

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  GENERAL ORDER	SUBJECT: DIGNITARY PROTECTION		NUMBER: 524
	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 9, 2023	REVIEW: January, 2026	
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU			<input type="checkbox"/> New Directive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replaces: 520.6 <input type="checkbox"/> Revised:
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline guidelines and procedures for officers assigned to dignitary protection details.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) to provide appropriate levels of security for all dignitaries potentially at risk of harm or violence. This includes the safeguarding of life, property, and taking any required precautions for dignitaries who conduct business, reside in, or travel through Fairfax County.

III. GENERAL PROCEDURES

A. **Dignitary Security Requests:** Requests for dignitary protection details shall be referred as soon as possible to the Operations Support Bureau (OSB) Commander via telephone or written communication.

B. **OSB Commander Responsibilities:** Where dignitary protection is requested, the OSB Commander shall be responsible for the following:

1. Provide an initial assessment of the request, determine whether protection shall be provided and to what extent, and provide a timely response to the requesting individual.
2. Where protection is to be provided, the OSB Commander shall direct the Special Operations Division (SOD) Commander to prepare, with assistance from SWAT team members, advanced security procedures and directives.
3. Establish telephone contact with the dignitary's representative(s) and arrange for an in-person meeting as needed. The purpose of this meeting should be

to determine the dignitary's itinerary, level of needed protection, as well as identify other individuals who might accompany the dignitary. The OSB Commander should also determine what protective measures (if any) are being provided by other involved agencies and specifically define the responsibilities of any Departmental unit involved in the protection plan.

4. Evaluate all intelligence information pertaining to threats against the dignitary and ensure that the information is coordinated through the Regional Intelligence Center (RIC).
5. Identify emergency first aid units and nearby medical facilities.
6. Ensure all notifications are made and, if needed, establish a command post to be used by the detail commander and serve as a central location for communications staging, briefings, and other security detail logistics.
7. Obtain direct approval from the Chief of Police or their designee to utilize Department resources and personnel for the dignitary protection detail.

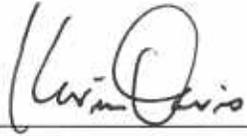
C. **SWAT Team Responsibilities:** SWAT team members assigned to the security detail shall be responsible for the following:

1. All members shall be capable of responding at any time during their assignment, and shall have primary responsibility for close proximity protective measures whenever the dignitary is traveling on foot or in a motor vehicle/motorcade.
2. Coordinating all planning and action through the SOD Commander or their designee and reconnoitering travel routes and plan alternatives as needed.
3. Determine needed equipment, to include vehicles, weapons, and use of body arm for security personnel and the dignitary.
4. Establish an identification designation for SWAT personnel (e.g. lapel pins).

This General Order becomes effective on the above date and rescinds all previous rules and regulations pertaining to the subject.

ISSUED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Chief of Police



County Executive