

Letter to Town Center Businesses from Virginia Beach Police Department:

The Virginia Beach Police Department is tracking info that an organizer is planning a protest at Town Center on June 6 at 1 p.m. The intent by the group is to start at Mount Trashmore, then move to the roads and walk to Town Center. They will occupy the streets of Town Center to deliver their message. We hope and expect a peaceful and lawful event as we have shown can be done if everyone cooperates. We would like to make sure you and your business are aware and prepared for any scenario. Here is some guidance:

- If you have hurricane door/window shutters or burglar gates, pull them down and lock them.
- Remove all window merchandise and lock it behind doors or remove it from the store.
- Lock all doors with deadbolts and secure all gates (trash areas).
- Remove any construction items such as bricks, rocks or any other item that can be used as a projectile.
- Secure personal vehicles in an offsite location away from Town Center.
- Limited access to parking garage.
- Remove all chairs, umbrellas, and outdoor furniture. Use it inside block windows and doors
- Empty all cash registers and remove or leave the drawers out showing nothing inside
- Remove contents from your safe and leave the safe door open to show nothing is inside
- Check your insurance to make sure there is coverage and it is paid up to date.
- Turn on all exterior lighting.
- If unable to board up, consider getting security film placed on the windows to inhibit entry through broken window.
- Residents should consider staying outside the area throughout the evening as they may not be able to get out.
- Post No Trespassing signs in and around your property.
- If you have suspicious guests staying at your hotels, please give us a call so we can conduct further investigations.
- If you see something, say something! Contact 757-385-5000 for non-emergency issues and 911 for emergency issues.

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