped (including a stop and frisk that does not result in a citation or arrest), searched, cited, arrested, or the subject of a use of force incident by the Department;
- the number of calls for service involving mental health issues, the responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls; and
- post on Data Montgomery information about each of the following types of incidents:
  - use of force incidents;
  - field interview reports;
  - juvenile citations;
  - criminal citations, including trespassing citations;
  - alcohol beverage violations;
  - possession of marijuana violations less than 10 grams; and
  - smoking marijuana in public places.

The latest report can be found here: [Annual Statistical Data Reports for County Officials](#).

Additionally, the Council received a letter from the Advisory Commission on Policing<sup>2</sup> that provided a recommendation for the Council to consider changing the February 1 deadline to April 15. As described in the letter:

*“The February 1 deadline does not allow the department sufficient opportunity to cull and verify the calendar year’s data, resulting in an annual Police Statistical Data Report that contains imperfect data that conflicts with the more accurate data included in subsequent MCPD reports. In turn, the conflicting data generates unnecessary confusion, hinders Council oversight, and undermines efforts to promote MCPD transparency with the public. An April 15 due date would give MCPD time to ensure that it has culled and verified as correct the mandatory reporting data, eliminating conflicting data, and facilitating transparency.”* © 6.

### **SPECIFICS OF THE BILL**

Bill 33-25 amends Section 35-6A of the Code by changing the statutory deadline for the annual statistical data report from February 1 to April 1.

#### This packet contains:

Bill 33-25

Letter from the Advisory Commission on Policing – October 13

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<sup>2</sup> Under Section 35-6 of the Montgomery County Code, the role of the Advisory Commission on Policing is to advise the Council on policing matters [...] recommend policies, programs, legislation, or regulations [...].

Bill No. 33-25  
Concerning: Police – Community Policing  
– Annual Report Deadline  
Revised: 9/29/2025 Draft No. 1  
Introduced: October 21, 2025  
Expires: December 7, 2026  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Katz, Luedtke, and Mink

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) amend the statutory deadline for a certain data report related to the Montgomery County Police Department; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing policing.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 35, Police  
Section 35-6A

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

**Sec. 1. Section 35-6A is amended as follows:**

**35-6A. Community Policing.**

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**(c) Reporting requirements.**

(1) By [February 1] April 1 each year, the Montgomery County Department of Police must report the following information to the Executive and Council for the prior calendar year:

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

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(B) the number of recruiting events the Department sponsored or participated in the County;

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

(D) the number of civilian complaints about the use of force by an officer;

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

(F) the number of officers who were suspended with pay;

(G) the number of officers who were suspended without pay;

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

(I) the number of youth under the age of 18 years referred to intervention programs by officers;

(J) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the

number of calls for service involving substance abuse, the responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls;

- (K) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the number of calls for service involving mental health issues, the responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls;
- (L) demographic information regarding individuals stopped (including a stop and frisk that does not result in a citation or arrest), searched, cited, arrested, or the subject of a use of force incident by the Department, including:

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- (M) demographic information regarding individuals subject to a field interview, including:

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

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

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

- (Q) the number of violations of the use of force policy, and the number of officers found to have violated the use of force policy;

- 55 (R) the number of investigations conducted by the Internal
- 56 Affairs Division of the Department;
- 57 (S) with respect to civilian complaints, the number of
- 58 complaints per police district, the number of officers against
- 59 whom the complaints were made, and the outcomes of the
- 60 complaints;
- 61 (T) the number of overtime hours worked per police district;
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- 63 (U) data, in the manner prescribed by the Director of the
- 64 Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the
- 65 number of service calls involving a homeless individual, the
- 66 responses to those calls, and the outcomes of those calls.



## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

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October 13, 2025

The Honorable Kate Stewart, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

### RE: MCPD Reporting Requirements of Sec. 35-6A(c) of the Montgomery County

Dear President Stewart and Members of the County Council:

Pursuant to the charter of the Advisory Commission on Policing (ACP), this letter provides the Commission's advice regarding the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) reporting requirements of Sec. 35-6A(c) of the Montgomery County.<sup>1</sup>

**Community Survey:** We recommend that the County Council amend Sec. 35-6A(d) *Annual survey* of the Montgomery County Code by eliminating the requirement that MCPD *"annually conduct an anonymous survey of residents and officers regarding police-community relations, including, at a minimum, the levels of trust communities have in the police."*<sup>2</sup>

We agree that community surveys are essential to objectively evaluate the MCPD's constitutional policing practices, the effectiveness of its Community Policing strategy, and the community's satisfaction with MCPD services. But no funding has been provided for this survey for the fiscal years 2024 through 2026. We also believe that MCPD should not be put in the position of evaluating how the community perceives it. To ensure impartiality and effectiveness, such a survey should be conducted either under the auspices of the County Executive or the Council, or by an independent polling entity contracted by the County. A low-cost alternative would be to include relevant questions in the Public Safety portion of the annual the National Community Survey "livability" survey.<sup>3</sup>

**Timing and Consolidation of Mandatory Reports:** We recommend that the Council amend subparagraph 1 of Sec. 35-6A(c) *Reporting Requirements* of the Montgomery County Code by changing the due date of the mandatory reporting requirements from February 1 to April 15. We also encourage consolidating into one report

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<sup>1</sup> See Montgomery Code, Sec. 35-6, Advisory Commission on Policing, as well as Sec. 35-6A (c), Reporting requirements

<sup>2</sup> See Montgomery Code, Sec. 35-6A, Community Policing, paragraph (d) Annual Survey.

<sup>3</sup> See 2024 National Community Survey at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/survey2024.html>. We note that previous surveys delved more deeply into public service matters. See 2021 National Community Survey at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat/qls.html>

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and making public the data currently published in MCPD's annual *Police Statistical Data Report* and *Annual Report on Crime and Safety*.

The February 1 deadline does not allow the department sufficient opportunity to cull and verify the calendar year's data, resulting in an annual *Police Statistical Data Report* that contains imperfect data that conflicts with the more accurate data included in subsequent MCPD reports.<sup>4</sup> In turn, the conflicting data generates unnecessary confusion, hinders Council oversight, and undermines efforts to promote MCPD transparency with the public. An April 15 due date would give MCPD time to ensure that it has culled and verified as correct the mandatory reporting data, eliminating conflicting data, and facilitating transparency. The data required under Sec. 35-6A(c) *Reporting Requirements* of the Montgomery County Code is reported to the County's Executive and Council in the *Police Statistical Data Report*, but it is not published publicly. This data is not particularly sensitive and much of it is published publicly in MCPD's *Annual Report on Crime and Safety*. Therefore, consolidating these two reports would reduce duplication of effort and waste, as well as promote confidence in the data provided by MCPD.

**Data on Crime Victims:** We urge the Council amend Sec. 35-6A(c) *Reporting Requirements* of the Montgomery County Code to add disaggregated demographic data on crime victims to the required data sets of the annual *Police Statistical Data Report* and the *Annual Report on Crime and Safety*.

Demographic data on crime victims is necessary to evaluate the services provided by MCPD to the sectors of our community most impacted by crime and police practices. As the Law Enforcement for All (ELEFA) audit of the police department noted, such data is essential "for understanding crime trends across demographic groups and for informing public policy decisions."<sup>5</sup> This added requirement should not impose an additional burden on MCPD, as Council staff reports that MCPD has readily provided victimization data on multiple occasion upon request, but it is not included in the required data that MCPD must report to the County's Executive and Council.

**Uniformity of Demographic Data:** We recommend that the Council require MCPD to report racial and ethnic demographic data uniformly with the Census and Maryland's *Race-Based Traffic Stop Data Dashboard*, i.e.: Asian, Black, Hispanic, White, and Other. Currently, MCPD's *Annual Report on Crime and Safety* reports racial and ethnic data separately, which is confusing and understates the impact of certain police practices on underprivileged members of our community.

We hope you find this letter useful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Rev. Brian Bellamy, Chair

CC: County Council  
 CAO Richard Madaleno  
 ACAO Dr. Earl Stoddard  
 MCPD Chief Marc Yamada  
 Dawn Luedtke, Chair, Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

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<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/data/crime-reports.html>

<sup>5</sup> See page 38, Effective Law Enforcement for All (ELEFA) Review of the Montgomery County, MD Police Department (MCPD), 2022, at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rps/Resources/Files/reports/ELEFA-MCPD-FullReport-v7.pdf>