

RESOLUTION NO. 20230914-132

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the paramount importance of transparency, accountability, and public trust in the operations and efficacy of the Austin Police Department (APD); and

WHEREAS, the City is a leader in the adoption of open data policies and tools; and

WHEREAS, open data can empower the general public with accurate, up-to-date, and easily accessible information regarding police activities, enhancing community engagement, and fostering better relationships between law enforcement and the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, the availability of timely, reliable, well-documented data will provide APD with an agile data platform to measure and evaluate the effectiveness of policies, training, and community outreach initiatives, ultimately leading to more efficient law enforcement practices and improved public safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a consistent open policing data policy aligns with the City's commitment to evidence-based practices and data-driven decision-making across all government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks the valuable input of academics, independent data analysts, local community organizations, civil rights advocates, and law enforcement policy experts in creating new analytical products, ensuring that it addresses the specific needs and concerns of the community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of more comprehensive data releases will support City Council and other local decision-makers in making informed and

evidence-based policy choices, promoting greater efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in addressing public safety challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to allocating the necessary resources and support to ensure the successful integration and ongoing maintenance of the new open data release requirements further demonstrating the City's dedication to openness, accountability, and continuous improvement in law enforcement practices; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to develop and implement an enhanced data release as provided by this Resolution (the "APD Open Policing Data Release") for the Austin Police Department. This data release will provide the public essential data in the format and will contain all information described in this Resolution, will protect the privacy of those interacting with law enforcement and will be published once monthly on an ongoing basis, except for data that cannot be provided monthly because of material, substantive technical, legal, or practical challenges, which shall be provided as frequently as possible, until such time as City Council explicitly changes or cancels the policy. The APD Open Policing Data Release shall also address implementing monthly reporting for all data as soon as possible, if such monthly reporting is reasonably practicable and permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The proposed data shall be released in a common open format, such as CSV, JSON, Shapefiles, or GeoJSON, through the City's existing Open Data Portal or equivalent method that is accessible by the public and available online.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The initial data release shall include any previous data that is available. Staff will provide data in accordance with the City's Records Management System retention schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Regularly released data sets will not be changed after publication. Should the need arise to correct an error it will be clearly marked so the public will be aware of any updated versions of previously published data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Austin Police Department will release data definitions explaining all publicly available data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The data release shall include indicators capturing the demand for police services, including all data points and formats below:

1. Calls for Service, including the following attributes:
 - a. Call unique identifier,
 - b. Call type code (at a minimum, to distinguish calls initiated by an officer or "officer self-assigned incidents" from calls initiated by a member of the public),
 - c. Call date and time,
 - d. Sector or jurisdiction,
 - e. Priority level,
 - f. Initial problem type and final problem type,

- g. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical, traffic, etc.),
- h. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant, burglar alarm, etc.),
- i. Arrival of first unit date time stamp,
- j. Call closure date time stamp,
- k. Police report filed (yes or no),
- l. Number of officers responding to the call,
- m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding officers,
- n. Census Block Group of the call for service, and
- o. Additional data may be included that assists the public's understanding of demand for police services, as long as the additional data and/or reporting methods do not replace any of the requirements listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The data release shall include an additional set of aggregate data designed to capture the need for mental health services as recognized by call takers and police responders, including the following information about any incident has been flagged as mental health related at any point in the call regardless of other categorization:

- 1. Calls for Service, including:
 - a. Call unique identifier,
 - b. Call date and time stamp,
 - c. Call type (e.g. resident or self-initiated by an officer),
 - d. Priority level,

- e. Sector and/or jurisdiction,
 - f. Initial call problem description,
 - g. Final problem description,
 - h. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical, traffic, etc.),
 - i. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant, burglar alarm, etc.),
 - j. Date time stamp first unit arrival and separately time stamp call closed,
 - k. Disposition and whether police report filed,
 - l. Number of officers responding to the call,
 - m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding officers, and
 - n. Census Block Group of the call for service.
2. Total number of mental health first response calls by Census Block Group resulting in serious bodily injury or death to:
- a. A person with mental illness,
 - b. A responding officer(s),
 - c. Other responding City staff, such as Emergency Medical Services or Austin Fire Department, to the extent such data is available; and
 - d. Bystanders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

After Austin Police Department's adoption of the city-wide digital timekeeping system, which shall be a priority of the Austin Police Department, the data release should include data designed to evaluate the supply and accessibility of existing police services, including all data points and formats listed below:

1. Sworn and Non-Sworn Personnel by Category of Assignment (e.g. patrol, patrol supervisor, academy, administration, 911 call center, airport, etc.)
 - a. Count of personnel,
 - b. Category of personnel,
 - c. Hours worked by Activity Category by individual employee,
 - d. Count of total hours worked for month,
 - e. Count of total hours worked in each sector for month, and
 - f. Activity category for hours worked (patrol, special events, traffic/construction, etc.).

The information described in 1a-1b and 1d-1f will be provided in aggregate and without any identifiable information linked to a specific individual. The information described in 1c will be provided individually, but without any identifiable information linked to a specific individual.

2. Overtime hours worked by Activity Category by individual employee
 - a. Overtime hours worked by rate paid (e.g. x1.5, x2, etc.) for month,
 - b. Overtime hours worked by sector for month and by rate paid,
 - c. Overtime hours worked that was mandatory and discretionary,
 - d. Overtime hours worked by shift, and
 - e. Activity Category (patrol, special events, traffic/construction, etc.).

The information above will be provided without any identifiable information linked to a specific individual.

3. Overtime Expenditures by Activity Category (patrol, special events, traffic/construction, etc.)
 - a. Total officers collecting overtime by month by Activity Category,

- b. Total overtime expenditures by sector by month by Activity Category, and
 - c. Average overtime earnings by personnel available by month by Activity Category.
- 4. Retirements and Separations
 - a. Count of retirements by month,
 - b. Count of voluntary separations by month, and
 - c. Count of indefinite suspensions by month.
- 5. Cadets in Training
 - a. Count of cadets in training by month,
 - b. Count of cadet separations and cause of separation by month,
 - c. Count of cadets by class by month, and
 - d. Cumulative attrition rate by class for current month.
- 6. Additional data may be included that assists the public's understanding of demand for police services, as long as the additional data and/or reporting methods do not replace any of the requirements listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In order to provide for increased transparency in APD's response, the data release shall include outcomes of police actions in the community, including all data points and formats listed below:

- 1. Warrant Service Arrests, Other Arrests, and Warnings by Lead Charge.
Citations and Tickets shall be added as soon as the Austin Police Department becomes the custodian of record for these data types
 - a. Census Block Group of the enforcement actions, and
 - b. Demographic data of the enforcement action.

2. Searches by Type (probable cause, incident to arrest, consent, etc.) with Demographic Data
 - a. Census Block Group of the search.
3. Response Time by Priority
 - a. Response time by Call Priority with sector, day-of-week, and time-of-day cross-tabs for current month.
4. Use of Force with Demographic Data
 - a. All current data in response to resistance dataset,
 - b. If an injury or death resulted from the use of force, and
 - c. Census Block Group of the use of force event.
5. Total aggregate number of Complaints and Commendations filed with either APD or OPO for each of the following data sets:
 - a. Status (including at minimum: sustained, unfounded, under investigation, not investigated), and
 - b. Sector.
6. Inquiries into Immigration Status following direction under Resolution 20180614-074.
7. Use of discretionary arrest in lieu of citation for nonviolent misdemeanor offenses when a ticket or citation would be allowed by state law, including the following:
 - a. A documented reason for the stop or the arrest,
 - b. The reason for the discretionary use of arrest,
 - c. The race and ethnicity of the person arrested, and
 - d. Census Block Group of the enforcement action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Preparing the data release shall be the primary responsibility of non-sworn personnel, and the prepared data shall not be subject to redaction, revision, delay, withholding, or restrictions on viewing, except for the prompt correction of material, factual errors or if required by law. The data preparers shall have direct access to all relevant data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The data release shall comply with state and federal law.

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The City Manager shall perform an annual policing survey or include additional questions within the annual Citizen Survey to estimate the extent of crime under-reporting, provided that the construction of the policing survey and/or the questions on the Citizen Survey shall be the sole responsibility of non-sworn employees, in consultation with the Equity Office, who are entirely outside the purview of the Austin Police Department.

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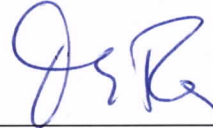
The City Manager may appoint a Policing Open Data Technical Advisory Committee of relevant community stakeholders and data science/business intelligence practitioners to support the technical implementation of this request. In the event the City Manager opts to select such a committee, the City Council must approve its membership before the Committee begins any duties on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall report to Council by December 12, 2023, with an implementation timeline and budget requirements to complete online publication of the first Austin Police Department Open Policing Data Release on or before March 1, 2024.

ADOPTED: September 14, 2023

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Myrna Rios', is written over a horizontal line.

Myrna Rios
City Clerk