

DPOB August Safety Deployment Update



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SQUEEGEE DEPLOYMENT STATEMENT- 8.9.22

The Baltimore City Police Department, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, The Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement, and We Our Us are partnering on a pilot engagement/visibility strategy leveraging multiple public safety and outreach assets to provide consistent presence along the President & Lombard Street Corridor. Our goal is to engage youth who squeegee and provide a visible public safety presence. This effort is intended to increase safety while the Mayor's Squeegee Collaboration initiative is seeking long term solutions.

DPOB CURRENT DEPLOYMENT ASSETS

Downtown Partnership runs steady deployments, listed below, but also join forces with our City Partners to adjust where needed.

Downtown Baltimore Guides (DBGs) 16 uniformed ambassadors performing business checks, assisting visitors, and providing eyes on the ground.

Monday - Sunday, 7am - 5:30pm

Private Security 8 security officers, mix of armed and unarmed guards.

Monday - Friday, 12 – 8pm

Maryland State Police 2-4 marked Maryland State Police Officers per shift.

Sunday - Thursday, 4 - 10pm Friday - Saturday, 4pm - 12am

Squeegee Deployment

This President Street pilot will run from July 27 – August 10th and will run from 9am – 6pm M – F and 10am-6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This detail is under a pilot program that includes a mix of armed and unarmed security officers, BDP, and We Our Us.

Light & Conway deployment runs from 7am-7pm.

DPOB DEPLOYMENT FOCUS AREAS

Deployment of private security assets are currently focused in the following corridors:

- 100-500 block of N. Charles Street
- Light & Conway Streets
- President & Lombard Streets
- Light Street & Baltimore & Lombard Street
- 300-600 blocks of E. Pratt Street

OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore works with public and private stakeholders to increase the safety presence in the Central Business District, helping to make all of neighbors, visitors, and employees feel safe and welcome. DPOB's safety efforts are paid for out of our Downtown Management Authority budget. Additionally, DPOB was awarded 1.5 million dollars in the State's FY23 budget to support expanded safety services.

- DPOB has been exploring the possibility of armed security for many months, following recommendations and tactics from similar cities and even other neighborhoods within Baltimore City.**
- Real crime and the perception of crime are a problem for Downtown neighborhoods, and all of Baltimore deserves a safer City.**
- Armed security guards are now being used on all DPOB deployments and areas of focus, not just gateways.**
- Our goal here is to seek solutions to systemic issues that cause crime through partnerships with non-profits, health agencies, BPD, and the Mayor's Office. In the meantime, we spend extensive efforts, nearly one third of the DMA's annual budget on safety and hospitality.**
- There has been an uptick in reports of armed assailants and crimes involving weapons. Security experts believe that the effectiveness of patrolling areas is increased when their guards are armed.**