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Operation Safety Net Update

April 2, 2021

Operation Safety Net is a coordinated effort to ensure the safety of the public during the trial of Derek Chauvin. The organizations participating in Operation Safety Net are committed to protecting people, property, and freedom of speech.

STATUS

- No identified specific or credible threats reported for Minnesota.
- Approximately 200 service members from the Minnesota National Guard are deployed in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. As part of Operation Safety Net, the National Guard is helping to ensure the security of critical infrastructure and safeguarding the integrity of the judicial process.

OSN SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- We are thankful for Bishop Richard Howell’s leadership and insight as we keep our community safe while allowing people to express their First Amendment rights. We will continue to meet with faith leaders in the Twin Cities as Derek Chauvin’s trial continues. [#MNOSN](#) [#ChauvinTrial](#)
- We have been getting questions about the best number to call to report suspicious activity or an emergency. • 911: Life safety emergencies requiring police, fire or EMS. • 612-673-5335: Tips to [@MinneapolisPD](#) about suspicious activity not requiring an immediate response. [#MNOSN](#)
- Thousands of people rely on public transportation each day. Their livelihoods depend on it. [@MetroTransitMN](#) Police Chief Eddie Frizell asks demonstrators not to block transit platforms. [#MNOSN](#) [#OperationSafetyNet](#) [#ChauvinTrial](#)

COMMON QUESTIONS

- **Why this level of security?**
 - Extremist groups may view the trial as an opportunity to do harm. Threats could include individuals with a radicalized ideology intent on disrupting the trial or seizing an opportunity to do harm. This level of security is necessary to ensure the trial can occur and that those who gather are safe.

- **Is this level of security planning happening because law enforcement thinks the public will be unhappy with the verdict?**
 - Keeping the public safe during all phases of the trial is critical, as is ensuring the justice system can do its job. The court, prosecutors, and defense attorneys will argue this case, and ultimately jurors will decide the guilt or innocence of the defendant. Making sure that the trial can be carried out safely and without interruption is part of securing justice.

MEDIA BRIEFING

Messages from the March 29 OSN media briefing:

- "We want to say thank you. Again," **Minneapolis PD Chief Medaria Arradondo** says to people demonstrating in the Twin Cities as the Chauvin Trial begins today. No reports of arrests or property damage, chief says.
- The trial has gone smoothly, **Hennepin Sheriff David Hutchinson** said. He adds that he and his deputies known emotions will be running high. "We want to make sure this trial goes as peacefully as it can," he said. "We invite protests," Hennepin Sheriff Hutchinson says. "But let our deputies do their jobs."
- The blocking of transit lines is problematic, says **Metro Transit Police Chief Eddie Frizell**. The chief asks protesters to refrain from blocking transit ways. "Individuals still need to get from point A to point B on a daily basis."
- Approximately 200 National Guard soldiers are currently activated to support Operation Safety Net during the #Chauvin Trial, **Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke** says, adding that 100 were added this week in St. Paul to support law enforcement there.
- **Col. Matt Langer** explains that public safety officials are working together under a unified command.
- **Commissioner Harrington** says he continues to meet with community and faith leaders. "We believe policing is best done when we do it with the community as partners."
- "The faith community is a strong believer in Operation Safety Net," **Bishop Richard Howell** of Shiloh Temple International Ministries. "We stand behind this organization because this is our community."
- "Everyone has the right to exercise their First Amendment rights. But listen closely: We also want our city to be safe and protected," says **Bishop Richard Howell**, Shiloh Temple International Ministries.
- Media briefings are available on the [OSN YouTube channel](#).

NEWS RELEASES

The following news release was issued by OSN for the MPD.

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE ANNOUNCE NEW TIP LINE FOR NON-EMERGENCIES

March 31, 2021(MINNEAPOLIS) In our ongoing efforts to better serve the community, the Minneapolis Police Department has launched a new phone number for people to share information about suspicious activity that does not require an immediate response. The number to call to provide a tip is **612-673-5335**. People with an emergency should continue to call 911.

[Read the full release on the OSN website.](#)

INFORMATION RESOURCES

Operation Safety Net

- For links to more information visit [OSN Community Resources web page](#).

City of Minneapolis Trial-Related Information

- <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>

City of Saint Paul Trial-Related Information

- <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/emergency-management/chauvin-trial-information>

Hennepin County

- [News: Government Center services to be relocated during Chauvin trial; pandemic service changes continue \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

Ramsey County

- Schedule of upcoming virtual and in-person healing spaces
<https://www.ramseycounty.us/content/community-healing-circles-scheduled-support-health-and-wellbeing>

Metro Transit

- Subscribe to Metro Transit Rider Alerts <https://www.metrotransit.org/rider-alerts>
- Follow Metro Transit on Facebook and Twitter @MetroTransitMN
- In the case of major, ongoing disruptions, information will be posted on the website, <https://www.metrotransit.org/former-officer-trials>

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