



THE PUBLIC PROTECTION DETAIL (PPD)

The Public Protection Detail (PPD) represents a shift in how district chiefs will manage peaceful demonstrations within their area of operations in the City of Buffalo. The PPD will be comprised of district chiefs, their designees, personnel from the City Law Department, and City community liaisons. The detail's mission will be to proactively work with demonstration organizers so that residents' rights to free expression and assembly are protected while also ensuring broader community and officer safety. The goal is to treat peaceful demonstrations like another community engagement opportunity, allowing officers to facilitate these activities, build relationships within the community, and decrease the likelihood of confrontational scenarios. This approach will also help officers assigned to demonstrations to be able to more easily identify disruptive elements who are only present to endanger the safety of other demonstrators, non-participating residents, and property.

Organizers will be able to contact the PPD in advance of their demonstration by emailing PPD@bpdny.org or calling 716-851-5909. They will be contacted by one of the detail's members. The detail point of contact will be able to answer questions, identify who else from the detail needs to be involved, help with the organizers' safety planning activities to the amount desired and practicable, and provide guidance that will help ensure a secure event for participants, other residents, and officers.

The PPD will never do anything to prohibit or undermine the exercise of an individual or group's right to peaceful speech, expression, or assembly. Individuals who feel that their rights have been violated during these demonstrations by a member of the Buffalo Police Department are encouraged to file an Internal Affairs Division complaint form and make it to the attention of Deputy Police Commissioner Barbara Lark.