

On Aug. 31st, 2012, APD had a press conf. & Asst. Chief Sean Mannix said:

"It was determined plain clothes officers blending with the surroundings was necessary for the safety of the participants and the community as a whole. The primary mission of these officers was to protect the free-speech activities of those engaged in lawful protest, as well as initiating police response and action with regards to criminal activity."

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/austin-police-infiltrated-occupy-austin-1/nRqZN/>
<http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/apd-cops-infiltrated-occupy-austin>

On Sept. 5th, APD had a second where Asst. Chief David Carter said:

"What we believe at this time is that the officers truly acted in good faith and (in) what they believe was their public duty. However, it is not clear what the plan was and if appropriate controls were followed.

I'm not saying there wasn't a plan, I'm saying we didn't know about it at this level."

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/assistant-chief-austin-police-leadership-didnt-kno/nR7t9/>
<http://www.kvue.com/news/Austin-Police-conduct-Internal-Review-into-allegations-they-made-lock-boxes-168709226.html>