

## **Downtown/Jewelry District Roving Detail Pilot**

*The purpose of this pilot is to test the effectiveness of a roving detail in the downtown and Jewelry District neighborhoods to address public safety issues associated with nightclub activity on Friday and Saturday nights.*

*Based upon the effectiveness of the roving detail, the Administration may seek passage of an ordinance allowing for time-limited, area/neighborhood-specific roving details to be established at the request of the Mayor, Public Safety Commissioner, or Chief of Police to be funded by a fee assessed to BX licensed establishments, prorated by capacity, and by licensed commercial parking lots.*

- The pilot will potentially run in two phases. The first will be for 4 weekends, from May 25 to June 16

A second phase will be scheduled to coincide with the return of students in the fall, running for four weekends, from September 8 to September 29.

- 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM Friday and Saturday nights
- 10 Police Officers
  - 1 Lieutenant
  - 1 Sergeant
  - 8 officers (2 in a van)
- Officers will be assigned and supervised by the Lieutenant and the Sergeant who will direct officers to areas needing attention.
- From 11:00 PM to closing of clubs at 2:00 AM, officer will patrol parking lots and streets for public drinking and disorderly conduct. Officers will release those arrested for minor offenses, issuing Summonses to Appear in court. Supervisors will ensure all paperwork is completed.
- At 2:00 AM, officers will be assigned to ensure safe and efficient traffic control and enhanced monitoring of potential DUI offenses:
  - Officers will be placed, as needed, on Dorrance Street pulling traffic
  - Officers will be stationed at other key intersections/locations as needed
  - 1 Sergeant and 1 Officer will be located in the Garrahy Judicial Complex parking lot, with lights activated

- Funding:

Expense of Spring Pilot:

Roving Detail:  $\$2,323^* \times 4 = \mathbf{\$9,292}$

Funding of Roving Detail Pilot

\$7,000	Mayors Substance Abuse Prevention Council
\$1,000	Downtown Improvement District/Providence Foundation
\$500	Jewelry District Neighborhood Association
\$ _____	Clubs and Parking Lots
\$ _____	Colleges and Universities

*\*3 Officers subsidized by the City of Providence Police Department not included in this fee.*

- Data Collection:
  - Arrests/Charges – public drinking, underage drinking, serving a minor, disorderly conduct, DUI, assault, overcrowding
  - Summonses issued
  - Resident and visitor complaints for noise, disturbances, etc.
- At the conclusion of the pilot, the Providence Police Department will complete a report with their conclusions on the effectiveness of the roving detail based upon the above data, additional information considered important, and the observations of officers assigned to the detail as well as regular downtown/jewelry district officers. The report will also include written statements from the Downtown Neighborhood Association, the Jewelry District Neighborhood Association, the Downtown Improvement District, and clubs and parking lots.
- Key Components of Potential Roving Detail Ordinance:
  - Mayor, Public Safety Commissioner, Chief of Police may request the Board of Licenses to impose a fee on BX licensed establishments and on licensed commercial parking in a defined area, in order to address a demonstrated public safety need in that area that arises from the activity at the licensed establishments and the parking lots.
  - The fee would be assessed on BX licensed establishments on a monthly basis as a surcharge on Entertainment Licenses.
  - The fee would be assessed monthly on licensed commercial parking lots. Failure to pay would result in suspension of license.
  - The Board of Licenses will determine a method for prorating the fee based upon establishment and parking lot capacity.
  - The Board of Licenses may elect to suspend the Roving Detail during weekends where historically there has not been a record of public disturbance due to a decrease in activity in the defined area.
  - The Board of Licenses, at the request of the Providence Police, may institute a Roving Detail for a limited time period due to a specific event, a short-term

pattern of activity, or the history of a particular time period or season presenting a challenge to public safety due to activity in the area.

- A monthly report on the activity of the Roving Detail must be provided to the Board.
- No roving detail can be established for a period of more than a year.
- The Mayor, Public Safety Commissioner, Chief of Police may petition the Board to renew the roving detail prior to its expiration. The Board must hold a public hearing to review the request.