

Attempts to step up Capitol security continued this week with the installation of panic buttons in staff offices and the continued targeting of certain protesters. The Department of Administration installed 482 panic buttons in offices around the statehouse, in an effort to provide a level of comfort for staffers who they say have felt harassed by the presence of protesters in the historic building. Representative Steve Doyle says it is what it is.

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The panic buttons are just one change that has come to the statehouse along with new Capitol Police Chief David Erwin, who has also stepped up citations and arrests of the Walker protesters who have been gathering here daily for more than a year. One false alarm already.....an accidental tripping of a button during a committee meeting Thursday that brought a pack of police to a dull hearing on tax policy.