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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND COMMUNICATIONS  
MASS GATHERING SECURITY, A LOOK AT THE COORDINATED APPROACH TO  
SUPER BOWL XLVIII  
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Good Morning,

At the inception of the Super Bowl Award to the New York Metropolitan area, the National Football League presented the calendar of events and regional activities planned within the region for the Super Bowl 48 Operational Period. With the addition of a Homeland Security Special Event Assessment Rating #1 event to the metropolitan area, The Port Authority Police Department acknowledged the fact that the security and operational challenges faced would be substantial to the region and the Port Authority in specific.

Principal Law Enforcement agencies began partnerships to regionally coordinate security efforts and operational deployment initiatives to achieve an over-arching security strategy to support the Super Bowl Event.

The New Jersey State Police, the New York City Police Department, New Jersey Transit Police Department, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Port Authority Police Department, and other local and Federal partners created numerous Sub-Committees to support the Sub-Divisions of each event security component. Law enforcement, Private Business, Public Utility, Transportation Facility Operations Personnel, and other Public Safety components were assembled to support the regional Super Bowl Security strategy. All Inter-Agency Sub-Committees reported

progress and initiatives to the over-arching steering committees, which were tasked with command and control, and the coordination of the sub-Groups. The Port Authority Police Provided representation for each of the aforementioned inter-agency sub-committees throughout the Super Bowl XLVIII (48) security planning process.

Examples of Established Inter-Agency Sub-Committees included:

### **Aviation Sub-Committees**

Tasked with the Security strategy, operational support, and passenger management at all regional major airports.

### **Inter-Agency Communication Sub-Committees**

Tasked with the coordination of Inter-Operability radio networks to facilitate the missions of the numerous security details and escort personnel.

### **Dignitary/VIP/ Escorts Sub-Committees**

Tasked with the Inter-Agency coordination of dignitaries and VIPs traversing Hudson River crossings and Inter-State facilities

### **Explosive Device Response & Hazardous Material Mitigation**

Tasked with the Inter-Agency coordinated efforts for Special Operations Division resources, to avoid redundancy of asset deployment, and the facilitate the over arching hazardous material mitigation footprint of the region.

In addition to the Inter-Agency Security sub-committees, The Port Authority Police created Intra-Agency Law Enforcement, Facility Operations, and Security Department Sub-Committees to address specific events and impacts to Port Authority facilities throughout the Super Bowl Operational period.

- Daily Manpower deployment strategies were created specific to Port Authority Facility needs based on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Super Bowl Events.

- Table-top exercises and information gathering sessions across Port Authority Line Departments were created to facilitate business continuity planning, in an effort to mitigate operational impacts in the event a facility vital to a specific Super Bowl event was inoperable due to unforeseen circumstances.

Upon completion of the planning stages in support of the event, The Port Authority Police Department and the Port Authority Office of Emergency Management took the lead in coordinating information sharing and dissemination across Port Authority line departments and facility operations personnel. The information gathered during Sub-Committee participation was compiled and correlated for each operational period to assess specific facility impact, and establish a gauge for logistical support needed. Meetings were prompted with key affected facility personnel to develop strategies to mitigate security concerns; increase police patrol volume, and identify staffing issues.

**For Example:**

Based on regional events scheduled in support of the Super Bowl, PATH operations increased train activity on the system to accommodate the anticipated increased volume of patrons to the Super Bowl Boulevard Event in the Times Square area. Weekend schedules were suspended over the Super Bowl weekend, and additional personnel were assigned accordingly at PATH Station locations. Emergency equipment was pre-staged and available for rapid response in the event of an emergency within the PATH system.

The Lincoln Tunnel facility reversed Rush hour configurations on Super Bowl Sunday to support the travel routes of the Host Committee sponsored Motor Coach transportation vehicles. Partnered with the New York City Police Department, The Port Authority Police Department was strategically deployed along the bus routes to support the altered ingress and egress routes created at the Lincoln Tunnel Command.

Prior to the identification of the Super Bowl game participants, all major airports developed a detailed security deployment strategy to accommodate the perceived passenger activities during the Super Bowl XLVIII Operational period. Upon the identification of the volume of general aviation activity at

Teterboro Airport, and the participating team's decision to utilize Newark Airport, several operational meeting and coordination efforts were facilitated by The Port Authority Police and the Newark Airport operations community, resulting in Comprehensive planning to support the participating team's arrivals and departures.

Tenant information was solicited inside the New Jersey Marine Terminal community to track Class 7 Radiological and other Hazardous material shipment activity traversing roadways in proximity to Super Bowl 48 events.

Information sharing was initiated with supporting agencies in the Teterboro area via the Transportation Sub-Committee, to meet the challenges faced by the increased VIP activity exiting and entering the facility during the operational period. Special security provisions were made utilizing designated parking areas at Newark Airport for the volumes of staged hired vehicles contracted for spectator transportation.

### ***Technological efforts***

The Port Authority Police Technical Services Division was solicited to support The Port Authority Police PAPD throughout the Super Bowl Operational Period. Camera view links were provided from The Tunnels Bridges and Terminal and PATH facilities for real time situational awareness inside the PATC Emergency Operations Center. Camera views were shared with partner agencies at the New Jersey State Police Command Center within the American Dream Complex, The New Jersey Department of Transportation Operations Center, and the FBI IOC in Newark.

Early in the Inter-Agency Coordination process, the identification was made for Inter-Operable communication networks in the Communication Sub-Committee meetings. Radio Inter-Operability patches across State Lines to support the VIP escort mission during the Super Bowl Operational Period were created. All planned patches were tested at great length prior to implementation, and utilization. The Networks performed superbly, and Inter-Agency coordination of effort was achieved via utilization of the Inter-Operable radio communications framework.

In closing, the Security Deployment strategy generated in support of the Super Bowl Event was a major success. I would like to thank the regional partners for all their efforts and hard work in all phases of planning and operations in Support of the Super Bowl XLVIII (48) event. Thank you.