

A Message to Boston's College and University Students from Boston Police Commissioner William Evans

Boston will welcome back many college and university students over the next few weeks. Many students stay through the summer or have already returned. I hope that your school break was enjoyable. For the freshman class, please know that I reach out several times during the school year on important issues facing our communities surrounding public safety.

As many of you may now be back in town, I wanted to reach out concerning the events that will take place on the Boston Common on Saturday, August 19th. Likely, you have seen news reports of on-going discussions about a demonstration by one group and counter demonstrations and marches by other groups.

The Boston Police Department has worked closely with Mayor Martin Walsh and his team concerning these issues. The Boston Police Department has developed a comprehensive plan that will assist in this process and that will ensure for the safety of all. Our main concern is safety. Today, I am writing to ask for your help as we prepare for these events.

As I have stated in the past, please act in a way that would make your school, your family, and your city proud and please respect our neighborhoods. Student behavior off campus will be regarded the same as if it were on campus.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important safety matter. Best of luck as you begin the new school year!

Sincerely,

William B. Evans
Police Commissioner