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<u>Detroit Police Department and Downtown Detroit Partnership Issue Joint</u> <u>Statement on Upcoming NFL Draft Security</u>

DETROIT (February 15, 2024) — Ahead of the 2024 NFL Draft in Detroit, the Detroit Police Department, Downtown Detroit Partnership and our partners across law enforcement, government and the business community are working together to ensure a safe draft experience for all.

"We have been in full preparation mode for months and are confident in our safety plan," said Chief James E. White. "The City of Detroit has hosted several large-scale successful events recently including the Ford Fireworks, the Detroit Grand Prix, America's Thanksgiving Parade, and Lions games with more than 70,000 fans in attendance as well as, many other events and concerts. Taking from those experiences, we have built our safety strategy and are confident this plan will ensure the safety of all in attendance at the draft and the surrounding areas."

"The priority of the Downtown Detroit Partnership has always been to ensure a downtown that is safe and welcoming," said Eric B. Larson, CEO of the Downtown Detroit Partnership. "We proactively build on our safety strategy, as it is the primary focus of DDP's plans in coordination with the Detroit Police Department and the Sports Commission Host Committee for the NFL Draft in Detroit. We are confident in the plans we have in place and will continue to evolve them over the next two months to ensure every effort has been made for a safe event that everyone can enjoy."



The city of Detroit, the Detroit Police Department, and our community are excited about hosting the NFL Draft, with fans from all over the country expected to attend. As the draft approaches, the Detroit Police Department and partners will be issuing further updates about safety and security.

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