

Statements of support for the Appleton Public Library's recommendation to contract with Securitas for safety and security

APPLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Maintaining a safe environment for all of our community members who use the Appleton Public library has always been, and will continue to be, a priority for the Appleton Police Department. Our calls for service to the library continue to increase, despite the attention we give to the library and our proactive efforts to reduce our calls for service. We fully support the addition of a security guard to the library staff. We will collaborate with the security guard to work towards the shared objective of keeping the library patrons and staff safe.

Thank you!

Captain Polly Olson

*Appleton Police Department
Downtown/Northern District Commander*

APPLETON DOWNTOWN INCORPORATED

Please share the following statement with your Board of Directors

For over ten years Appleton Downtown Inc. has coordinated a partnership with the neighboring organizations to improve the safety and beautification of the Washington Square area, yet we continue to struggle. Together, we have partnered to provide a security guard Monday through Friday 2:30pm to 10:00pm who patrols the Valley Transit area, two parking ramps, City Center building and the area outside of the library. Each week we receive reports that record behavioral and minor criminal incidents. Most frequent are reports of intoxication and inappropriate behavior that make the area feel unsafe and create an unappealing environment. Additionally, the City Center has added a security guard to monitor the building throughout the day. We would encourage the Library Board to invest in added security as safety is a high priority for all of us in Downtown Appleton.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Stephany
Executive Director
Appleton Downtown Inc.*