



INTERCOLLEGIATE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

Atlanta is host to thousands of college and university students, who live, learn and play on campuses and in our surrounding communities. In recent months, increased crime and violence has been noted around the city, particularly at the Atlanta University Center, Georgia Tech and Georgia State. The tragic death of a Spelman student, the shooting of a Clark Atlanta University student, muggings at Georgia Tech and the return of students to downtown and around the city necessitates a strong and coordinated response from the City of Atlanta.

It is incumbent upon the next mayor to propose and implement a public safety plan that recognizes the unique challenges of securing college campuses in the heart of urban areas. Our colleges and universities are jewels of the city and must be secured through cooperation between the Atlanta Police Department, the campus police and through active on-going engagement with the Mayor's office.

As Mayor, I will take the following steps to secure the colleges and universities of Atlanta:

- Oversight: Establish an Intercollegiate Public Safety Council (IPSC) comprised of the presidents of all city colleges and universities and their public safety heads, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the IPS liaison and the sheriffs of the affected counties (or their designees), the presidents of the student government associations. **Cost: None.**
- Communication: Direct the Chief of Police to create a Intercollegiate Public Safety liaison who reports directly the chief and works with the zone commanders for each zone where a college or university is located. **Cost: None.**
- Coordination: Coordinate with each school to establish a public safety plan that is reviewed annually by the Chief of Police and the sheriffs of Fulton and DeKalb counties to ensure that the schools can fully access local and state resources. **Cost: None.**
- Security: Expedite all abandonment and condemnation procedures for schools in high-risk areas, such as Clark Atlanta University. **Cost: None.**
- Streamlining: Introduce legislation on behalf of the Atlanta University Center to recognize the college and university police systems as a single unit for the purposes of cross-jurisdictional patrol. **Cost: None.**
- Supporting: Support POST certification of all public safety officers on college and university campuses, including offering appropriate training through the City's police academy. **Cost: \$50,000 to \$100,000.**