



## General Order T-5

Subject <b>CITYWIDE SECURITY ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION PLAN</b>		
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### POLICY

It is the policy of the Baltimore Police Department to activate and deploy departmental resources in response to threats or incidents in an orderly, effective and comprehensive manner, consistent with the Alert Status levels established in this Order.

### PURPOSE

The Citywide Security Assessment and Emergency Mobilization Plan is a guide to responding to potentially large-scale threats to life and property or to actual occurrences. The Plan will ensure an effective, comprehensive and appropriate response by all members of the Department to various threats or incidents. The purpose of this Order is to define the four Alert Status levels contained within the Plan.

### ALERT STATUS LEVELS

The Alert Status level shall be determined by the Emergency Security Assessment Committee (ESAC) consistent with the prevailing threat. ESAC consists of the Police Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Chief, Patrol Division, and Chief, Criminal Investigation Division. An Alert Status level may be activated or changed by any member of ESAC or, after conferral with any Committee member, by the Night Commander. ESAC shall review intelligence and determine whether the current Alert Status level should be maintained, elevated or terminated. The Alert Status levels are:

#### **ALPHA - Condition Normal: No known threat to the public.**

This is the condition under which the Department operates most of the time. Normal training and attention to conditions exist. It is at this level that the Department establishes a working network of private and public community contacts, collates and prioritizes information regarding sensitive locations, and conducts regular and specialized training so that we are prepared to address incidents which may occur, prompting declaration of any of the other three alert levels.

#### **BRAVO - Condition of Awareness: A possibility of a threat to the safety of the public exists because of local, regional, national or world conditions. All personnel are directed to remain aware and observant.**

It is at this level that community/intelligence outreach begins to increase and becomes more specialized, resources that may be required at higher alert levels are identified and training becomes more topical.

**CHARLIE - Condition of Heightened Alert:** An actual threat has been detected or an event or situation has occurred which has potential for threatening public safety, or the high potential for a threat is perceived by a competent authority. Personnel are directed to take specific steps to safeguard lives and property pursuant to predetermined citywide plans.

This is primarily an “action” level. Plans, resources and contacts, which were identified in the earlier alert status levels, are implemented on a need basis. Personnel may be redeployed, tours of duty adjusted and leaves cancelled. The Headquarters Command Center may be activated. Response will be implemented appropriate to conditions.

**DELTA - Condition of Highest Alert:** An event has occurred within the City that has threatened or currently threatens lives and property, or an extraordinary local, regional, national or world event has occurred that requires the Department to initiate its highest level of security. All personnel are directed to take specific, extraordinary steps to safeguard lives and property pursuant to predetermined citywide plans.

At this level, all possible resources and manpower are utilized to address a large-scale disaster or a highly volatile incident and/or to prevent further disorder and unnecessary alarm. It is noted that some areas of the City may remain in a lesser alert status even as an incident occurs which demands the resources of a Delta alert. The Headquarters Command Center may be operational during this alert status.

### **REQUIRED ACTION**

All members of the Department shall become familiar with the four Alert Status levels associated with this Order.

### **COMMUNICATION OF POLICY**

Supervisors shall be responsible for communication of this directive to their subordinates and to ensure compliance. This directive is effective on the date of publication and is to be read at 5 consecutive roll calls and posted on Departmental Bulletin Boards.

**NOTE:** This Order will supersede all current departmental procedures or any portion thereof addressing similar Citywide Security Assessment Plan related issues.

***By Order Of Edward T. Norris Police Commissioner***