



2026 DOWNTOWN RESPONSE PLAN

*Enhancing Public Safety
and Quality of Life in our
Downtown*



Downtown Response Plan: Strategies

Enforcement

Education (and
Engagement)

Environment



Enforcement

- Utilization of various department personnel to provide extra attention in focus areas
- Employ use of new ordinance(s) as appropriate
- Leverage data and monitor trends to effectively allocate resources



Education

- One-on-one meetings with stakeholders
- Town Halls
- Educational materials
- Increased engagement with our business community, service providers, and residents
 - Educate Businesses, Providers, Residents



Environment

- Improved camera systems at Town Square
- Monitoring other areas
 - Review signage, lighting etc.
- On-going assessment



General Timeline

Mid Feb. 2026	Develop Townsquare camera system protocol
Late Feb. 2026	Internal messaging to patrol personnel regarding response guidance
March 1, 2026 (date to shift dependent on weather and activity)	Operation plan initiates
March 1, 2026	Focus on education for external stakeholders begins
Mid March, 2026	First Community Meeting and Media outreach
March 20, 2026	Education period ends, Enforcement period begins*
June 1, 2026	Additional officers deploy (as resources allow)
Throughout process	Service Provider Liaison Outreach
Throughout process	Weekly/Bi-weekly meetings with internal participants and command staff
Throughout process	Overtime determined based on operational needs in response to observed/reported activity



COPS Grant Update

- Grant provides funding for officers 99, 100, and 101
- GFPD is at 95 officers as of 2/16/26
- There is a hiring process currently underway
- There will likely be at least 1-2 more hiring processes in 2026