

## VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Police Department

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TO:

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FROM:

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Chief of Police and System Security

**SUBJECT:** 

Annual Formal Complaint Report 2022

A search of VTPD formal complaint records was conducted and can be summarized as follows:

- We investigated 22 formal complaints regarding VTPD and Security personnel.
- We received 10 cases from a Patron / Citizen complainant.
- The Administration was the complainant in 12 cases.
- 6 cases were determined to be Unfounded.
- 1 case was determined to be Inconclusive.
- 1 case were determined to be Exonerated.
- 14 cases were determined to be Sustained.
- Disciplinary Actions for the Sustained cases ranged from Verbal Counseling to a Three (3) Day Suspension.

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS: Upon conclusion of an investigation, the complaint will be closed and filed as:

*Unfounded* - The allegation is false or not factual.

Exonerated - The incident occurred but was lawful and proper.

*Inconclusive* - There is insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.

**Sustained** - The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify the reasonable conclusion that the alleged misconduct occurred

## Formal Complaint Report 2022

N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Sgt. D. Martinez	Prisoner's Property 608.11	Patron / Person	04-Dec-22
Written Reminder	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	Searching of Prisoners 608.05	Administration	07-Oct-22
Written Reprimand	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Lt. G. Aguilar	Vehicle Operations 306.01B	Administration	18-Oct-22
Written Reprimand	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Lt. G. Aguilar	Requirement to take action 4.03	Administration	18-Oct-22
Written Counseling	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	CPL. J. Contreras	Prisoner's Property 608.11	Patron / Person	13-Aug-22
3 Day suspension	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. J. Contreras	Vehicle Operations 306.01B	Administration	02-Nov-21
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Inconclusive	Sgt. D. Martinez	On-Duty Activities 4.06	Patron / Person	04-May-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Exonerated	Sgt. D. Martinez	Prisoner's Property 608.11	Patron / Person	30-Apr-22
Written Reminder	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	Body Worn Cameras 410.05	Administration	11-Jul-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Sgt. D. Martinez	Conduct and Behavior 3.04C	Patron / Person	10-Jul-22
2 Day Suspension	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Lt. G. Aguilar	VIA Property 3.18B	Administration	02-Feb-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Sgt. D. Martinez	Reporting Requirements 305.07	Patron / Person	22-unl-90
1 Day Suspension	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Lt. G. Aguilar	On-Duty Activities 4.06	Administration	21-Mar-22
1 Day Suspension	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	On-Duty Activities 4.06	Administration	24-May-22
Written Reminder	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Lt. G. Aguilar	Maintenance of Competency 3.04G	Administration	31-May-22
Written Reminder	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. A. Poore	Loss of Issued Equipment 3.18 D	Administration	21-Feb-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Sgt. D. Martinez	Courtesy 3.06B	Patron / Person	28-Mar-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Sgt. D. Martinez	Prisoner's Property 608.11	Patron / Person	20-Apr-22
Written Reminder	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	Reporting Process 4.02	Administration	09-Apr-22
Verbal Couseling	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	Courtesy 3.06B	Patron / Person	25-Mar-22
Written Reprimand	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Sustained	Sgt. D. Martinez	Social Media 4.05B	Administration	05-Apr-22
N/A	Chief M. Witherell	Closed	Unfounded	Lt. G. Aguilar	Conduct and Behavior 3.04C	Patron / Person	02-Feb-22
Discipline	Closed by	Case Status	Disposition	Investigated by	Complaint Category	Complainant	Incident Date
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