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## ODCA Selects Alexander Weiss Consulting to Conduct Metropolitan Police Department Staffing Study

**WASHINGTON, October 19, 2022**—The Office the D.C. Auditor (ODCA) has hired [Alexander Weiss Consulting](#) of Evanston, Ill., for an audit of the sworn officer staffing needs of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Alexander Weiss has more than 40 years of experience as a public safety practitioner, researcher, trainer, and consultant. ODCA selected Weiss’s firm for its relevant experience in how communities can effectively and efficiently provide law enforcement services working in communities similar to the District of Columbia, including police staffing analyses in New Orleans, Louisville Metro, Chicago, Albuquerque, Seattle, Baltimore, Prince George’s County Maryland, San Antonio, and for the Puerto Rico Police Bureau. Moreover, the consultant recently partnered with Michigan State University to conduct a staffing analysis for the United States Park Police.

“We were pleased to receive several strong proposals for this work, and to have the opportunity to work with Alexander Weiss Consulting given their track record for thorough, comprehensive analyses,” said DC Auditor Kathy Patterson.

For the MPD study, Weiss’s team of experts in police staffing and organization, will receive up to \$217,600 to:

1. Examine data about community-initiated calls for service, department-initiated activities, and administrative activities; look closely at geographic and temporal allocation and examine work schedules to test how they affect staffing.
2. Build a staffing model that will reflect community expectations about the use of discretionary time.
3. Conduct in-depth discussions and interviews with MPD personnel to understand the department’s members and how they view their jobs.
4. Produce a draft and final written report to be released publicly by ODCA.

Weiss is the former director of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety and Professor of Management and Strategy at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern. He is currently adjunct professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University.

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