National Special Security Events
United States Secret Service
One Agency - Two Missions

INVESTIGATIONS

- 1865 - established within Treasury Department to suppress counterfeiting during U.S. Civil War

PROTECTION

- 1902 - formally authorized to protect presidents after 1901 assassination of President McKinley
NSSE’s: An Historical Perspective

- Terrorist Incidents of the Early 1990’s
  - 1st World Trade Center bombing (1993)
  - CIA Headquarters shootings (1993)
  - Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Building bombing (1995)
  - Atlanta Olympic Park bombing (1996)

- Analysis of preparation for and/or response to these and other terrorist attacks revealed lack of effective coordination, interagency communication, and clearly defined command and control among law enforcement and public safety agencies - particularly federal agencies

- Protection Against Unconventional Threats to the Homeland and Americans Overseas
- Establishes the National Special Security Event
- Delineates Roles and Responsibilities of the Lead Federal Agencies:
  
  USSS, FBI, FEMA
Roles and Responsibilities

- **U.S Department of Homeland Security**
  - Federal department responsible for domestic incident management

- **U.S. Secret Service**
  - Federal agency responsible for the preparation and implementation of the operational security plan

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation**
  - Federal agency responsible for intelligence, counter terrorism, hostage rescue, and criminal investigations

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
  - Federal agency responsible for planning and coordinating the response to and recovery from terrorist attacks and other emergencies
NSSE Nomination/Designation Process

1. Request from the governor of the host state
2. Questionnaire completed by host state
3. NSSE Working Group review of questionnaire
4. Working Group recommendation to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
5. Designation determination by the Homeland Security Secretary
Factors Considered During NSSE Designation Process

- Federal participation
- Dignitary attendance
- Size of the event
- Significance of the event
- Duration of the event
- Location of the event
- Recurring nature of the event
- Media coverage
- State and local resources
- Multiplicity of jurisdictions
- Threat assessments
NSSE Implementation

- Establish Steering Committee
- Establish Subcommittees
- Identify and Acquire Resources
- Construct operational security plan through partnerships
- Establish Command & Control Protocols
- Build MACC, JFO
- Conduct Training
- Execute Plan
- Complete After-Action Review
Law Enforcement Executive Steering Committee

- Command level personnel from key agencies
- Assess the event
- Oversees the development and implementation of the operational security plan by appropriate subcommittees
- Emergency Operation Center decision makers during event
2005 Presidential Inauguration Steering Committee

- U.S. Secret Service
- Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department
- Joint Forces Headquarters National Capitol Region
- Armed Forces Inaugural Committee
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Washington DC Emergency Management Agency
- Washington DC Fire and EMS
- Washington DC Metropolitan Transit Police
- U.S. Capitol Police
- U.S. Park Police
Law Enforcement & Public Safety Subcommittees

• Responsible for identifying and resolving all issues related to their specialty area.

• Each subcommittee chair/co-chair is empowered to make decisions and resolve issues.
Event Security Subcommittees

Executive Steering Committee

1. Venue Security
2. VIP Protection
3. Civil Disobedience/Legal Issues
4. Crisis and Consequence Management
5. Media Relations
6. Transportation/Traffic
7. Tactical Coordination
8. Airspace Security
9. Cyber & Critical Infrastructures
10. Fire/Life Safety/HAZMAT EOD/K9
11. Training
12. Medical
13. Intelligence
14. Interagency Communication
15. Credentialing

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Secret Service
2005 Presidential Inauguration Subcommittees

- Airspace Security
- Capitol Hill
- Credentialing
- Crisis Management
- Critical Infrastructure
- Civil Disturbance/Prisoner Processing
- Consequence Management
- Dignitary/VIP Security
- EOD/K-9
- Fire/Life Safety/HAZMAT
- Intelligence and Counter Terrorism

- Interagency Communications
- Legal
- Parade Route
- Public Affairs
- Reviewing Stand
- Tactical and Counter Surveillance
- Training
- Transportation/Traffic
- Venue Security
Interagency Coordination and Communication

- Tabletop Exercises
- Joint Training Exercises
- Intelligence Operations Center
- Jurisdictional Coordination
- Multi-agency Communication Center
- Shared Manpower & Other Resources
Campaign 2008 Timeline – NSSEs

- Democratic National Convention
  Denver, Colorado

- Republican National Convention
  September 1 – 4, 2008
  St. Paul, Minnesota

- 2009 Presidential Inauguration
  January 20, 2009
  Washington, DC