

New York City Police Department

Policy Proposal Pursuant to Local Law 46-2026

Addendum

I. Introduction

Pursuant to Local Law 46-2026, on July 16, 2026, the NYPD published a Policy Proposal for radio encryption. This is an addendum to that proposal.

Because this addendum contains new information, the NYPD is extending the time that it will accept comments on the proposal from August 30, 2026, to September 13, 2026.

II. Supplemental Information on Access by Professional Journalists

As described in the Policy Proposal, credentialed professional journalists will be provided with access to encrypted NYPD channels that do not regularly broadcast sensitive information. That access will be provided on a one hour delay via a digital, internet-based platform.

As further described in the Policy Proposal, members of the press holding either standard press cards or reserve press cards issued by the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment may obtain credentials to access to this platform. Any individual who has been denied access may appeal within 30 days by email to [address]. Such appeal should include a copy of the individual's application materials, the denial received, and an explanation as to why the individual believes the determination was incorrect.

III. Supplemental Documents

Attachment 1 to this addendum is the proposed Acceptable Use Policy.

Attachment 2 to this addendum is the proposed Application.

Attachment 1

Acceptable Use Policy for Access to Encrypted NYPD Radio Transmissions

This policy (“Policy”) governs access to certain encrypted NYPD radio transmissions (“Radio Transmissions”) provided to professional journalists with press cards issued by the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment (“MOME”). Failure to adhere to this Policy will result in revocation of access.

1. Radio Transmissions may only be accessed by professional journalists who have MOME standard press cards or reserve press cards. Access will not be granted based on expired MOME credentials. Any changes in employment or press credential status of a professional must be reported to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Information. Individuals who renew their MOME credentials must re-submit an application for continued access to Radio Transmissions.
2. Radio Transmissions may not be publicly streamed, re-streamed, or rebroadcast.
3. Radio Transmissions may not be used to interfere with any law enforcement operation or for any other unlawful purpose.
4. Radio Transmission may only be accessed through the platform provided by the NYPD. No code, malware, or other software may be introduced into the platform. The NYPD reserves the right to audit use of the platform.
5. Log-in credentials may only be used by the journalist to whom they are issued, and may not be shared with, or used by, anyone else. If log-in credentials have been used by another individual or have otherwise been compromised, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Information must be notified immediately.

I, _____, affirm that I understand and will abide by the above Acceptable Use Policy, and acknowledge that failure to adhere to this Policy will result in the revocation of access to Radio Transmissions.

SIGNATURE

DATE

If the journalist listed above is seeking access under the auspices of a media organization that holds a reserve press card, then the organization's representative must sign the below.

I, _____, am representing _____, holder of a reserve press card. I affirm that the journalist who signed this Acceptable Use Policy is employed by my organization and understand that his/her failure to adhere to this Policy will result in the revocation of access to Radio Transmissions.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Attachment 2

Application for Access to Encrypted NYPD Radio Transmissions

Instructions

Access to certain encrypted NYPD radio transmissions is available to professional journalists, as that term is defined in section 79-h of the New York Civil Rights Law, who have received press credentials in accordance with section 3-119.4 of the New York City Administrative Code.

To obtain access, please submit the following to [address]:

- (1) A completed copy of the form on the following page;
- (2) A copy of your Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment Standard or Reserve Press Card; and
- (3) A signed copy of the Acceptable Use Policy for Access to Encrypted NYPD Radio Transmissions.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application for Members of the Media for Access to Encrypted NYPD Radio Transmissions

Applicant's Name: _____

Organization: _____

Work Email Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check one of the following two statements and provide the information requested:

☐ I am a professional journalist seeking access to encrypted NYPD radio transmissions and have been issued a Standard Press Card.

My press card will expire on: _____

☐ I am a professional journalist seeking access to encrypted NYPD radio transmissions under the auspices of my employer's Reserve Press Card. The designated contact person for my employer is:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Work Email Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reserve Press Card expiration date: _____