

# Public Safety Line of Business Super Bowl Planning Subcommittee

## ACTION ITEMS

C-2350 Government  
Center February 17, 2017  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

### Attendance:

Al Beli Afifa, Chester Cooper, Christopher Dixon, Scott Gerlicher, Gretchen Hoffman, Darrell Huggett, Amanda Koonjbeharry, Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer, Jay Meyer, Faisal Mukhtar, Mark Thompson, Marsha Unthank, Eric Waage and Cherie Nelson.

### Action steps:

- Key contacts for each agency / department should be sent to Marsha Unthank for the contact hot list. Please include cell phone numbers.
  - The next meeting of the group will be scheduled in late spring.
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### Discussion:

#### *Welcome & Introductions*

Mark Thompson welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

#### *Update on Super Bowl planning*

Commander Scott Gerlicher, Minneapolis Police Department, distributed a handout on Super Bowl related arrests during the last Super Bowl and gave an update on plans for the upcoming Super Bowl to be held in Minnesota. He reviewed the timeline for the phases of planning and the organization structure to the planning committee for public safety. He briefly described staffing needs and outlined the command structure during the event, noting the similarities to plans for other large events hosted in the area including the RNC. Also noted:

- There will be approximately one million visitors for the Super Bowl events.
- The area selected for the NFL Live, the larger event spanning ten days, is Nicollet Mall from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street; pending negotiations. [REDACTED]
- Events will highlight Minnesota and the winter atmosphere, with a snow mountain and ice bars.
- This will be a different type of area to secure in comparison to Houston where a large green space was available and could be walled off; the area in Minneapolis will be more linear and involves streets and buildings. [REDACTED]
- Events will be staffed by MPD and other law enforcement, but security after hours will also be needed. NFL hours have not been finalized but have usually been from Noon to 10:00 or 11:00 p.m.
- NFL representatives will be conducting site visits in the upcoming weeks and plans will be developed to select venue locations and plan how to address parking needs and traffic impact.

- MPD will be seeking resources from law enforcement throughout Hennepin County and possibly statewide; many cities will also be hosting Super Bowl or other winter events at the same time. Other options include out-of-state law enforcement agencies and the National Guard. MPD will be the lead agency with a unified command structure.
- There will be significant road closures closer to the Super Bowl weekend; some areas may be inaccessible from Friday to Monday of that weekend.
- Several county buildings will be right on the border of the activity near the stadium; the Medical Examiner's Office will have access for official business.
- Contingency plans will be ready in case of protests or rallies.
- The goal is to have a visible presence of law enforcement who are friendly and approachable so visitors have a sense of safety. "Feel safe, be safe" is the motto.
- Whatever can be done to minimize staff coming downtown should be encouraged, such working from off-site locations.
- The halftime show requires hundreds of people for set-up and the structure needs to be stored securely somewhere.
- Weather may turn out to be a factor.
- The stadium area will be on tighter security starting Friday of the Super Bowl weekend.
- [REDACTED]
- Pop-up events will occur and will require flexible planning to address transportation and security needs.

Commander Gerlicher concluded that from his experience at the last Super Bowl in Houston, he did not see anything that was not being planned for or that the City of Minneapolis did not already have in mind for the Super Bowl here.

Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer noted that District Court was scaling down the number of calendars to similar levels when judges are at training; only emergency hearings would be held on the week of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Jurors will be asked to report to the suburbs if a jury trial is needed. It was noted that this would have an impact by larger calendars in the weeks before and after the event, with an impact on attorneys, judges, litigants and jurors.

It was recommended that a contact hot sheet be developed and shared. This would provide key contacts for agencies who would be available and able to respond to any situations that arise. All attendees were asked to send in contact information for this point person to Marsha Unthank prior to the next meeting.

Also discussed were continuity of operations plans and the need to begin identifying the operational impact to specific department Major Huggett was noted at the county liaison. Differences to planning for the RNC were noted, such as multiple venues spread over a larger geographic area. The impact on light rail was briefly mentioned and possible options for light rail use.

The budget was discussed and will be paid for by either the City of Minneapolis or private donations; the NFL does not fund the event. The city serves as the fiscal agent. An hourly rate for overtime for law enforcement officers has been standardized at \$82.00 per hour, no matter what jurisdiction an officer is from. Liability issues and insurance options were discussed.

*As a reminder, information related to the Super Bowl is not public under Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Chapter 13.*

### ***Roundtable / Updates & Continued Discussion on planning already underway***

- Sexually Exploited Youth Coordinator  
Amanda Koonjbeharry provided an update on the Sex Trafficking subcommittee of the Super Bowl Committee. The subcommittee had developed a plan but had not received final approval or funding; they intend to present the plan to the Vikings with the hope to garner support from them.
- City Attorney's Office  
Christopher Dixon noted that training would be conducted prior to the Super Bowl about prostitution and vice.
- Public Defender's Office  
Gretchen Hoffman indicated that they were waiting to get more information from District Court to plan accordingly; they are concerned over high volume calendars during the week before and after the event. It would also be challenging if misdemeanor cases were relocated to suburban locations since the majority of newer staff who handle these cases are not drivers. It would also be difficult for clients who do not live in the suburbs. Also for consideration was how cases would be handled for visitors from out of town who leave after the event.
- Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Chester Cooper noted similar concerns with the added concern of the close proximity of the Juvenile Detention Center to the event. Juvenile Probation might be relocated to the Government Center during the height of activities. Transportation for the large number of employees who take the bus to work may also be challenging.
- Sheriff's Office  
Major Huggett provided background on security measures and the threat level assigned, noting that physical control of the stadium would be turned over one week prior to the Super Bowl. Unsanctioned spontaneous events would be the hardest to manage. From the Wednesday through the Super Bowl, downtown would be very busy with all parking ramps reserved.
- District Court  
Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer indicated that District Court was prepared for counterfeit issues and emergency TROs in Civil Court. The court was also planning to hold training for court staff and judges at suburban locations. Court calendars would be scheduled over the Super Bowl weekend.
- Emergency Management  
Eric Waage said that Emergency Management was preparing for adversarial threats including weather and industrial; weather was the most reliable threat and could pose ice storms, broken water mains, and other issues to address.

In follow-up to discussion on whether county staff should report to work in downtown locations on the Friday before the Super Bowl, Mark Thompson indicated that this was a topic for countywide discussion and that David Hough was convening a group to discuss these types of issues involving the Super Bowl. The first meeting was scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Future Meeting Schedule***

The group will convene again in the next quarter with more frequent meetings to be scheduled thereafter.

Meeting adjourned.