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SPECIAL EVENTS AND ESCORTS

204.7 - 1 PURPOSE

To establish a framework for managing special events and escorts within the City of Detroit.

204.7 - 2 POLICY

This policy governs the planning, coordination, and implementation of security measures for special events and escorts in the City of Detroit.

Factors that may be considered when determining the need for an operational order for a special event:

- 1. 500 or more attendees*
- 2. Status of attendees at event*
- 3. Presence of dignitaries or important figures*
- 4. Nature of the event (sporting playoffs, presidential visit, etc.)*
- 5. Impact on vehicular and pedestrian traffic*

204.7 - 3 Procedure

1. When the President or a presidential nominee has occasion to visit the City of Detroit, such visit is usually an indication that motorcade will be involved from one of the three area airports to downtown Detroit. This courtesy would also be extended to a visiting "head of state" of a foreign nation upon the request of the United States Department of State.
2. During such motorcade, it is vitally important that police personnel cover freeway overpasses along the route. There are three basic reasons why these overpasses are covered:
 - a. To inspect the bridge and area for explosive devices;
 - b. To deny a prime observation site for those who may wish to do harm to the dignitary involved; and
 - c. To prevent any pedestrian from occupying the overpass at such time that the motorcade passes under it.

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3. Officers assigned to overpass details during motorcades shall observe the following guidelines without exception:
 - a. Prior to the motorcade passing the viaduct, the area shall be closely inspected for suspicious parcels and any hazardous conditions in the vicinity. *Officers will conduct a visual inspection of the overpass area, paying particular attention to unattended bags, packages, or other items that appear out of place. If a suspicious item is identified, the member shall follow the procedures set-forth in Directive, 205.5 Bomb Threats, Explosives, and Unattended or Suspicious Items.*
 - b. *The bridge above the viaduct shall be kept clear of all pedestrian and vehicular traffic until released by the Command Post.*
 - c. *Members assigned to a vehicle or motorcycle shall exit or dismount and patrol the bridge on foot.*

204.7 - 4 Responsibilities of Tactical Operations

1. *Tactical Operations shall review weekly petitions for special events and assess the need for DPD and outside personnel. If the assessment indicates the requirement for outside personnel, Tactical Operations shall request, from the Chief of Police, an executive member of the Department be designated to serve as Incident Commander for each special event.*
2. *Tactical Operations shall prepare appropriate operational orders for the event and forward to any deputy chief designated to provide personnel for the event.*
3. *Any designated deputy chief(s) shall identify which commands from within their respective bureaus will provide the necessary personnel. This information shall be submitted to Tactical Operations on an Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568), to facilitate coordination of activities amongst the commands.*

204.7 - 5 Responsibilities of the Designated Incident Commander

1. The *designated* Incident Commander shall *collaborate with Tactical Operations* to plan, coordinate, and determine the personnel required for assignment to the special event.
2. The Incident Commander shall supervise the overall operations of the event in accordance with the *approved* operational order. *An assistant Incident Commander shall be appointed to assume supervisory duties at the event when the Incident Commander is absent.*