

Managing an Additional Mass Gathering Event Within a Mass Gathering

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Welcome Race Fans



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How Do We Prepare

- 34 ambulances
 - 7 on the track
 - 15 on the grounds
 - 12 outside the track
- 12-15 carts
- 10-15 First aid tents
- Other
 - Cooling stations
 - Cooling buses



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Infield Care Center

- 18-20 bed **FULLY FUNCTIONAL** hospital
- Physician coverage
 - 8-10 ED docs
 - 1 trauma surgeon
 - 1 Neurosurgeon
 - 1 Orthopedic Surgeon
- Nursing Coverage
- Legal



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And on a Typical Day....

- Typically 28-30 ambulance transports to Infield hospital
- 150-200 people treated in hospital
- Many others seek first aid/cooling
- Fluctuates with weather



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But What Happens





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The Snake Pit

- Electronic Dance Music Festival with over 50,000 attendees
- All concentrated in 1 place
- New set of problems
 - Younger crowd
 - Different intoxicants



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2018 Snake Pit

- 363 Runs for the Day
 - > 110 were from the snake pit
- By 11 AM > 90 patients from snakepit transported to infield care hospital
 - 1 requiring intubation
- By 1200 → Infield hospital overwhelmed and on Diversion
- All ambulances go directly from “scene” to hospital

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What This Does to the System

- Hospitals
 - Starting to get overwhelmed with increased ambulance traffic
 - Still have to care for the city
- EMS service
 - Being called to assist with transport
 - Still have to care for the city
- Patients/friends/family
 - Now being separated
 - Reunification???

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How We Adapted

- Now treat as 2 large events
- Dedicated field hospital assigned to snake pit
 - Staffed with EMS MDs and RNs
 - Ability to treat and hold
 - Will make transport decisions
 - Fully incorporated into MCI plan
- Will work with primary infield hospital for coordinated transport of patients to area hospitals

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Conclusions

- Be able to recognize the potential for 2 large events in 1
- Recognize the differing needs/acuity that can happen within your Mass Gathering Event
- Be able to adapt a plan that “has been working for years”
- Look for ways to utilize your skill set to help develop a plan that works for your system.



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Thank You and Wish Me Luck!!



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