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TO The Honorable Bernard C. Young, President
 And All Members of the Baltimore City Council
 City Hall, Room 408

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For the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools Police, the Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management to appear before the Council to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in our schools in the wake of the horrific shootings in Parkland, Florida.

Incidents that involve an Active Shooter can require extensive Fire Department resources and pose challenging scene security issues for personnel and civilians. The Incident Commander will also be faced with complicated and challenging tactical and command situations. The Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) is involved in ongoing training with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) concerning ‘Active Shooters’. The BCFD provides emergency medical coverage for all BPD personnel on scene as well as any and all victims.

It shall be the responsibility of each BCFD member to exercise the appropriate control dictated by his/her rank for the implementation of operational procedures. All members shall be familiar with the Mass Casualty Response Plan, Incident Command System (ICS), Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Triage Tag System, Simple Triage and Rapid Transport (START), and electronic patient tracking system procedures. These plans/procedures provide the basic guidelines for assisting the BPD with an active shooter incident in the Baltimore City Public Schools, but they cannot address all issues. Members should access readily available resources within the BCFD and, if necessary, outside of the Department to assure maximum operational effectiveness and treatment standards of care.