

Downtown Safety Forum

July 16, 2026
8:30 am - 9:30 am



Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- DTAC Commander Christopher Juusola
- Elaine Garrett with PACE
- Upcoming Conferences and Events
- Open Q&A

Downtown Affinity Group Meetings

Hotel General Managers

10:00-11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 28

Hyatt Regency

Office Property Managers

10:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 29

301 Congress

Residential Property Managers

10:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 5

ATX Tower – 321 W 6th Street

Light Downtown Green!



PBR

GAMBLER DAYS

PRESENTED BY

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AUG 21-23, 2026

AUSTIN, TX | MOODY CENTER



TAKE THE RIDE

Austin's Free Summer Music Festival

Hot Summer Nights

2026

July 16th to 18th



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DOWNTOWN CALENDAR

FOUNDATION

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AUSTINTOWN
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About Us

What We Do

Advocacy

Economic Development

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Downtown Events

Let's Make New Downtown Memories Together



Commander
Christopher
Juusola

APD Downtown
Area Command





DTAC Combined Activity

Austin Police | July 14, 2026

This presentation highlights a small snapshot of our officer's activity over the last 6 months in the Downtown Area Command.

Units



DTAC Patrol

Public Order Team

DTAC Mounted Patrol

Downtown Area Rapid Response Team

Arrests

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

Custody Arrests



2,297 Total Arrests

913 Felony Arrests

1,384 Misdemeanor Arrests

Firearms Seized

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

151

Seized Firearms in the Downtown Area Command

Calls for Service

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

Calls for Service



8,397

Self-Initiated

15,059

Dispatched

23,456

Total Calls for Service

Calls for Service



Hot Shot Calls **928**

Priority 1 **1,871**

Priority 2 **6,045**

Priority 3 **11,194**

Directed Patrols

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

Directed Patrols



3,462

- Republic Square Park
- Brush Square Park
- 300 – 900 Congress Ave
- Block the Box
- IH35 service road pedestrian safety
- Lady Bird Lake Trail
- 600 Sabine
- Brazos Street
- Shoal Creek Trail
- Downtown Public Library
- East Sixth Street alleys
- Public Space Restoration

DARRT Investigations

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

Investigations



Arrest Warrants Issued **186**

Search Warrants Executed **36**

Public Order Team

January 1, 2026 – June 28, 2026

Public Order Team



204 Total Arrests

105 Felony Arrests

99 Misdemeanor Arrests

342 Misdemeanor Citations

1,541 Stops

149 Business Contacts

214 Directed Patrols

.94 Kilogram of Narcotics
Cocaine, Fentanyl,
Methamphetamine, &
Synthetic 2A Narcotics

Thank you to all of the DTAC Officers, OT Officers, and Detectives for your work to address violent crime, property crime, quality of life crime, and prevent gun violence downtown. The number of gun violence incidents downtown you likely prevented through the proactive seizure 151 unlawfully possessed firearms in just a six month period may not be quantifiable—but it is staggering nonetheless.

– DTAC Chain of Command –

Downtown Public Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE)



Austin

Austin Development Services



Agenda

Brief PACE history

Current PACE tempo

Why is the focus concentrated

How do we share the information

Working towards a partnership

Sound Enforcement

What is ahead?

Conclusion

What is PACE?

The Public Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE) team is comprised of representatives from the Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, City of Austin Code Department, City of Austin Right-Of-Way Management, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, State Comptroller, and Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. This working relationship also goes beyond the PACE enforcement stakeholders

What is PACE Concentrated on Today

The PACE pilot project, which consists of representatives from Austin Fire, Austin Police and DSD Code Compliance, began in the Summer of 2025 as an initiative in association with the Safer 6th St Project on June 12, 2025.

The implementation is intended to provide the necessary PACE forces to sustain continuous performance during peak crowd hours. This requires the assessment of the quick check inspection concept to be utilized.

What is PACE Concentrated on Today

Public Assembly Code Enforcement Summer Pilot Program 2025

Concentrated location based on data

Hours of operation and days have been readjusted

Inspections conducted are streamlined

Imminent danger or dangerous conditions are addressed promptly

Notifications for violations are issued to business owners

Mobile food vendors are monitored

How do we share communication

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Based on feedback from the managers and owners stakeholder meetings were scheduled quarterly

Developed a resource account for communication to be monitored

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Sound Enforcement

A quick overview

Sound Enforcement

- The team works directly with Outdoor Music Venues (OMV) to help ensure outdoor amplified sound remains within permissible sound limits. That includes:
 - Investigating & responding to 3-1-1 complaints for loud outdoor music
 - Conducting proactive inspections to verify compliance
 - Taking decibel readings and reviewing Sound Impact Plans (SIPs)
 - Providing education and seeking voluntary compliance
 - Issuing citations and filing affidavits when necessary

Upcoming Events

July

- **July 16–18 / Hot Summer Nights @ Red River Cultural District**
- **July 17 / Local & Live @ Austin Visitor Center**
- **July 21–23 / Patterson Animal Health @ Fairmont Austin (750 attendees)**
- **July 23–28 / National Speakers Association @ Hilton Austin (800 attendees)**
- **July 28–30 / UnidosUS @ Fairmont Austin (1,400 attendees)**

August

- **August 1–6 / Forvis Mazars @ Hilton Austin (700 attendees)**
- **August 10–12 / National Domestic Violence Hotline @ JW Marriott (800 attendees)**
- **August 19–21 / Raintree Systems @ JW Marriott (420 attendees)**

Palmer Events Center

- **July 18–19 / 2026 City-Wide Vintage Sale (4,000 attendees)**
- **July 18–19 / The Plantmania Expo (2,500 attendees)**
- **July 24–26 / 2026 Classic Game Fest (15,000 attendees)**
- **July 28 / 2026 Texas Bar Examination (1,100 attendees)**

Ongoing Events

- **May 21–August 13 / The Drop-In Summer Concert Series @ Long Center**
- **May 22–August 30 / Paramount Summer Classic Film Series @ Various Venues**
- **July 10–August 15 / Zilker Summer Musical @ Zilker Hillside Theater**

Open Q&A

**August Downtown Safety Forum: Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 8:30 AM
Featuring Bianca Bentzin, Division Chief of Criminal Prosecution with the
City of Austin.**