



DIGNITARY PROTECTION READINESS CHECKLIST

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

A practical readiness tool for public official protection, VIP movement, major event security, and agency-specific protective assignments.

Use this checklist to identify planning gaps before the detail starts.



WHY THIS CHECKLIST MATTERS

Law enforcement agencies and protection teams are increasingly tasked with VIP movements, public official protection, major event security, and executive movement support, often without formal protection-specific training.

- **Protection mindset**
- **Movement principles**
- **Planning and coordination**
- **Threat awareness**
- **Protective responsibility**

This checklist helps identify the gaps before an assignment exposes them.



HOW TO USE THIS TOOL

READINESS REVIEW PROCESS

STEP 1

Review each category before assigning personnel or executing a movement.

STEP 2

Check the items that are complete, documented, and understood by the team.

STEP 3

Use the score to identify training, planning, staffing, and communication gaps.

Recommended use cases

- Public official movements
- Dignitary or VIP visits
- Major sporting or public events
- Agency protective details
- Executive / principal movement support



CHECKLIST SECTION 1

PLANNING + MISSION READINESS

MISSION CLARITY

- ☐ Written mission brief exists
- ☐ Principal / protectee identified
- ☐ Purpose of movement understood
- ☐ Timeline confirmed
- ☐ Authority and command relationships clear

RISK PLANNING

- ☐ Known threats reviewed
- ☐ Recent intelligence reviewed
- ☐ Primary and alternate routes identified
- ☐ Emergency action plan discussed
- ☐ Medical response plan identified

COORDINATION

- ☐ Venue contact identified
- ☐ Local partners coordinated
- ☐ Communications plan assigned
- ☐ Staging / holding area identified
- ☐ Contingency triggers discussed



CHECKLIST SECTION 2

MOVEMENT + TRANSITION POINTS

ARRIVAL

- ☐ Arrival point selected
- ☐ Vehicle positioning planned
- ☐ Crowd exposure considered
- ☐ Media / public access considered
- ☐ Immediate cover / exit options identified

DEPARTURE

- ☐ Departure point selected
- ☐ Departure route confirmed
- ☐ Alternate departure option exists
- ☐ Drivers briefed
- ☐ Delay / separation plan discussed

MOVEMENT DISCIPLINE

- ☐ Roles and positions assigned
- ☐ Choke points identified
- ☐ Elevators / stairs / corridors reviewed
- ☐ Foot movement path walked or mapped
- ☐ Lost contact / separation plan established



CHECKLIST SECTION 3

VENUE + SITE READINESS

ACCESS POINTS

- ☐ Primary entrance identified
- ☐ Secondary entrance identified
- ☐ Emergency exits identified
- ☐ Public access points understood
- ☐ Credential / access control process known

ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ Crowd flow assessed
- ☐ Media location assessed
- ☐ Overwatch / observation points identified
- ☐ Known hazards identified
- ☐ Holding / secure room identified

COORDINATION

- ☐ Venue security briefed
- ☐ Event staff roles understood
- ☐ Medical / fire / EMS location known
- ☐ Parking / staging area identified
- ☐ Weather / lighting conditions considered



CHECKLIST SECTION 4

PERSONNEL + COMMUNICATION

TEAM STRUCTURE

- ☐ Detail lead / AIC identified
- ☐ Driver roles assigned
- ☐ Protective positions assigned
- ☐ Advance / site liaison assigned
- ☐ Observation responsibilities assigned

COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Primary comms method confirmed
- ☐ Backup comms method exists
- ☐ Emergency language / codes understood
- ☐ Radio / phone numbers exchanged
- ☐ Check-in process established

TRAINING READINESS

- ☐ Officers understand protection mindset
- ☐ Movement roles rehearsed
- ☐ Use-of-force expectations reviewed
- ☐ Public interaction expectations reviewed
- ☐ After-action process identified



CHECKLIST SECTION 5

P.O.L.A.R. AWARENESS REVIEW

Use P.O.L.A.R. to assess the environment in context without forcing people into rigid categories.

PEOPLE

Who is present?
Who belongs?
Who is focused
on the principal
or team?

OBJECTS

What items are
present, out of
place,
concealed, or
abandoned?

LOCATIONS

Where are the
choke points,
exits, cover,
concealment, and
exposure zones?

ACTIONS

What is moving,
changing,
approaching,
separating, or
escalating?

REASONING

Why does it
matter? What
explains the
behavior or
condition?

CONTEXT CHECK

- ☐ Known persons of concern reviewed
- ☐ Baseline behavior identified
- ☐ Unusual behavior assessed in context
- ☐ Crowd shifts monitored
- ☐ Observation role assigned



READINESS SCORE

SCORE YOUR CURRENT READINESS

Total the checked items across the checklist sections. Use the score as a starting point for internal review, not as a certification of readiness.

0–15 CHECKED

High training gap. Pause and review before assuming operational readiness.

16–30 CHECKED

Some foundation exists, but structure, rehearsals, or formal training may be needed.

31–45 CHECKED

Functional readiness is developing. Validate through practical training and scenario review.

46+ CHECKED

Stronger foundation. Continue refinement through practical exercises and after-action reviews.

The goal is not to check boxes. The goal is to expose gaps before the assignment exposes them.



NEXT STEPS

BUILD THE RIGHT TRAINING OPTION

If your agency, team, or organization is responsible for public official protection, VIP movement, executive movement, or high-visibility event security, Procypher can help build a practical training option around your mission.

TRAINING OPTIONS

- 4-hour awareness block
- 1-day fundamentals course
- 2-day practical course
- 3-day enhanced course
- Custom agency / team training

CORE FOCUS AREAS

- Protection mindset
- Movement and positioning
- Planning and coordination
- Threat awareness
- Communication
- Contingency planning

Contact Procypher to discuss agency-specific protective operations training.

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