



Maryland Transit Administration Police Force

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Mission Statement

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To: *Ms Betty Stenley* **MEMORANDUM**
Chief, Legal Counsel, MTA

TO: *Via* Colonel John E. Gavrilis
Chief of Police *W.F. Collins, Jr.*

VIA: Major Fred Damron *Major Fred Damron*
Deputy Chief of Police (Acting)

FROM: Captain W.F. Collins, Jr. *Capt. W.F. Collins, Jr.*
Commander, Special Operations Division

DATE: February 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Endorsement Draft Special Order

On February 8, 2010 I received the attached draft special order from Lieutenant Kelly Holman. Upon review she has developed proposed policy concerning subjects taking photographs on MTA properties.

I endorse her request and forward same up my chain of command for further review.

Forwarded to Betty for comments



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SPECIAL ORDER: 01-10-04

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TO: All Personnel

Subject: Photography on MTA Property

Date: February 8, 2010

I. Purpose

To advise the members of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Police Force on the procedures for photography on MTA Property.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the MTA Police Force to provide a clear understanding of the policies and procedures for persons within, on or operated upon MTA property taking photographs.

The MTA Police Force is currently constructing a policy to address photographers within the system. In the interim, note that the mere observation of a person taking a photograph on MTA or any State property by itself and with no indication of criminal activity is an insufficient bases to take any legal action in regards to that person. Should an officer observe criminal indicators that give rise to reasonable articulable suspicion or probable cause that the person is engaged in criminal activity, then the officer may act accordingly.

III. Regulation

This order is effective immediately and supersedes any order or memorandum with which it may conflict.

By order of,

Colonel John E. Gavrilis
Chief of Police