

MPD Court Appearances – Municipal Court

The Municipal Court follows these standard procedures when scheduling trials that will involve officer subpoenas:

- Select trial dates and times that coincide with an officer's shift
- Reference 'off group' information provided in the citation narrative to select trial dates that avoid the days the officer is not scheduled to work that week
- Reference vacation information provided in the citation narrative to select trial dates that avoid days an officer has already requested vacation/time off

The Court also recently implemented the use of Final Pre-Trial conferences, approximately 1 week ahead of a scheduled trial date. These conferences often result in resolution of the case, such that subpoenas for the trial date can be called off.

Year	Subpoena Count*	Individual Officers
2016	1,303	658
2017	1,200	644
2018	1,194	612
2019	1,005	560
2020 (YTD)	672	415
2021 (YTD)	30	29

**Count is based on officer being subpoenaed for a specific court date/time, regardless of number of defendants and/or cases involved in the matter*

In 2019, of the 560 officers who were subpoenaed, the median number of subpoenas per officer was 1, while the average was 2. Most officers (452 of the 560) were subpoenaed for just 1 or 2 different trial dates/times throughout the year, while 100 were subpoenaed for between 3 – 5 different trial dates/times and 8 were subpoenaed for between 6 – 11 different trial dates/times.

Subpoenas in 2019	Number of Officers
1	326
2	126
3	53
4	34
5	13
6	1
7	2
8	1
9	2
10	1
11	1