

Cobb County Police Department

Policy 4.13

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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The words "he, his, him," which may appear in this policy, are used generically for clarity and ease of reading. These terms are not meant to imply gender and relate to all employees of the Department.	

Certain individuals by virtue of their position, status, or situation may be considered more susceptible to harm than the average citizen. These individuals may be referred to as VIP's.

I. POLICY

The Cobb County Police Department will provide protective services to those individuals when identified as being in need of these services. The Special Operations Commander has the overall responsibility for the coordination and supervision of the protective services detail.

II. PLANNING

In order to facilitate adequate preparation for the protective services detail, advance notification and a pre-operational plan are essential. As necessary, the pre-operational plan should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Consultation with local, state, and federal intelligence sources to identify known or suspected persons within our jurisdiction who might pose a threat to a VIP. The protective services detail should also coordinate with, and utilize as necessary, the MCS Intelligence Unit and its resources.
- B. Liaison with other law enforcement agencies who may become involved in the detail, or are in control of the detail, to coordinate VIP itinerary.
- C. Designation and reconnoitering of primary and alternate motor routes.
- D. Surveys of buildings and concealment sites along the motor routes and at the destination (if within the county).
- E. Notification to the Fire Department and EMS of the impending VIP visit for emergency medical response. Unless otherwise designated by the VIP's security detail, either Kennestone Hospital or Promina Cobb General Hospital should be designated as the primary emergency medical receiving point. Depending upon the threat level assessed, an advance survey may need to be conducted and a liaison established with hospital officials.

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- F.** Methods of identifying non-uniform detail members with all participating agencies.
- G.** Coordination of special vehicle requirements.

III. OPERATIONS

- A.** Personnel and units within the Department will be briefed and utilized as needed.
- B.** All officers assigned to the protective services detail will wear body armor. Body armor for the VIP will be available for use as deemed necessary or at their request.
- C.** All Department personnel assigned to the protective detail should be equipped with radios and a radio channel should be designated for use.
- D.** Officers assigned to close security should wear concealed firearms if in civilian clothes.
- E.** Unless otherwise determined by the VIP's security detail, the SWAT Team should consider deployment of counter-sniper teams at strategic vantage points.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

At the conclusion of the protective services detail, the Special Operations Commander, or his designee, shall review the overall event. All pre-operational plans will be submitted with the Unit Monthly Report (unless the detail was for a Presidential or Vice-Presidential security operation). Additionally, any issues that need to be addressed shall be submitted with the Unit Monthly Report. These issues may include but are not limited to:

- Any equipment issues
- Adequacy of manpower deployed for the event
- Any training issues