

# Saint Paul Police Department

Community and Business Discussions  
Planning in Case of Potential Future Civil Unrest



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Trusted service with respect

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

The mission of the Saint Paul Police Department is to protect the peace and maintain public safety through trusted service with respect. Department priorities are to reduce gun and gang violence, diversify the police department at all ranks, and reach historic levels of community engagement.



# Timelines and Upcoming Events

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The trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin begins on Monday, March 8, 2021. The location will be the Hennepin County Court House, located in downtown Minneapolis.

- Jury selection
  - Trial
  - Deliberations
  - Verdict
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- Length of trial is unknown
  - Expected to draw people from across the country (and possibly around the world)
  - There will be protests, marches, and demonstrations
    - These could occur before, during and/or after the trial
    - Trial is going to be broadcast live
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- NOTE: The trial for the other former MPD officers is scheduled to start in August 2021



# Planning and Preparations

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## - Primary Focus:

- Protect free speech
  - Protect people
  - Protect property
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- *SPPD and partner agencies are committed to protecting free speech—but not at the expense of people or property*
  - *Violent behavior that is dangerous or destructive will not be tolerated*



# Planning and Preparations

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## SPPD Planning & Preparation Overview

- Staffing Models (Patrol, Investigations, Other)
  - Designed to handle 911 calls AND any possible protests/unrest
- Mobile Field Force
  - Fully mobilized throughout the proceedings
- Training with the St. Paul Fire Department and outside agencies
  - Combined training to ensure emergency response is coordinated & effective (personnel, equipment, skills, etc.)
  - How do we work together to accomplish the goal
- Communication (SPPD, Mayors Office, Non-Profits, Others)
  - Continued efforts to communicate with protest groups to promote safety and cooperation



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## SPPD Planning & Preparation Overview (continued)

- Taking steps to protect critical infrastructure:
  - Hospitals
  - Government buildings
  - Law Enforcement buildings
- You will see fences and some barriers going up around the city
  - More officers can be dedicated to response, rather than building security



# Planning and Preparations

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SPPD is part of East Metro Response Group

- Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Dakota County Sheriff's Office
- MN State Patrol
- St. Paul Fire Department
- St. Paul Emergency Management
- MN National Guard
  - (approximately 1,000 assigned to Saint Paul)

Operation Safety Net is a parallel planning process in the West Metro

- Minneapolis Police Department
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
- MN State Patrol
- Metro Transit Police
- MN National Guard
- And others...

Both the East Metro Response Group & Operation Safety Net are working together to ensure a unified metro response



# Protecting Your Business

## Be Proactive:

- Create/update emergency & security plans
- Evaluate security measures
  - Interior/exterior lighting
  - Security systems, to include cameras
  - Windows/Doors – consider laminate and/or boarding
  - Remove/Secure loose items around property

## Stay Vigilant:

- Report suspicious/criminal behavior
  - Note suspect and/or vehicle descriptions as well as behavior
  - Report suspicious vehicles without license plates
    - 651-291-1111 (non-emergency)
    - 911 (emergency)
- Share evidence of crimes (e.g. video)
- Watch out for neighboring businesses

## Protecting Your Business During Civil Unrest

*Plan. Prepare. Partner with the SPPD.*

**B**usinesses may face increased risks during periods of civil unrest. It's possible that the safety and operations of your business could be disrupted. The Saint Paul Police Department is committed to protecting people and property during unrest—and we need your help. Here are 12 actions you can take to mitigate the risk to your business.

### PLAN

- Make sure employees are familiar with your emergency and security plans
- Make sure employee contact information is up to date
- Install uniform interior and exterior lighting
- Install laminated glass or security film to windows and glass doors
- Install security cameras and train employees on how to use them

### PREPARE

- Follow mainstream and social media (@sppdmn) for news about anticipated disruptions
- Remain alert for unusual activity and consider removing and/or limiting inventory
- Consider boarding up windows and doors if you deem it's the best interest of your business
- Remove loose items (garbage cans, landscape materials) from parking lots and around building
- Reserve employee parking near the building entrance

### PARTNER WITH THE SPPD

- Stay connected with your SPPD District
  - Western District: Sr. Cmdr. Joshua Lego – 651-266-5622 or [Joshua.lego@stpaul.gov](mailto:Joshua.lego@stpaul.gov)
  - Central District: Sr. Cmdr. Jeremy Ellison – 651-266-5457 or [Jeremy.ellison@stpaul.gov](mailto:Jeremy.ellison@stpaul.gov)
  - Eastern District: Sr. Cmdr. Kurt Hallstrom – 651-266-5929 or [Kurt.Hallstrom@stpaul.gov](mailto:Kurt.Hallstrom@stpaul.gov)
- Contact the SPPD Crime Prevention Unit to schedule a free premises security survey
  - Sagal Abdirahman – 651-266-5994 or [Sagal.Abdirahman@stpaul.gov](mailto:Sagal.Abdirahman@stpaul.gov)
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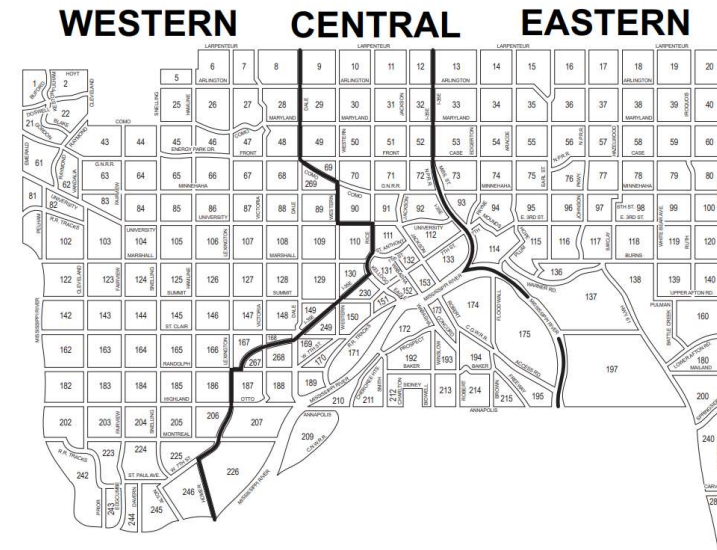




# Partnership Opportunities

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- Contact SPPD Crime Prevention Unit for extra information: to include potential site visits & Premise Surveys / Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
  - Commander Pamela Barragan
  - Phone: 651.266.5849
- Watch SPPD social media platforms for live updates and information on upcoming events
  - Twitter: @sppdmn
  - Facebook: Saint Paul Police Department
- Watch Operation Safety Net social media platforms
- Attend future district community meetings
  - Dates and times can be found on SPPD social media platforms
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# Central District

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- Thank you!
- Questions?
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  - Desk: 651-266-5457

