

2024 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

MHD PLANNING BRIEFING



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING | SEPTEMBER 7, 2023



BACKGROUND

Dates:

- July 15-18, 2024

Expected attendance:

- 50,000 total
 - Including 5000 delegates
 - All housed within Wisconsin
- 15,000 press

Planning Timeline

- Draft Operations Plans – February/March 2024
- Final Operations Plans – May 2024

BACKGROUND

Main venue:

- Fiserv Forum



Other announced venues:

- Wisconsin Center
- UWM-Panther Arena

Other possible/likely venues:

- American Family Field
- Pabst Theatre
- Al McGuire Center
- Performing Arts Center
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- State Fair Park
- Summerfest Grounds

RNC/NSSE ESTIMATES

1500 events held over four-day event

- ~400 events per day regionally
- 40-50 events with 500+ people
- 500 buses for transport of delegates and guests

Attendance:

- 50,000 total influx
- 15,000 media personnel
- 85% of people expected to arrive by Sunday night, July 14
- 10-12,000 volunteers
- Fiserv Forum 12,000-15,000 people in arena
 - Delegates inside arena ~3 pm to 10 pm
- 20,000-30,000 people outside arena, at parties, dinners, etc.

NATIONAL SPECIAL SECURITY EVENT (NSSE)

- Event of national or international significance deemed by DHS to be a potential target for terrorism or other criminal activity
- Similar planning to Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) 1 with additional USSS and LE security structure

NSSE Responsible Agencies:

- US Secret Service – lead agency for RNC 2024
- FEMA – Consequence Management
- FBI – Crisis Management

Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

- Federal response entity for Health and Medical

NSSE RESPONSIBILITIES



U.S. Secret Service (USSS)

- Lead Federal Agency (LFA) responsible for preparing and implementing the operational security plan for the NSSE event.
- Provide protection for and coordinate the movement of dignitaries during the NSSE
- Manage and coordinate the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC)



Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

- LFA responsible for supporting the USSS and directing crisis management, intelligence, counter-terrorism, hostage rescue, and criminal investigations for the NSSE events.
- Disseminate mission-critical information and intelligence to all operations centers and field commanders related to identified/credible threats and situations that may require a crisis management response.



FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- LFA responsible for supporting the USSS and directing consequence management (planning and coordinating the response to and recovery from a terrorist attack or other declared emergency activating its responsibilities under the Robert T. Stafford Act).

CREDENTIALING

PROCESS AND TIMING TBD

Two primary zones with credentialing concerns

- Hot zone and warm zone
- Secret Service will take care of hot zone

Law enforcement

- Develop list of locals and partners
- Provide list of names to MPD
- Credentialing process stays confidential



RNC SUBCOMMITTEES

24 subcommittees established to support RNC event

- Secret Service agent leads or co-leads along with another agency
 - Each subcommittee runs separate internal planning process
- Meetings typically in person – Secret Service historically discourages online meetings but likely more during this NSSE

Public Health Representation on Subcommittees

- MHD / WI DPH /Other LHD

RNC SUBCOMMITTEES

- Consequence Management
- Fire / Life Safety / Hazardous Material (FLSH)
- Health and Medical
- Inter-Agency Communication/Multi-Agency Communications Center (MACC)
- Private Sector / Retail / Community Impact
- Public Affairs
- Training and Exercises

USSS SUBCOMMITTEES

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

- Acquisition and staging of trained personnel, equipment and supplies needed to service the event attendees as well as law enforcement/public safety personnel
- Subcommittee will coordinate planning with other relevant subcommittees with equities (Civil Disturbance, Crowd Management, FLSH, and Venue)

Health and Medical Workgroups – LHD Partners

- Food Safety/Defense
- Hospital Preparedness (surge capacity)
- Public Health Surveillance
- Vulnerable Populations (Behavioral Health/Sex Trafficking/Violence Prevention)
- Volunteer Management (Family Reception Center)

USSS SUBCOMMITTEES

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

- FBI and FEMA are designated lead agencies
- Response to terrorism or similar criminal acts; natural, structural, or weather-related disasters

Consequence Management Workgroups – LHD Partners

- BioWatch
- Medical Countermeasures
- Volunteer Management (Family Reception Center)

USSS SUBCOMMITTEES

FIRE / LIFE SAFETY / HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (FLSH)

- Fire, Life-Safety and Hazardous Materials (FLSH) Sub-Committee develops and implements preventative strategies and response plans for Fire, Life-Safety and Hazardous Materials incidents. Scope of this plan includes National Special Security Event (NSSE) areas as well as non-NSSE activities related to the safety and security of the attendees.

FLSH Workgroups – LHD Partners

- BioWatch
- Medical Countermeasures
- Volunteer Management (Family Reception Center)

USSS SUBCOMMITTEES

TRAINING AND EXERCISES - RESIDENT TRAINING AT CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS (CDP)

Wisconsin Week at CDP – September 24-30

- Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents (HCL)
- Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT)
- Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response Operations (EHTER-Ops)
- Managing Public Information for All-Hazards Incidents (MPI)
- Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents (EMO)

❖ *Training and Travel expense FREE OF CHARGE*

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

FEED INTO USSS SUBCOMMITTEES – PH PARTNER INVOLVEMENT

- BioWatch
- Food Safety/Defense
- Hospital Preparedness (surge capacity)
- Medical Countermeasures
- Public Health Surveillance
- Volunteer Management
 - Family Reception Center
- Vulnerable Populations
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PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

WORKGROUP FUNCTIONS

- Create plans that feed into Subcommittees
- Recruit for training and exercises
- Consider long term coordination around topic
 - i.e. PH Surveillance, Training and Exercise schedules, MCM Workgroup, BioWatch, Volunteer management
- Co-leads for work sharing/meeting coverage
- PPT template for report outs, HSIN access

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

FOOD SAFETY/DEFENSE

In Milwaukee, WI, the regulatory authority for food safety in retail food service and lodging establishments rests with the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD)

- MHD formally requests assistance from the FDA to support the food safety mission of the 2024 RNC. FDA assets and/or capabilities will be used to provide leadership and augment the MHD's food inspection personnel to conduct food safety inspections and potential foodborne illness outbreak investigations within the RNC venues.
- Unified regulation with Federal Drug Administration (FDA)

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

FOOD SAFETY/DEFENSE - TIMELINE

- 2 months before the event (May) inspecting and providing information to all retail food service establishments within a 1-mile radius of the venues and the delegate hotels
- 2 months prior, along with FDA meet with food and beverage contractors at RNC venues to discuss activities during the convention and to assess the layout of the facilities. There will be subsequent site visits to the venues to observe food handling practices of the kitchen staff during actual events and to perform food safety consultations.
- 2-4 weeks prior, inspections and sampling will begin in conjunction with FDA.
- **24/7 Operations 8-hour shifts – 3 days prior and 4 event days**

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

PH SURVEILLANCE WORKGROUP - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Epidemiological ConOps
 - Plan on what, who, when, and how we intend to conduct surveillance for RNC
- Data Collection Forms
 - Templates for collecting data for each of our surveillance systems to standardize information and prepare for central data team
- Information Sharing/Communications Plan
 - Identify appropriate centralized entity or group for gathering surveilled data and then disseminating to appropriate partners

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

BioWatch Program Background Information

- A nationwide air monitoring system that detects the presence of select biological agents in the air
- Collaborate with local and state officials in preparation for responding to a bioterrorist attack
- Federal program housed in the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office within the Department of Homeland Security
 - Locally-operated
 - Federally-managed



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PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUPS

BioWatch WORKGROUP - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Development/review of overall BioWatch Special Event plan
- Training and Exercise planning – Program Office support
- Field Ops capacity planning
- Laboratory capacity planning – RDL plans
- Transportation logistics