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SAFETY FIRST:
A SHARED COMMITMENT



At McCormick Place, your safety is always top of mind. We know that a great event experience starts when your attendee arrives in Chicago and ends when they get home. From door-to-door, we want to make sure that your guests enjoy their time in Chicago. McCormick Place Security and the Chicago Police Department (CPD), are committed to your safety.

AT McCORMICK PLACE

McCormick Place is equipped with a state-of-the-art Security Command Center that oversees campus activity and coordinates directly with security at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place and Marriott Marquis Chicago. Personnel patrol and monitor facility public areas, parking lots and perimeters. **Security staff is on-site 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** McCormick Place Security focuses on the following:

- Patrol of facility grounds and parking lots
- Closed-circuit television surveillance of selected public and exterior areas with nearly 1,400 cameras
- Surveillance of show floor, loading docks and shipping activities
- Meeting room security using alarms and locking systems

We work extremely closely with the Chicago Police Department, with **a dedicated officer and car patrolling our campus.** We also house one of the police department's bike units so there are additional officers regularly on and around campus, especially in walking areas.

We notify CPD when there are a citywide events, letting them know which hotels are part of the room block or other key events with the meeting so they can notify the appropriate districts that there will be increased traffic. McCormick Place has an extensive campus-wide security plan in place and has conducted numerous exercises with all stakeholders to ensure attendees are safe.

DURING YOUR EVENT

The event organizer is responsible for the safety and security of attendees and exhibitors in licensed space including exhibit halls and meeting rooms. Each event has a dedicated security plan. To fulfill this responsibility an independent event security company is often hired by the organizer to focus on the following:

- Control access into licensed exhibit halls and meeting rooms
- Security for booths
- Security for show materials being moved in and out of the Convention Center



SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY

Based on your event needs, additional services are available

Canine Support – McCormick Place offers canine services for events on campus. Canines and their handlers assigned to events can conduct a variety of protective missions.

Off Duty Police – Off duty Chicago Police Department officers are available to be contracted for supplemental security.

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IN CHICAGO

The Chicago Police Department works closely with McCormick Place to provide a safe experience for visitors to our city. McCormick Place is located within the footprint of the 1st Police District which on a daily basis is keenly aware of the activities in and around the campus and its adjacent hotels and businesses. The 1st District is accustomed to successfully protecting hundreds of events at McCormick Place on an annual basis.

CPD is notified by McCormick Place and Choose Chicago of all events on campus. Information shared with CPD includes a list of the hotels in the block and other key offsite event venues being utilized. CPD then notifies the appropriate police districts of increased traffic in those areas, and staff up accordingly.

CPD is quick to respond to any kind of crime and is leaving no stone unturned in its effort to keep our city safe. More than 12,000 men and women actively patrol the city's neighborhoods and ensure our streets are safe. CPD is constantly reviewing and monitoring crime across the city to ensure the appropriate resources are in place to protect public safety and is in constant contact with its state, federal and international partners to evaluate and respond to any changes in intelligence.

In addition to CPD's District Patrol personnel that work in the downtown area and the Central Business District, the Critical Incident Response Team focuses on these high-trafficked areas. The police districts that cover the downtown area, with the supplemental Critical Incident Response Team, work 24/7 to protect residents, businesses and visitors.



SECURITY STARTS **BEFORE** YOUR EVENT BEGINS

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Review historical documents, floorplans, and previous security plans
- Internal Risk Management Team identified to determine event risks.

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Conduct a walk-through of site
- Evaluate general site concerns

90 DAYS BEFORE

- Event contacted by McCormick Place Security with submission credentials

45 DAYS BEFORE

- Submission of comprehensive security plan

30 DAYS BEFORE

- McCormick Place Security reviews security plan
  - Final addendums to original plan are due, including service requests

14 DAYS BEFORE

- CPD notified of event including hotel blocks, offsite events, estimated attendance
- Verification of Off Duty CPD staffing and K9 requests
- Conduct preliminary risk assessment

PRE-EVENT SECURITY MEETING

- Show Security responsibilities
  - Synopsis of event(s)
  - Guest Access (Credentials/tickets)
  - Security Assets (K9s, Magnetometers, etc.)
- McCormick Place Security responsibilities
  - Comprehensive Risk Assessment
  - Campus Security Initiatives (BEEP, CPD Bike Unit)
  - Staffing
  - Crisis Information

DURING THE EVENT

Daily coordination meeting with McCormick Place Security

- Intelligence Sharing
- Incident Reporting
- Crisis Response