



TOWN OF BOONSBORO

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Residents of Boonsboro,

As your elected representatives, we are committed to ensuring the safety and security of our community. To this end, we are publishing this statement to provide clarification for the important development regarding law enforcement in our Town.

In light of the recent passing of Chief Morgan and staffing shortages within the Boonsboro Police Department, we have taken proactive measures to enhance our public safety efforts. We are pleased to announce that we have contracted a reputable security company (MTAC, Inc.) to assist and supplement our Police force during this challenging period.

It is important to note that this program is being funded under the Public Safety Budget and is being implemented at a significantly lower cost to residents than hiring additional sworn law enforcement officers would entail. While the Police Department is still actively recruiting Officers, the purpose of contracting Security Officers is to bridge the gap between the Town's current staffing level and the authorized staffing level provided by the Public Safety Budget.

These Security Officers will be patrolling our Town with the explicit purpose of serving as an additional set of vigilant eyes and ears for our community. While they will not be responsible for traffic enforcement, they may provide traffic direction as needed or as directed by the Town Mayor and Council and Police Department. Importantly, they will not have the authority to make arrests, nor will they be conducting investigations. The primary objective of these Security Officers is to observe and report any suspicious activity, act as a visible deterrent against crime, and support our Boonsboro Police Department Officers as requested. We assure you that they will operate strictly within the confines of the law and their designated responsibilities.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding as we integrate these supplemental security measures into our community. We encourage you to treat these men and women with the respect they deserve, recognizing the important role they play in bolstering our Town's safety.

Your feedback, whether positive or negative, is invaluable to us. We urge you to direct any comments or concerns regarding this initiative directly to the Town Council. Your input will help us continually assess and refine our approach to maintaining a secure and harmonious environment for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your ongoing support as we work together to safeguard our wonderful Town of Boonsboro.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Long
Mayor of Boonsboro