
My name is Pilar Muñoz. I am a child care worker and I hope to create my own business. I have lived in this County for more than 20 years with my husband and son.

I would like to thank the Police Advisory Committee for giving me the opportunity to share my experience regarding MCPD. I would also like to thank Carlos Camacho and Juan Jovel on the Council staff, and Bernadette Goovaerts, coordinator of the Montgomery County Police Citizen Academy for the Hispanic Community.

My car didn't work and I was driving a friend's car when I got a flat tire. My son and I went to change the wheel but it was not possible because the tool was not high enough to be able to change the tire. An officer in her patrol gear came and checked on our situation. The officer was super courteous and immediately called other patrolmen who had the tools to repair my flat tire. They did it quickly and with a smile. I have to say that the few times that I have had contact with police officers, my experience is one of cooperation and help.

In my neighborhood in Gaithersburg there is a small park where cars with Virginia plates and not from the neighborhood regularly come. The drivers play basketball for 15 minutes and leave. This situation has existed since 1999. My neighbors and I have contacted the police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. When I was participating in our police's Hispanic Community Academy about three years ago, the officers came and the situation was temporarily resolved for six months. I would like the police to come more frequently because what is happening in this park clearly indicates that drugs are being sold and no one in the neighborhood wants this to happen in order to protect our children and eliminate crime from the neighborhood.

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