



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill #23-0427 Baltimore Police Department—
Trauma-Informed Care Training**

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 23-0427 for the purpose of adding the Baltimore Police Department to the growing list of city agencies required to designate 2 staff members to participate in trauma-informed care training and activities. As a law enforcement agency, we know first hand the importance of taking a victim centered approach regarding traumatic events. The comfort and trust of a victim is crucial in piecing together and solving a crime, hopefully leading to justice for the victim and consequences for the perpetrator.

BPD is currently engaging in lesson plans and training sessions regarding evidence collection, response, and interview techniques after a sexual assault occurs or is reported. This bill will further our efforts in helping to provide victims with the care and resources most helpful in their time of need.

The BPD is supportive of Council Bill 23-0427 and looks forward to building upon the training we've already started. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council
Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Andrew Smullian, BPD Deputy Chief of Staff