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Howard County Police Address Community Concerns *Effort Continues to Locate Shooting Suspect(s)*

As citizens and parents continue to call to ask about the safety of events in the county, Howard County Police Department would like to issue this statement:

The Howard County Police Department is continuing its increased area patrols in response to the recent shootings in the region. Additional officers have been assigned to patrol throughout the county. Officers will be assigned to every public school in Howard County throughout the week as a visual presence and as an immediate response resource.

We are encouraging people to make decisions that are most comfortable for themselves and their families. We have had no incident or threat in Howard County, but police are being proactive and increasing patrols as a precaution. The Howard County Police Department is urging all citizens not to panic, however, all reasonable precautions should be utilized and citizens are being asked to be aware of their surroundings.

Citizens are advised to call 911 to report any suspicious activity that is believed to related to the incidents in the region.

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