

Public Safety Line of Business Super Bowl Planning Subcommittee

ACTION ITEMS

A-2350 Government Center

Monday, July 18, 2016

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Chester Cooper, Mary Ellen Heng, Scott Gerlicher, Gretchen Hoffman, Darrell Huggett, Amanda Koonjbeharry, Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer, Mark Thompson, Marsha Unthank, Eric Waage, Jodie Wierimaa and Cherie Nelson.

Action steps:

- The next meeting of the group will be scheduled in late 2016 or early 2017.
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Discussion:

Welcome & Introductions

Mark Thompson outlined the focus of the meeting and introductions were made.

Presentation on Super Bowl

Commander Scott Gerlicher, Minneapolis Police Department, gave a presentation on plans for the upcoming Super Bowl to be held in Minnesota, noting that MPD would need cooperation locally, regionally and even nationally with the National Guard. He said that this event would be much bigger than the All Star game and that when he attended the most recent Super Bowl he had been awestruck at the size and scope of things. He noted differences, with Minneapolis events to take place in a more compact geographic area while the last Super Bowl had events in San Francisco with the game itself in Santa Clara, almost an hour drive away. He indicated he was serving as the lead planner for public safety related to the Super Bowl, responsibilities that were consuming a majority of his time over the last 18 months and would continue to do so.

Commander Gerlicher added that information related to the Super Bowl was not public under Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Chapter 13. He shared a video prepared by the Host Committee and provided additional background. He mentioned that the event draws over a million visitors and includes multiple activities over ten days. Guests will come from approximately 130 countries speaking over 30 languages. He also outlined the planning structure, membership and schedule for MPD's Super Bowl public safety planning, noting that Chief Harteau was chairing the Super Bowl Public Safety Executive Team and that he was the lead for the Super Bowl Core Planning Group and that Major Huggett was a key representative from the Sheriff's Office. Training in advance of the event would be a major component of the planning process. He discussed anticipated staffing and resources needs, and the likely impact to traffic during the ten days of events. He recommended that Court and County activities be scaled down and employees encouraged to work from home when possible, while taking into account that these are fun, family-oriented activities and that everyone wants to maintain the vibrancy of the downtown area. Discussion noted that access to the Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Justice Center, and HCMC were important considerations.

Follow-up on action items from last meeting:

- *Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee's report*
Major Huggett reported that he had followed up on sharing this report, but found that the report was not public.
- *Update to HSPHD on anticipated displacement of homeless in downtown Minneapolis during event*
Amanda Koonjbeharry indicated that she was working with Sgt. Melissa Chiodo and that a plan would be prepared and presented to the NFL with the hope of securing funding. Commander Gerlicher noted that education and accounting for targeted youth was part of the police response and Amanda said that she was also working with Mikkil Beckmen for shelter for adults including those already experiencing homelessness in the area and who would be displaced. In response to a question, Amanda added that they had not been able to obtain information from other jurisdictions who had previously hosted a Super Bowl due to data privacy and that her committee hoped to create a report that could be shared.

Determining meaningful data, uniform and specific, and tracking data

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled for future discussion.

Roundtable / Updates & Continued Discussion on planning already underway

- *City Attorney's Office*
Mary Ellen Heng noted that the City Attorney's Office would scale back work as much as possible, particularly with out-of-custody cases. For staff, a vacation ban during the event was likely.
- *Emergency Management*
Eric Waage reported that Hennepin County Emergency Management had been given the lead in natural hazards planning. He added that while the Super Bowl when held in the south is a quieter season, in Minnesota during February, Mother Nature could defeat any plan! He said that the State Climatology Office would be conducting a thorough assessment and tracking any weather systems.

Future Meeting Schedule

The group will convene next late in 2016 or early 2017, with more frequent meetings to be scheduled as the event date draws closer.

Meeting adjourned.