



Policy 2102

Subject

CASINO ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

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By Order of the Police Commissioner

POLICY

It is the policy of the Baltimore Police Department that sworn members working in the Casino Entertainment District (CED), whether assigned or working in an overtime capacity, adhere to the guidelines set forth.

GENERAL

The CED is a unit which was created in August of 2014 for the specific purpose of policing in and around the Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore City. The unit is funded by the Baltimore Casino Local Development Council (LDC), which was established to ensure that casino funds are being utilized to benefit the surrounding communities and ensuring the safety of all residents, businesses, and tourists.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that sworn members are aware of how to properly handle incidents occurring within the CED, as well as, how to properly conduct oneself on and off duty at the Horseshoe Casino.

REQUIRED ACTION

Member

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this Policy and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.
2. Maintain a highly visible uniform presence within the Horseshoe Casino footprint/perimeter.
3. Refrain from any unnecessary congregation as defined in Policy 313, *Limited Presence in Public Locations*, to include dining in the Horseshoe Casino's public restaurants while in uniform.
4. Members shall not enter the gaming area of the Horseshoe Casino Baltimore except in response to a call for police service through Communications, request by the security staff, an investigation, official patrol duties, or any exigent law enforcement purpose.
5. Members shall be in strict compliance with established uniform guidelines. Uniforms and personal appearance standards will be maintained at the highest level in accordance with Policy

1504, *Departmental Uniforms and Equipment* and Policy 312, *Professional Appearance Standards*.

6. Members shall not enter employee areas of the casino, including the employee cafeteria, except in response to calls for service.
7. Members of the CED shall not, under any circumstances, engage in gaming activity while on-duty, nor engage in any gaming activity at the Horseshoe Casino Baltimore while off-duty.
8. Members will write, on the top line of all BPD Incident Reports initiated in the casino, "Casino Related Incident".
9. Any complaints pertaining to the Horseshoe Casino's personnel/operations will be directed to the Casino's management staff and will not be addressed by departmental members.
10. Immediately notify a CED supervisor when an arrest is imminent. See attached appendixes for the handling of specific calls for service.
11. Members shall not solicit or receive compensation, rewards, gifts, or other consideration as defined in Policy 302 *Rules and Regulations*, Section 30.
12. Upon being involved in a "Use of Force" incident or a situation which requires the immediate involvement of a permanently ranked supervisor, immediately notify:
 - 12.1. On-duty CED supervisor and/or Officer in Charge (OIC);
 - 12.2. Southern District Sector Supervisor and/or OIC; and
 - 12.3. Southern District Shift Commander.

Sergeant / OIC

13. Ensure compliance with this policy.
14. Monitor the patrol activities of all members under your supervision.
15. Respond to all significant calls for service and any incident where an arrest is imminent. Ensure that sufficient personnel are present prior to the arrest.
16. Immediately notify the CED Lieutenant (If off-duty, by phone) when any of the below occur within the defined boundaries:
 - 16.1. Homicide
 - 16.2. Non-fatal Shooting
 - 16.3. Suspicious Death
 - 16.4. Rape

- 16.5. Sexual Assault
- 16.6. Robbery (armed or unarmed)
- 16.7. Commercial Burglary
- 16.8. Serious Assault
- 16.9. Serious Theft
- 16.10. Incident involving Casino security (victim or suspect)
- 16.11. Incident Involving BPD Members
- 16.12. Incident Involving VIPs
- 16.13. Child Abuse
- 16.14. Unattended Children
- 16.15. Any Other Newsworthy Incident
17. Immediately notify the CED Lieutenant, Watch Center and Southern District Commander when any of the following occur within the footprint and established boundaries of the Casino Entertainment District:
 - 17.1. Any situation deemed newsworthy in nature, such as but not limited to the arrest of a City employee, politician, celebrity, etc.;
 - 17.2. Any incident/situation that, in your judgment, is deemed extraordinary in nature;
 - 17.3. Violent Crime;
 - 17.4. Multiple related property crimes; and
 - 17.5. Larger than normal crowds.
18. When circumstances warrant, request additional units and coordinate with the Watch Center. Between the hours of 1900-0300 hours notify the Duty Officer.
19. Utilize the Department's "Response Guide for Critical Incidents" for applicable incidents. Do not hesitate to request assistance.
20. Review and inspect all incident reports for legibility, completeness and accuracy.
21. Ensure that all incident reports are submitted to the Southern District on a daily basis.

Detective

22. Conduct follow-up investigations on all major crimes committed within the designated boundaries.
23. Stay in contact with Crimes Against Persons Division (CAPD) about all ongoing investigations and their status.
24. Report directly to CED supervisors.
25. Assist outside agencies with investigations that have connections to the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

Lieutenant

26. Ensure compliance with this policy.
27. Monitor the activities of the Sergeants / OICs and ensure they are holding their officers accountable.
28. Respond to all noteworthy and significant situations within the designated boundaries while on duty.
29. Remain in contact with the Southern District Commanding Officer for direction and guidance.
30. When conditions warrant, request additional personnel to assist CED personnel.
31. Oversee the accurate and timely completion of administrative duties of the CED, including:
 - 31.1. Staffing levels;
 - 31.2. Officer leave;
 - 31.3. Officer training;
 - 31.4. Scheduling and monitoring of back-fill overtime;
 - 31.5. Vehicle maintenance; and
 - 31.6. Resource management.
32. Serve as the liaison between the BPD and Mayor's Office of Economic Development as it pertains to LDC funds and public safety.
33. Develop and maintain a good working relationship with community leaders in the LDC impacted areas.
34. Monitor and immediately address crime trends and patterns within the designated boundaries.
35. Supervise the assigned CED detectives and ensure needed resources are available.

Commanding Officer, Southern District

36. When requested respond and provide supervisory oversight for the CED.
37. When conditions warrant, assign additional personnel to assist the CED.
38. Notify the Executive Officer, Patrol Division when circumstances warrant.

ASSOCIATED POLICIES

- Policy 302, *Rules and Regulations*
Policy 312, *Professional Appearance Standards.*
Policy 313, *Limited Presence in Public Locations*
Policy 1018, *Quality of Life Offenses – Core Legal Elements*
Policy 1504, *Departmental Uniforms and Equipment*

APPENDICES

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RESCISSION

Remove and destroy/recycle Policy 2102, *Casino Entertainment District*, dated 1 July 2016.

COMMUNICATION OF POLICY

This Policy is effective on the date listed herein. Commanders are responsible for informing their subordinates of this policy and ensuring compliance.

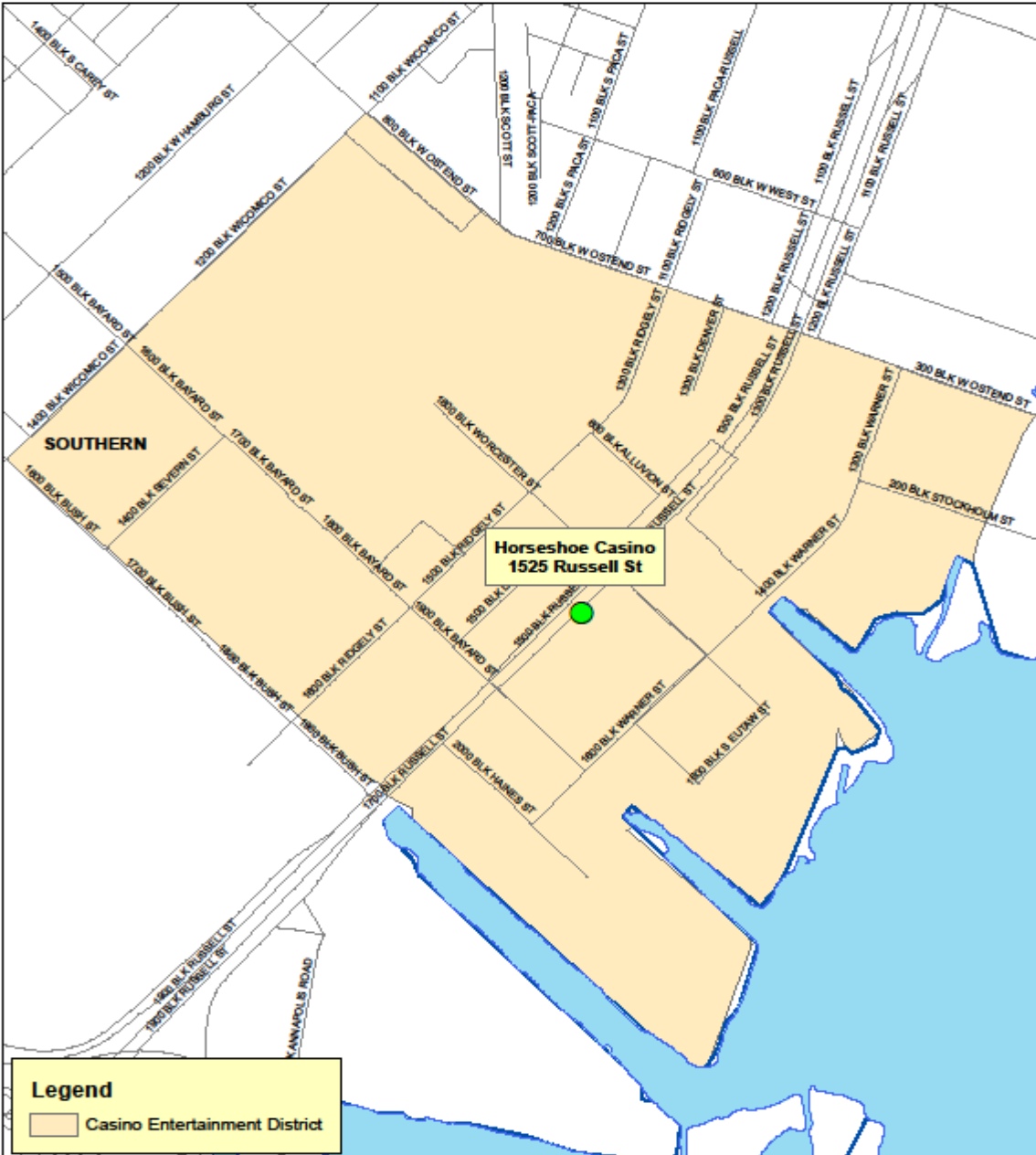
Appendix A

Casino Entertainment District Map



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Casino Entertainment District



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Appendix B

Handling of Assault Calls

**Casino Entertainment District
Handling of Assault Calls**

INTRODUCTION

The content of this Policy encompasses sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department working for the Casino Entertainment District in either a permanently assigned or overtime capacity.

The following will be adhered to when handling a call for service (or on-view incident) of an assault at the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

PROCEDURE

Member

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this policy and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action or not being scheduled for CED overtime in the future.
2. If an assault is reported (or observed), obtain a Central Complaint Number (CC#) and write a report detailing what occurred and what enforcement action was taken.
3. If the victim of the assault is a Casino employee, contact the Casino's Surveillance Unit, view the incident, and make the arrest if the assault is founded.
4. If an officer witnesses an assault, the officer shall take the appropriate enforcement action.
5. If there is a felony assault, the officer will notify the on-duty CED supervisor and the CED detective and a thorough investigation will be conducted with every attempt to close the case via arrest or warrant. Refer to Policy 1107, *Felony Charges; Review and Prosecution*.
6. If there is a misdemeanor assault that is not observed by the officer, follow Policy 1106, *Warrantless Arrest Procedures*.
7. If there is an assault reported by a third party and no one involved remains on the scene and there is no victim present, write an Unfounded report for the incident.

Appendix C

Handling of Trespasser Incidents

**Casino Entertainment District
Handling of Trespassing Calls****INTRODUCTION**

The content of this Policy encompasses sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department working for the Casino Entertainment District in either a permanently assigned or overtime capacity.

The following will be adhered to when handling a call for service (or on-view incident) of trespassing at the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

PROCEDURE

Member

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this Policy and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action or not being scheduled for CED overtime in the future.
2. For a call for service, refer to Appendix B.
3. For all trespassing incidents, if the suspect is on the scene and cannot produce a valid ID, refer to Policy 1104, *Warrantless Arrest Procedures*.
4. If the suspect produces a valid ID, then the enforcement action can range anywhere from the issuance of a citation to arrest. This will depend on a few factors (Be guided by Policy 1018, *Quality of Life Offenses – Core Legal Elements*):
 - 4.1. Has the suspect been given a trespassing citation in the past?
 - 4.2. Is the suspect acting in an aggressive or violent fashion?
 - 4.3. Has he/she been given the benefit of a warning previously?

NOTE: If you can answer “yes” to any of the above, then an arrest is to be made. If you can answer “no” to all of the above, then issue a citation and escort the suspect off of the property. Use the following Criminal Law Article citation numbers depending on the situation: CR §6-402, when signs are posted in plain view; and, CR §6-403 when an individual has either returned or refused to leave the premises after a warning has been issued.

5. In all cases, run a warrant check on the suspect before releasing him/her.
6. If the suspect is trespassing by jumping over a wall or other barrier to gain entry, then an arrest is preferred on the basis that there are usually contributing factors that have caused this action, i.e. underage, banned previously, no ID.

Appendix D

Handling of Counterfeit Currency Incidents

**Casino Entertainment District
Handling of Counterfeit Currency Investigations**

INTRODUCTION

The content of this Policy encompasses sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department working for the Casino Entertainment District and the Southern District in either a permanently assigned or overtime capacity.

The following will be adhered to when handling a call for service (or on-view incident) regarding Counterfeit Currency at the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

PROCEDURE

Member:

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this Policy and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action.
2. For a call for service, refer to Appendix B.
3. For all Counterfeit Currency incidents at the Horseshoe Casino which are reported to the Baltimore Police Department, the CED Detective will be contacted via police radio or by phone. If the suspect is on the scene, the suspect will be detained until the CED detective makes a determination if he or she will respond to interview the suspect.
4. The penalty for being in possession of counterfeit currency surpasses the maximum allowed for the issuance of a criminal citation. As such, there are only two enforcement procedures:
 - 4.1. Make the arrest. Charge - § 8-604 - 1. Possessing or issuing counterfeit United States currency.
 - 4.1.1. Prohibited. -- A person may not knowingly possess, with unlawful intent, or issue counterfeit United States currency.
 - 4.2. At the direction of the CED detective, and with proper ID, the suspect may be released pending investigation/charging.
5. In all cases, run a warrant check on the suspect before releasing him/her.
6. In all cases where an arrest is made or a citation given, the counterfeit currency must be photographed, collected and submitted to the Evidence Control Unit (ECU). The serial numbers of the counterfeit currency will then be forwarded to the CED Detective via e-mail by the next business day.

Appendix E

Handling False ID Calls

**Casino Entertainment District
False Identifications****INTRODUCTION**

The content of this Policy encompasses sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department working for the Casino Entertainment District in either a permanently assigned or overtime capacity.

The following will be adhered to when handling a call for service of an individual using false identification at the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

PROCEDURE

Member

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this Policy and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action or not being scheduled for CED overtime in the future.
2. If Casino security reports that an individual attempted to gain access to the Casino using a fake or false ID, and the suspect is on the scene, the responding CED officer is to issue the suspect a civil citation for the offense. Casino security will return the ID to MVA. No report needs to be written. The following Civil Citation shall be issued: Baltimore City Code Article 19 §20-2, with a fine of \$100.
3. If the suspect remains on the scene, and has no positive form of identification, make an arrest.

If the suspect is under the age of 18, follow departmental guidelines on juvenile custody and processing.

Appendix F

Casino Special Police

**Casino Entertainment District
Casino Special Police**

INTRODUCTION

The content of this Policy encompasses sworn members of the Baltimore Police Department working for the Casino Entertainment District in either a permanently assigned or overtime capacity.

The following will be adhered to when dealing with the Special Police Officers (SPO) employed by the Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore.

PROCEDURE

Member

1. All members will familiarize themselves with this SOP and remain in strict compliance at all times. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action or not being scheduled for CED overtime in the future.
2. The SPO employed by the Horseshoe Casino only have authority to act on casino property. Their powers do not extend to any place outside of the casino.
3. The SPO have a commission from the State of Maryland and do not have arrest powers in Baltimore City.
4. The SPO can detain suspects and issue MD State Uniform Criminal Citations or MD State Uniform Civil Citations.
5. Members of the CED will respond to the casino if the SPO have someone detained to ensure the suspects are positively identified and to conduct a warrant check. Complete a Citizen Contact Receipt in these situations; no report needs to be written.
6. If the SPO detain a suspect, and the offense is not citable (any offense where the penalty exceeds 90 days incarceration), the members of the CED will conduct an investigation and take control of the suspect.
7. Any CDS related offense will be handled exclusively by the members of the CED.