

Bill No. 33-19  
Concerning: Police – Community Policing  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) set certain community policing guidelines;
- (2) require the Montgomery County Police Department to make certain reports;
- (3) make certain legislative findings; and
- (4) generally amend the law governing policing.

By [[amending]] adding  
Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 35, Police  
Section [[35-6]] 35-6A

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

1           **Sec. 1. Section ~~[[35-6]] 35-6A is ~~[[amended]] added~~ as follows:~~**

2           **35-6A. Community Policing.**

3           (a) *Legislative findings.*

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

5           (A) ~~[[Strong]]~~ strong relationships of mutual trust between  
6           police agencies and the communities they serve are critical  
7           to maintaining public safety and effective policing~~[[.]]~~:

8           (B) ~~[[Police]]~~ police officials rely on the cooperation of  
9           community members to provide information about crime in  
10           their neighborhoods, and to work with the police to devise  
11           solutions to crime and disorder problems~~[[.]]~~; and

12           (C) ~~[[Community]]~~ community members' willingness to trust  
13           the police depends on whether they believe that police  
14           actions reflect community values and incorporate the  
15           principles of procedural justice and legitimacy.

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

21           (A) acknowledge and discuss with communities the challenges  
22           local police departments face;

23           (B) be transparent and accountable;

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

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

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

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

31 (1) officers must strive to regularly initiate and engage in positive  
 32 nonenforcement activities with their communities;

33 (2) the Department must ensure cultural competency throughout the  
 34 Department and increase officer knowledge of the County's  
 35 diverse population;

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

38 (4) the Department must increase community outreach initiatives and  
 39 officers must attend community events on behalf of the  
 40 Department;

41 (5) the Department must provide adequate training in de-escalation  
 42 tactics; [[and]]

43 (6) [[the Department must maintain and expand the School Resource  
 44 Officer Program, in recognition of its value to the community.]]  
 45 the Police Chief must designate a liaison to each population that is  
 46 disproportionately impacted by inequities, as appropriate; and

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

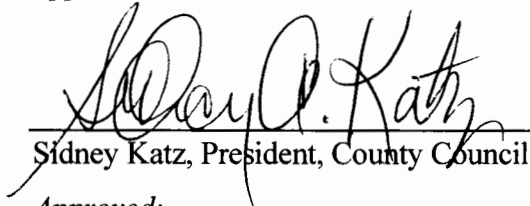
50 (c) Reporting requirements.

51 [[ (1) ]] (1) By February 1 each year, the Montgomery County Department  
 52 of Police must report the following information to the Executive and  
 53 Council for the prior calendar year:

- 54                    [(A)] [(1)] (A) information about the demographic makeup of  
 55                    the Department, including:  
 56                    [(A)] (i) the total number of sworn police officers in the  
 57                    Department;  
 58                    [(B)] (ii) the total number of sworn racial minority police  
 59                    officers in the Department by race and ethnicity;  
 60                    [(C)] (iii) the total number of sworn female police officers  
 61                    in the Department;  
 62                    [(D)] (iv) the number of sworn police officers in the  
 63                    Department that reside in the County; and  
 64                    [(E)] (v) any other demographic information voluntarily  
 65                    provided by sworn police officers;  
 66                    [(E)] [(2)] (B) the number of recruiting events the Department  
 67                    sponsored or participated in the County;  
 68                    [(F)] [(3)] (C) the number of instances of use of force that  
 69                    resulted in [the transport of a civilian to a hospital by an  
 70                    emergency vehicle,] an injury when the injury occurred as  
 71                    a direct result of an officer's actions;  
 72                    [(G)] [(4)] (D) the number of civilian complaints about the use  
 73                    of force by an officer;  
 74                    [(5)] (E) the number of civilian complaints regarding  
 75                    discrimination and harassment;  
 76                    [(H)] [(6)] (F) the number of officers who were suspended with  
 77                    pay;  
 78                    [(I)] [(7)] (G) the number of officers who were suspended  
 79                    without pay;

- 80                    [(J)] [(8)] (H) the percentage of patrol officers who were  
81                    assigned to neighborhood patrols;
- 82                    [(K)] [(9)] (I) the number of youth under the age of 18 years  
83                    referred to intervention programs by officers; [(and)]
- 84                    [(10)] (J) the number of calls for service involving substance  
85                    abuse;
- 86                    [(11)] (K) the number of calls for service involving mental health  
87                    issues;
- 88                    [(12)] (L) demographic information regarding individuals  
89                    detained by the Department, including
- 90                    [(A)] (i) race;
- 91                    [(B)] (ii) ethnicity;
- 92                    [(C)] (iii) gender; and
- 93                    [(D)] (iv) any other demographic information voluntarily  
94                    provided by the detainee;
- 95                    [(13)] (M) a description of the Department's training standards  
96                    and practices, including training and practices related to  
97                    de-escalation; and
- 98                    [(L)] [(14)] (N) a description of the Department's community  
99                    policing efforts, including community policing programs,  
100                    participation in town hall meetings, and efforts to engage  
101                    with schools, recreation centers, community centers, and  
102                    senior centers.
- 103                    (2) The Department must also provide the information reported under  
104                    paragraph (1) to the Policing Advisory Commission established  
105                    under Section 35-6.

Approved:

  
Sidney Katz, President, County Council

3/12/2020

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date