JHPD Town Hall / Community Forum

09.22.2022 Homewood / Peabody
09.29.2022 East Baltimore
09.30.2022 Virtual
Overview of the Town Hall
The purpose of today’s town hall is to get community feedback on the draft proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).
What is the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BPD and JHU?

This MOU is a written agreement between BPD and JHU that explains how the two entities will work together. Topics covered in this MOU include: police jurisdiction, arrests, warrants, investigations, hiring, and compensation for costs.

Do all university police departments have one?

Yes, MOUs are standard for all university police departments. However, this draft MOU between JHU and BPD is unique in that it is being shared for public review and feedback.

Is this our only opportunity to provide feedback on the JHPD?

No. There will be future and ongoing opportunities for the public to share feedback and stay engaged around the JHPD implementation. For more information, please visit our website at publicsafety.jhu.edu/MOUfeedback.
Structure of Town Hall

Remarks from Commissioner Harrison
Remarks from V.P. Branville Bard
Overview of the MOU
Q&A / Discussion
Closing Remarks
Feedback Process

Three Town Halls - September 22, 29, 30

Comment portal available at publicsafety.jhu.edu/MOUfeedback

Email feedback to publicsafetyfeedback@jhu.edu.

All feedback will be compiled into a report and shared online at publicsafety.jhu.edu/MOUfeedback.

Final MOU will be posted online at publicsafety.jhu.edu/MOUfeedback.
Participants

» **Moderator**, Kera Ritter, The Ritter Group, President

» **Johns Hopkins University**, Dr. Branville Bard, Vice President of Public Safety; Rodney Hill, Senior Advisor

» **Baltimore Police Department**, Eric Melancon, Deputy Commissioner of Compliance

» **Breakout Group Facilitator**, Erricka Bridgeford, Executive Director, Baltimore Community Mediation
Overview of JHPS
Overview of the Draft MOU
Jurisdiction of the JHPD

The JHPD jurisdictional boundaries will be limited to the Homewood, Peabody, and East Baltimore “campus area.” “Campus area” is defined in state law as property that is:

- owned, leased, operated by or under the control of the University;
- located within specific boundaries (listed in the Act) on the Homewood, East Baltimore and Peabody campuses; and
- used for educational or institutional purposes.

Campus area includes public property immediately adjacent to the campus, including: (i) a sidewalk, a street, or any other thoroughfare; and (ii) a parking facility.

Any expansion of those boundaries into neighboring communities will first require a new executed MOU with the BPD and majority community agreement as certified by the Baltimore City Council.
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JHPD’s jurisdiction is defined by the CSSA legislation and is limited to Hopkins property within the boundaries used for educational purposes. The JHPD campus area jurisdiction may include a street, sidewalk, or parking facility, immediately adjacent to the campus. Otherwise JHPD may patrol an area adjacent to the campus/GREEN only with the following:

1. Authorization from BPD
2. Agreement from the community and
3. Approval from the Baltimore City Council

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Responsibilities of the JHPD

- The JHPD will have the primary responsibility of patrolling Johns Hopkins’ buildings and property within the campus area.
- The JHPD will serve as the first responder to all routine, non-emergency, and emergency calls for service within the campus area.
- JHPD police officers must wear and use body-worn cameras.
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Primary responsibility for arrests and investigations after the immediate response to calls:

- the BPD will be lead for investigations and arrests for more serious offenses (such as homicide, human trafficking, rape, kidnapping, and car accidents resulting in death or serious bodily harm). This includes any crimes that requires investigation by BPD’s Crime Lab, Homicide Division, or involves a sex offense;
- the JHPD will be lead for investigations and arrests for burglary, car theft, and other less serious crimes.
The JHPD will have access to the BPD District facilities for the processing of prisoners, or the issuance of criminal citations. When JHPD officers affect an arrest, they must:

- prepare an official police report;
- maintain custody of any prisoner brought into a BPD facility;
- prepare all charging documents for arrests, unless BPD is taking over the investigation;
- transport and guard any arrestees of the JHPD who requires medical attention or mental evaluation prior to the booking process to a medical facility;
- develop policies and protocols around prisoner transport; and
- fund prisoner transport for those individuals who JHPD officers have arrested.

Central Intake and Booking Center (“CBIF”) is responsible for addressing any medical needs of arrestees while they are detained and is responsible for their personal property.
Warrants

The JHPD may obtain and execute warrants.

Warrants for service outside the campus area must be submitted to BPD for service.

The JHPD may execute a warrant outside of campus area, as long as the police agency for that jurisdiction has been notified and makes the arrest.

The BPD will be the lead agency in any unusual situation such as a barricade or hostage situation within the campus area.
Evidence / Crime Lab

- Evidence collected from crime scenes by JHPD or BPD will be maintained at the BPD Evidence Control Unit.
- Stolen vehicles will be impounded and stored at a BPD/Baltimore City Impound Lot.
The JHPD must:

» adopt policies and practices that comply with the Consent Decree on stops, searches and arrests, use of force, and fair and impartial policing;

» comply with extensive state-mandated reporting requirements, including reporting on: use of force incidents, officer-involved deaths and shootings, traffic stops, officer recruitment, department size and funding, arrests, complaints, use of surveillance technologies, officer discipline and demographic data on the JHPD security workforce.
Coordination Between JHPD and BPD

**Information-Sharing**

- Each Party must notify the other in the case of the execution of search and seizure warrants or any barricade situation, hostage situation, or unusual occurrences within the Campus Area.

- The JHPD search and seizure warrants must go through BPD’s de-confliction process,

- The BPD must provide access to statistical information, records, and reports for investigations, crime analysis, identifying trends and patterns, and statutory and/or regulatory reporting requirements.

- The JHPD must submit to the BPD incident reports and reports on all criminal offenses that occur in the campus area.

- The JHPD will have access to the Baltimore City Emergency Communications Center’s Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

**Communication**

- BPD and the JHPD are required to protect and limit the use and dissemination of sensitive, personal, and personnel information.
JHU and the JHPD will not directly solicit BPD sworn officers for employment with the JHPD.

The University and the JHPD will not hire more than five (5) BPD sworn officers per year. The annual cap on hiring BPD sworn officers does not apply to former BPD personnel that have been gone from the BPD for at least 6 months.
Costs

The JHPD will compensate the BPD for any other additional JHPD-related costs and expenses, including (but not limited to) costs for training, technology, and access to crime lab.

The University and the BPD will each cover costs (including attorney’s fees and costs, awards, judgments, damages, fines, penalties, and claims) related to the actions of their officers and personnel.
What Cannot Change?

Certain elements of the JHPD are set in state law and cannot be changed through this MOU process. Those include:

- Campus area jurisdictional boundaries
- Definition of a University Police Officer
- Use of Body-Worn Cameras
- JHPD Reporting Requirements
Q&A / Discussion
Next Steps
Next Steps

Upcoming town hall

➤ Livestreams available at publicsafety.jhu.edu/VirtualEvents

Summary of Feedback

➤ Report compiling feedback will be published on publicsafety.jhu.edu/MOUfeedback

Contact Us / Share Feedback

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Frequently Asked Questions

➤ We will be updating the FAQ pages on an ongoing basis. Please visit FAQs on publicsafety.jhu.edu to see responses to questions.