

The Mayor and the Chief report on security at Musikfest

The Bethlehem Gadfly City government, Serious Issues August 7, 2019

(The latest in a series of posts on City government)

Pamela Lehman, "Police beef up security at Musikfest following mass shootings, social media threats." Morning Call, August 6, 2019.

In light of an unspecified social media threat mentioning Bethlehem as well as three mass shootings across the country in a week, officials are increasing security at the festival with added cameras, traffic barriers and a visible presence of officers armed with the rifles.

Chief DiLuzio at City Council Tuesday, August 6:

"I believe that threat has been rendered unthreatable . . . We did increase security in certain instances . . . We tweak our security plan every year, basically every day . . . To ignore what goes on around you would be neglectful . . . If it can happen in an Amish schoolhouse, it can happen anywhere in the United States . . . We're being prepared, and I will ever err on the side of caution."

<https://youtu.be/MPyDOFIwqo>

Mayor Donchez at City Council Tuesday, August 6:

"Public Safety has to be Number 1."

<https://youtu.be/FogGTxo5eGI>