

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice



Open Government Report 2014

To institutionalize a culture of transparent and open government, accountability, and to expand opportunities for resident participation and collaboration, this Report describes how the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice has and will continue to develop and enhance transparency, public participation, and collaboration. In accordance with Mayor's Order 2014-170, this report addresses the following topics:

1) Transparency

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice demonstrates a commitment to transparency through our website. To share information with the public, the website has an "Open Government and FOIA" tab. This section contains awarded contracts, an organizational chart, P card purchases, and budget. Additionally, the homepage provides links to our cluster agencies and independent agencies as well as their respective social media platforms. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice is working closely with the Office of the City Administrator (OCA) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) to identify a significant number of datasets that OCA and OCTO expect to publish online later this year. If no dataset from Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice is selected to be included in the 2014 release, we will continue to work with OCA and OCTO to identify datasets appropriate to publish in 2015. In the future, requirements for open data reporting will be provided by the Chief Data Officer.

2) Public Engagement and Participation

To improve public engagement and participation, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice uses Twitter, @SafeDC, to share information and resources. The Twitter handle, @SafeDC, allows for the swift dissemination of relevant information such as crime alerts, community meetings, public hearings, etc. Also, on the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice website, www.dmspj.dc.gov, there is a link to grade.dc.gov to provide agency specific feedback.

3) **Collaboration**

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice improves the quality of life for District residents by coordinating and developing interagency public safety initiatives. To enhance cooperation among departments, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice convenes a monthly meeting with agency directors and biweekly agency meetings with senior staff of public safety agencies. Additionally, these meetings are supplemented with community forums, which are highly collaborative exercises, designed to help the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice as well as other public safety partners remain abreast of the public's concerns.