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### Minneapolis Police Increase Summer Downtown Patrols

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MINNEAPOLIS -- Starting Thursday, Minneapolis Police will place more officers in more places around downtown Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Police, Metro Transit and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office are combining forces to secure downtown throughout the summer.

"As summer approaches, and more people are in our vibrant downtown we will once again strengthen our police patrols to make sure downtown areas are safe," Mayor R.T. Rybak said. "Because of our aggressive crime-fighting efforts, crime downtown continues to drop. We want to maintain that trend through the summer months."

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office will commit up to 14 sheriff's deputies every day during the summer months, while Metro Transit Police will provide 8.

The extra officers will pair up on foot, others will cover the buses and some will mount horses.

And some MPD officers will be going green: by riding new three-wheeled clean-energy vehicles from T3 Motion. The T3s are specially designed for law enforcement, equipped with lights and sirens.

"This strong law enforcement presence will help fight crime and serve as a warning to those who seek criminal opportunities in the downtown area," says Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek.



A Minneapolis police officer on a T3 Motion scooter

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