American Association of Port Authorities:

Security at Special Events

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USCG Missions

**Safety**
- Provide search and rescue response, inspect shipping for safety, and manage our waterways with aids to navigation

**Security**
- Protect the marine environment from acts of terrorism and illegal drugs, and provide security to the maritime transportation system

**Stewardship**
- Protect the marine environment from pollution, overfishing, and invasive species
USCG Missions

Protecting U.S. Maritime Interests Through Multi-Mission Integration

Safety
- Search & Rescue
- Marine Safety
- Ice Operations
- Aids-to-Navigation

Multi-Mission Integration
- Ports, Waterways, & Coastal Security
- Drug Interdiction
- Migrant Interdiction
- Defense Readiness
- Other Law Enforcement
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Living Marine Resources

Stewardship
A Day in the Life of Sector H-G...

- 20 Vessel Inspections
- 3 Lives Saved/Assisted
- 4 Facility Inspections
- 2 Law Enforcement Violations
- 502 Total Tow Movements
- 2 Security Boardings
- 96 Vessel Arrivals
- 3 Marine Investigations
- 22 Merchant Mariner Credentials Issued
- 3 Pollution Responses
- 35 Aids to Navigation Discrepancies
National Special Security Event (NSSE)

- When an event is designated by DHS as a NSSE, the Secret Service assumes its mandated role as the lead agency for the design and implementation of the operational security plan. The core strategy to carry out the operation relies heavily on established partnerships with law enforcement and public safety officials at the local, state and federal levels.

- The goal of the cooperating agencies is to provide a safe and secure environment for the event participants and the general public. There is a tremendous amount of advance planning and coordination in preparation for these events, particularly in the areas of venue and route security, communications, credentialing, and training.
NSSE Examples

- Republican National Convention
- Democratic National Convention
- Super Bowl
- Presidential Inauguration
- National Governors Conference
- Olympics
- State of the Union Address
- State Funerals
- G8 Summit
National Response Doctrine

- Synchronized efforts at all levels among all communities of interest
- Engaged partnership
- Tiered response
- Scalable, flexible, and adaptable operational assets
- Unity of effort through unified command
- Readiness to act
Homeland Security Act of 2002

- Pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Secretary leads DHS in executing its key missions:
  - Preventing terrorist attacks
  - Reducing the country’s vulnerability to terrorism
  - Minimizing the damage and assisting in recovery from terrorist attacks that do occur in the U.S.
  - Acting as a focal point regarding natural and manmade crises and emergency planning

- The Secretary’s role as defined in the Homeland Security Act is further refined in Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 5
Principal Federal Official (PFO)

- The PFO ensures coordination among all federal agencies, and integration with local and state officials.
- The PFO serves as the lead federal spokesperson for the event or incident.
- The PFO advises the Secretary on policy issues that require resolution.
2004 RNC in New York City

Steering Committee

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Madison Square Garden Management
- New York City Fire Department
- New York City Office of Emergency Management
- New York City Police Department (Co-Chair)
- New York State Emergency Management Office
- New York State Office of Public Safety
- New York State Police
- United States Attorney’s Office
- United States Coast Guard
- United States Secret Service (Co-Chair)
Subcommittees

- Airspace Security
- Civil Disturbance/Prisoner Processing
- Consequence Management
- Credentialing
- Crisis Management
- Critical Systems Protection
- Dignitary / VIP Protection
- E.O.D.
- Fire/Life Safety
- Contigency Planning
- HAZMAT
- Intelligence
- Counter Terrorism
- Interagency Communication
- Legal
- Public Affairs
- Tactical
- Training
- Transportation/Traffic
- Venue Security
1. Understand everybody’s role and responsibilities
2. Acknowledge that not everybody likes Federal involvement
3. Stay in your lane, let the operators run operations
4. Stay away from the event when it occurs
5. Maintain and leverage personal relationships
6. Have a communications plan
7. Keep everybody briefed on everything
8. Thank those that help, and don’t expect any yourself
Event is defined by:
• Scale
• Scope
• Scrutiny

Success is defined by:
• Communications
• Coordination
• Collaboration
Credentials

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