



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Metropolitan Police Department
Executive Office of the Chief of Police
300 Indiana Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Businesses and Community Leaders,

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Capital Shield Program, a recently founded public-private partnership that was created to protect Washington, D.C. by providing law enforcement with direct access to private security cameras. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) currently participates in this program with corporate real estate leaders. By joining the partnership, you will be contributing to a network that will make D.C. a safer place for all of us.

The Capital Shield Program was created to connect private sector security cameras to MPD's Joint Operations Command Center for accessing during critical situations. This allows MPD to quickly gain situational awareness needed to assist citizens during emergency situations. MPD does not monitor live camera feeds on an ongoing basis.

Since the founding of this initiative, over 400 cameras have been enrolled. My hope is that we are able to continue to expand this partnership in the near future. MPD's ability to respond improves as more businesses and institutions participate.

The Capital Shield Program is just one initiative that MPD participates in to ensure that our city is better equipped to prevent, investigate, and close crimes. Participating in Capital Shield is a great way to give back to the community while enhancing the security of your property and business.

Prospective Capital Shield participants can enroll existing security cameras, or request a recommendation on how to better equip businesses with new systems that can be enrolled. For more information about Capital Shield, please visit www.capitalshield.org. To join, you contact them directly at 202-753-2800, or by email at info@capitalshield.org.

Remember -- you can make a big difference in helping Washington, D.C. become more safe and secure. Working together, we can always accomplish more.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lanier
Chief of Police