

Thomas Britt

From: Chief Al Sibert
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Thomas Britt
Cc: Roberto Gonzalez
Subject: Questions Regarding Places of Worship Security Security and Traffic

Thomas,

In response to your question about off-duty Haymarket PD Officers assisting with places of worship, ie. Security and traffic.

The Haymarket Police Department currently assist the Haymarket Baptist Church. This is the only religious entity to request our assistance in town.

Each Sunday, we staff the church with one officer from 9am to 12pm. During this time, the officer will maintain a preventive presence while services are being conducted. Upon completion of services, the officer will assist with traffic control by helping vehicles exit the parking lot onto Washington Street.

The church pays the officer's salary for his time.

Due to the distance that most of our officers live from the department, there is currently only one officer that signs up for the detail. Although we attempt to cover every Sunday, sometimes we are not able to do so. On the days we are not able to cover, we enhance our on-duty officer's patrol pattern to have a heavier presence in the area. Since that officer is answering calls and conducting preventive patrol throughout town, he is not able to help with traffic.

If a second or third place of worship requested the same service, it is highly unlikely that we would be able to accommodate.

Please let me know if you need further information or assistance. Always willing to help. Merry Christmas!

Thanks, Big Al



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