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## Sioux Falls Pride Releases Security Plan for 2022 Pride Festival

### Sioux Falls, SD --

After the events in Idaho on Saturday June 11th, 2022, Sioux Falls Pride has released a security plan concerning the safety of their planned events and festival on June 18th.

“The number one concern at our events is creating a space for the LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit people of South Dakota to be safe,” says SFP Board Member Rachel Polan. “Our board of directors has been aware of potential protestors at our events for several years and have an ongoing safety plan for all public gatherings.”

The plan mentioned by Polan includes hired security from a local company, restricted access to parking in the festival space, and volunteer briefings for the festival.

“We’re communicating with the security company we’ve hired for the event to make sure they have a heightened awareness of the nationwide protests and the possibility for protestors at our event,” continued Polan. “We also have the benefit of hosting our festival on private property this year so we can refuse entry to protestors if necessary.”

The Sioux Falls Pride Festival is scheduled for Saturday June 18th at 8th and Railroad Center from 11am-5pm. The Pride Parade is scheduled to travel down 8th Street from Dakota Avenue to the 8th and Railroad Center.

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