

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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On January 6, 2021, a physical breach of U.S. Capitol Building security occurred during a Joint Session of Congress to certify the Electoral College vote. See Appendix A for the United States Capitol Police's (USCP or Department) official timeline of events leading up to and during the physical security breach.

In accordance with our statutory authority Public Law (P.L.) 109-55, the USCP Office of Inspector General (OIG) began a review of the events surrounding the takeover of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Our objectives for this review were to determine if the Department (1) established adequate measures for ensuring the safety and security of the Capitol Complex as well as Members of Congress, (2) established adequate internal controls and processes for ensuring compliance with Department policies, and (3) complied with applicable policies and procedures as well as applicable laws and regulations. The scope included controls, processes, and operations surrounding the security measures prior to the planned demonstrations and response during the takeover of the Capitol building. Based on ongoing work, this flash report is designed to summarize recommendations and security enhancements since January 6, 2021.

We identified the status of OIG recommendations, Task Force 1-6 recommendations applicable to USCP, and security enhancements the Department implemented that were not directly in response to OIG recommendations. As of December 7, 2021, OIG had issued eight reports as part of its review of the events surrounding the takeover of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The reports included 104 recommendations, and OIG considered 30 of those recommendations closed. OIG policy is to continue tracking and reporting on the status of all report recommendations and ensure that final actions on recommendations are taken within 6 months of the date of report issuance and follow-up on the impact of actions taken in response to recommendations.

OIG reviewed the Task Force 1-6 *Capitol Security Review*, dated March 5, 2021, and requested documentation to identify corrective measures the Department implemented in response to the report. OIG determined the status of certain corrective measures through documentation USCP provided. For certain other corrective measures, however, the Department either did not provide documentation to support its status or noted that it had not yet implemented the measures. OIG noted not all areas of the *Capitol Security Review* were applicable to the Department and some recommendations exceeded the scope of the Department.

OIG requested documentation of security enhancements or improvements made after January 6, 2021, not in response to OIG recommendations. The Department responded with a list of approximately 200 improvements, and OIG determined that 61 of the improvements were substantiated with supporting documentation. See Appendix B for the Department's response with substantiated enhancements highlighted.

This is the final report in a series of flash reports OIG is producing as part of its review of the events surrounding the takeover of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.