

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 23, 1963

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 35  
Series 1963

**SUBJECT:** Arrangements for the arrival of the remains of the late President of the United States John F. Kennedy; including Period of Repose; Lying in State at the United States Capitol and the Funeral Procession from the United States Capitol to St. Matthews Cathedral - November 24 - 25, 1963.

**TO THE FORCE:**

The remains of the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy is in repose in the East Room of the White House and will remain at that location until 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 24, 1963, at which time a Funeral Procession will move from the White House to the United States Capitol, where there will be a Period of Repose and Lying in State.

At 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 25, 1963, the remains of the late President of the United States will be removed from the Rotunda of the United States Capitol and there will be a Funeral Procession from the United States Capitol to the White House where it will pause for a few moments in order to allow the family and close friends to join this Procession. The Funeral Procession will then continue on to St. Matthews Cathedral.

**1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Approximate):**

Sunday, November 24, 1963

- A. 1:00 p.m. -- The remains of the late President John F. Kennedy leaves the White House.
- B. 1:50 p.m. -- The remains of the late President of the United States arrives at the United States Capitol.
- C. 2:30 p.m. -- The remains of the late President of the United States will lie in State until 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 25, 1963.

Monday, November 25, 1963

- A. 10:30 a.m. -- The remains of the late President of the United States will be removed from the place of Lying in State and a Funeral Procession will be held.
- B. 11:00 a.m. -- The Funeral Procession leaves the United States Capitol and proceeds to the White House where there will be a brief pause while the family and close friends join the Funeral Procession. The Procession will move to St. Matthews Cathedral.

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1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Approximate) (Continued):

Monday, November 25, 1963 (Continued)

C. 12:00 -- Mass at St. Matthews Cathedral.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE:

The Metropolitan Police will be responsible for the handling of traffic and crowds along the route of the Funeral Procession and in areas adjacent thereto.

- A. Chief of Police Robert V. Murray will personally direct all arrangements and details.
- B. Deputy Chief Howard V. Covell shall have general supervision over all police arrangements and details necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.
- C. Deputy Chief Loraine T. Johnson shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details in the Capitol Plaza and Section 9.
- D. Deputy Chief George R. Wallrodt shall be in command of the First Division of the Funeral Procession Route, comprised of Section 1.
- E. Deputy Chief Thomas Rasmusen shall be in command of the Second Division of the Funeral Procession Route, comprised of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- F. Deputy Chief Henry H. Heflin shall be in command of the Third Division of the Funeral Procession Route, comprised of Sections 7 and 8.
- G. Deputy Chief Albert L. Embrey shall be in command of the detail at St. Matthews Cathedral, comprised of Section 10.
- H. Deputy Chief William J. Liverman shall command and maintain all traffic control in connection with all funeral arrangements.
- I. Deputy Chief John B. Layton shall provide the plainclothes detail necessary for the protection of the public insofar as the Detective Division activities are concerned.
- J. Deputy Chief Roy E. Blick shall continue regular assignment, Morals Division.
- K. Inspector Otto P. Fuss shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details along the Funeral Procession Route, from the west curb of 15th Street to the west curb of 17th Street.
- L. Acting Inspector John F. Ryan shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details along the Funeral Procession Route, from the east curb of 12th Street to the west curb of 15th Street at New York Avenue.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE (Continued):

- M. Inspector William T. Murphy shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details along the Funeral Procession Route, from the east curb of 6th Street to the east curb of 12th Street.
- N. Inspector George E. Causey shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details along the Procession Route from Delaware Avenue to the east curb of 6th Street.
- O. Inspector John S. Hughes shall be in charge of all police arrangements and details along the Funeral Procession Route from the north curb of H Street and 17th Street to the east curb of 17th Street and Rhode Island Avenue.
- P. Inspector Charles L. Wright shall assist Deputy Chief Liverman and supervise traffic control north and west of the Funeral Procession Route.
- Q. Inspector Richard J. Felber shall continue regular assignment, Detective Division.
- R. Inspector Nunzio Bonaccorsy shall continue regular assignment, Detective Division.
- S. Inspector Lawrence A. Hartnett shall continue regular assignment, Detective Division.
- T. Inspector Howard F. Mowry shall assist Deputy Chief Loraine T. Johnson in supervising the details on the Capitol Plaza and Section 9.

3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

A. Procession Route - Sunday, November 24, 1963

The Funeral Procession will leave the White House and proceed to the United States Capitol over the following route:

Out the northeast gate onto Pennsylvania Avenue to 15th Street, N.W.;  
South on 15th Street, N. W., to Pennsylvania Avenue;  
Southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue to Constitution Avenue;  
East on Constitution Avenue to Delaware Avenue, N.E.,  
across the United States Capitol Plaza to the east front of the United States Capitol where the remains of the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy will be removed from the caisson, carried into the Rotunda of the United States Capitol to lie in state.

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3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS: (Continued):

Procession Route - Monday, November 25, 1963

The Funeral Procession will leave the east front of the United States Capitol, proceed north across the United States Capitol Plaza to Constitution Avenue and Delaware Avenue and proceed over the following route:

West on Constitution Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue;  
Northwest on Pennsylvania Avenue to 15th Street;  
North on 15th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue;  
West on Pennsylvania Avenue where the caisson will enter the northeast gate of the White House, proceed into the White House Grounds to the north portal of the White House. After a brief pause the caisson will leave through the northwest gate, enter Pennsylvania, proceed west on Pennsylvania Avenue to 17th Street;  
North on 17th Street to Connecticut Avenue;  
Northwest on Connecticut Avenue to Rhode Island Avenue;  
Northeast on Rhode Island Avenue to the front of St. Matthews Cathedral.

NOTE: Further arrangements for the interment of the remains of the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, setting forth the route and details, will be furnished in an amending Order.

3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS (Continued):

B. Traffic Arrangements:

1. Parking Restrictions:

Arrangements have been made to restrict parking on both sides of the following streets from 7:00 a.m., Sunday, November 24, 1963, through 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 25, 1963:

Massachusetts Avenue, N. E. and N. W., from Stanton Park to Dupont Circle;  
N Street, N. W., from Scott Circle to New Hampshire Avenue;  
Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Scott Circle to Connecticut Avenue;  
M Street, N. W., Thomas Circle to 21st Street, N. W.;  
Eye Street, N. W., 11th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.;  
H Street, N. W., Massachusetts to Pennsylvania Avenues;  
New York Avenue, N. W., 9th to 15th Streets;  
Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington Circle to 1st Street;  
E Street, N. E. and N. W., Pennsylvania Avenue to Union Station Plaza;  
D Street, N. W. and N. E., Pennsylvania Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue, N. E.;  
Constitution Avenue, 17th Street, N. W., to 1st Street, N. E.;  
Maryland Avenue, N. E., 15th Street to Stanton Park;  
D Street, S. W. and S. E., 2nd Street to North Carolina Avenue;  
North Carolina Avenue, S. E., 3rd to 10th Streets;  
19th Street, N. W., Dupont Circle to Constitution Avenue;  
18th Street, N. W., Massachusetts to Pennsylvania Avenues;  
Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Dupont Circle to K Street;  
17th Street, N. W., K Street to Constitution Avenue;  
16th Street, N. W., Scott Circle to H Street;  
15th Street, N. W., K Street to Constitution Avenue;  
14th Street, N. W., K Street to Constitution Avenue;  
13th Street, N. W., K Street to Pennsylvania Avenue;  
12th Street, N. W., K Street to Constitution Avenue;  
11th Street, N. W., K Street to Pennsylvania Avenue;  
10th Street, N. W., K Street to Constitution Avenue;  
9th Street, N. W., Pennsylvania to Constitution Avenues;  
3rd Street, N. W., Massachusetts Avenue to D Street;  
2nd Street, N. E., Maryland Avenue to D Street;  
6th Street, N. E. and S. E., Maryland Avenue to North Carolina Avenue;  
4th Street, N. E. and S. E., Maryland Avenue to North Carolina Avenue.

2. Traffic Control:

Sunday, November 24, 1963:

No traffic will be permitted on the procession route after 12:00 noon. No traffic will be permitted to cross the procession route after 12:00 noon, except at 3rd Street, 7th Street

3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS (Continued):

B. Traffic Arrangements (Continued):

2. Traffic Control (Continued):

Sunday, November 24, 1963 (Continued):

and 14th Street. Cross traffic on 3rd Street, 7th Street and 14th Street will be cut at 12:45 p.m. Buses will be rerouted so as not to be operated on the above streets and procession route during the restricted hours.

Monday, November 25, 1963:

No traffic will be permitted on the procession route after 10:15 a.m. No traffic will be permitted to cross the procession route after 10:30 a.m. Buses will be rerouted so as not to be operated over the procession route after the above hours.

3. Emergency Traffic Streets:

Emergency traffic streets will be established and maintained at the following intersections crossing the procession route. No emergency vehicles shall be permitted to cross the procession route in such a manner as to in any way interfere with the procession:

1. 3rd Street, N. W.
2. 7th Street, N. W.
3. 9th Street, N. W.
4. 12th Street, N. W.
5. 14th Street, N. W.

4. Temporary Truck Route:

The temporary truck route will be in effect from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Monday, November 25, 1963. The routes are as follows:

**Northbound:** The South West Freeway to D Street, S. W.; east on D Street to North Carolina Avenue; northeast on North Carolina Avenue to 6th Street, S. E.; north on 6th Street, S. E. and N. E. to Maryland Avenue, N. E.; northeast on Maryland Avenue to Bladensburg Road; north on Bladensburg Road to New York Avenue, N. E.

**Southbound:** Bladensburg Road to Maryland Avenue, N. E.; Maryland Avenue to Stanton Park; around Stanton Park and south on 4th Street, N. E. and S. E. to North Carolina Avenue, S. E.; southwest on North Carolina Avenue to D Street, S. E.; west on D Street to Canal Street; Canal Street to C Street, S. W.; west on C to the South West Freeway.

4. PHOTOGRAPHERS, REPORTERS, ETC.

Press photographers, reporters, newsreel cameramen, etc., shall be permitted to operate along the Funeral Procession Route. The news media have pooled their services on this occasion and will join the parade as a part thereof. Press passes other than these would be restricted in the immediate vicinity of the parade.

Members of this Department should understand that a holder of a Press Pass has been recognized by the Commissioners' Committee on the Issuance and Use of Press Passes as being a person whose occupation requires him or her to work within or through the established police lines, and should cooperate fully, rendering every reasonable assistance so as to expedite his or her movements within or through the established police lines, in accordance with this order. Cooperation with accredited representatives of all news-gathering organizations is extremely important in promoting good public relations. A cooperative attitude and a courteous explanation, where necessary, will usually result in a more favorable presentation of the facts from the police viewpoint.

5. COURTESY:

It is realized that members of the Department may work many long and arduous hours of extra duty on this solemn occasion. With this view in mind, the factors of patience, courtesy, tolerance, and consideration are brought to your attention.

Members of the Force, in handling the many unusual circumstances that arise, shall be patient, discreet, and solicitous of the citizens of our own city, as well as the multitude of visitors. Courtesy and consideration of the public, as well as between ourselves and members of other departments assisting us, is of the utmost importance.

Innumerable questions will be asked and information sought from members of the Department. Every reasonable effort shall be made to furnish the information requested and, if found necessary, the inquirer shall be directed to the proper source where the information may be obtained. Many minor infractions of our regulations will be committed, particularly on the part of visitors, and should be explained to the violators.

We should all bear in mind the fact that visitors and others coming in contact with the police frequently judge the entire Department by the actions of one officer. The visitors will be from all sections of our country and the courtesy and assistance rendered by members of this Department will cause them to take back home a lasting and favorable impression of their visit to the Nation's Capital.

Section One:

Procession route from the west curb of 17th Street, N. W. to the west curb of 15th St., N. W. Captain Raymond S. Pyles shall command. The following detail shall report to him at Pennsylvania Ave. and Madison Place at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 3rd Precinct shall send:

3 Lieutenants	4 Sergeants	89 Privates	96
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The 2nd Precinct shall send

2 Sergeants	81 Privates	33
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The 4th Precinct shall send:

1 Sergeant	30 Privates	<u>31</u>
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TOTAL 210

Section Two:

Procession route from the west curb of 15th St., N. W. at New York Avenue to the north curb of Pennsylvania Ave. Washington Hotel. Captain Karol L. Kratochvil shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 1st Precinct shall send

3 Lieutenants	7 Sergeants	115 Privates	125
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The 7th Precinct shall send:

2 Sergeants	<u>2</u>
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TOTAL 127

Section Three:

Procession route from the west curb of 15th St., N. W. to the east curb of 14th St., N. W. Captain Milton C. Reed shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 13th Precinct shall send:

3 Lieutenants	7 Sergeants	69 Privates	79
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Section Three (Continued):

The 4th Precinct shall send

11 Privates 11

The 5th Precinct shall send:

2 Sergeants 20 Privates 22

TOTAL 112

Section Four:

Procession route from the east curb of 14th St., N. W. to the east curb of 12th St., N. W. Captain John D. O'Connell shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 13th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 8th Precinct shall send:

1 Lieutenant 5 Sergeants 51 Privates 57

The 5th Precinct shall send:

1 Lieutenant 39 Privates 40

The 11th Precinct shall send:

2 Lieutenants 3 Sergeants 5

TOTAL 102

Section Five:

Procession route from the east curb of 12th St., N. W. to the east curb of 9th St., N. W. Captain John W. Trotter shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. at 10:00 A.M., on Sunday, November 24, 1963 and at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 9th Precinct shall send:

3 Lieutenants 6 Sergeants 73 Privates 82

The Police Academy & Training Section shall send:

2 Sergeants 27 Privates 29

TOTAL 111

Section Six:

Procession route from the east curb of 9th Street, N. W., to the east curb of 6th Street, N. W. Captain Albert B. Clark shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 10th Precinct shall send:

2 Lieutenants	5 Sergeants	65 Privates	72
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The Police Academy & Training Section shall send:

2 Sergeants	35 Privates	37
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Section Seven:

Procession route from the east curb of 6th Street, N. W., to the east curb of 3rd Street, N. W. Captain Joseph P. Peppler shall command. The following detail shall report to him at John Marshall Place and Pennsylvania Avenue at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 6th Precinct shall send:

2 Lieutenants	4 Sergeants	70 Privates	76
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The Police Academy & Training Section shall send:

30 Privates	30
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The 2nd Precinct shall send:

1 Lieutenant	2 Sergeants	3
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TOTAL	109
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Section Eight:

Procession route from Delaware Avenue, N. E., to the east curb of 3rd Street, N. W. Captain Vernon H. Culpepper shall command. The following detail shall report to him at 1st Street and Constitution Avenue at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 14th Precinct shall send:

2 Lieutenants	4 Sergeants	50 Privates	56
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The Police Academy & Training Section shall send:

8 Privates	8
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Section Eight (Continued):

The 7th Precinct shall send:

		42 Privates	42
The Harbor Precinct shall send:			
1 Lieutenant	2 Sergeants		<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 109

Section Nine:

Capitol Grounds and procession route from north to south wall of the Capitol Grounds. Captain Boyd T. Willard shall command. The following detail shall report to him at the east front of the Capitol as indicated below:

At 8:00 A.M., Sunday and Monday, November 24 and 25, 1963:

The Canine Corps shall send:

2 Lieutenants	2 Sergeants	50 Privates	54
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The 12th Precinct shall send:

2 Sergeants	2
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At 11:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963 and as to be directed on Monday, November 25, 1963:

The 12th Precinct shall send:

2 Lieutenants	4 Sergeants	64 Privates	70
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The 11th Precinct shall send:

36 Privates	<u>36</u>
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TOTAL 162

Section Ten:

Procession route from the north curb of H St. at 17th St., N.W. to the west curb of 17th St. & Rhode Island Ave. Captain Thomas C. Sullivan shall command. The following details shall report to him at 17th & Rhode Island Ave., N.W. at 9:00 A.M., Monday, November 25, 1963:

The Harbor Precinct shall send:

1 Lieutenant	2 Sergeants	11 Privates	13
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Section Ten (Continued):

The Canine Corps shall send:

16 Privates 16

The 11th Precinct shall send:

45 Privates 45

The 1st Precinct shall send:

14 Privates 14

The Youth Aid Division shall send:

12 Privates 12

The 7th Precinct shall send:

1 Lieutenant      1 Sergeant      2 Privates      4

The Morals Division shall send:

1 Lieutenant      3 Sergeants      -      4

TOTAL 100

NOTE: ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1963, THE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF SECTION 5, 6, 7 and 8 SHALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE END OF THE FUNERAL PROCESSION HAS PASSED THROUGH THEIR SECTION; DISPATCH 25 PRIVATES IN POLICE VEHICLES TO REPORT TO DEPUTY CHIEF ALBERT L. EMBREY AT 17TH AND RHODE ISLAND AVE., N. H.

6. SECURITY:

As members of the Metropolitan Police Department you have been assigned this most important and solemn duty. The eyes of the world and our nation will be focused upon the Funeral Procession for the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. Each of us who are privileged to participate must do so in a dignified manner and shall take into consideration the deep emotional feelings of the people, some who came great distances to pay their last respects to our deceased President.

We must have patience, and tact in the handling of such people upon this most solemn and important occasion. We must conduct ourselves in a dignified manner and be ever vigilant in the performance of our duty to the end that every member of the Metropolitan Police Department is alert at all times, so as to afford security to all persons who are participating in the Funeral Procession.

7. MOTORCYCLE ESCORTS AND SPECIAL DETAILS:

The Traffic Division shall furnish the necessary motorcycle escorts and details to carry out the provisions of this order.

8. UNIFORM:

The uniform on this occasion shall be the regulation uniform of the day, unless otherwise directed. No white gloves. No batons.

9. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Section Commanders shall alternately assign police members of their commands along the route to face the center of the street and others facing the crowds at the curb. A sufficient number of police officers shall be assigned facing the center of the street for security. This does not mean that every other man shall be so assigned, but only such number deemed to be necessary for security. At least every fourth man should be facing the Funeral Procession. Section Commanders shall take over personal supervision at the most important intersection along the route that lies within their respective Section and remain there during the entire period of the passing of the procession, unless an emergency exists at some other point within their respective Section along the route of the procession or by personal direction of a superior.

Salutes to the Colors shall be given by the Commanding Officer of the Section.

Officials and members of the Force assigned along the route of the Funeral Procession shall not salute officials passing over the route. However, they shall comply with Section 9, Article III, Manual of the Metropolitan Police Department, when addressed by or reporting to a superior officer.

Section Commanders shall not relieve their details until directed to do so by the Inspectors commanding their Divisions, and shall prevent encroachment on the rear of the procession for at least five blocks after it passes.

Members of the Metropolitan Police Department Band will not be used as a musical unit on this occasion and will be available for use on other details.

The Deputy Chiefs, Inspectors and Captains on this detail shall submit reports to the Chief of Police concerning the adequateness of preparations made for this occasion, particularly stressing the number of personnel necessary to handle same. Such reports shall include any recommendations for future similar events. Section Commanders, in submitting their reports, shall channel them through the Inspector supervising their Section. These reports shall be forwarded within five (5) days after November 25, 1963.

By direction of the Chief of Police:

*Howard V. Covell*  
Howard V. Covell,  
Deputy Chief of Police,  
Executive Officer.

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