

Protective, Selective and Corrective Tactics: Medical Preparations for Designated National Special Security Events



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Objectives

- Define a National Special Security Event (NSSE)
- Describe types of National Special Security Events
- Discuss how the integration of emergency healthcare resources is critical to the overall success of a National Special Security Event

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What is an NSSE ?

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National Special Security Event Authority

- 1998 – Presidential Decision Directive 62 (PDD 62)
 - Created National Special Security Event (NSSE)
 - Defined specific roles for Secret Service, FBI, and FEMA
- 2000 – Presidential Threat Protection Act
 - Special events explicitly to the powers of the US Secret Service for planning, coordination, and implementation of security operations
- Title 18, Section 3056, Part 2, Chapter 203
 - Codified Secret Service NSSE roles & responsibilities into law

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Factors Considered for NSSE Designation

- Federal participation
- Dignitary attendance
- Size of the event
- Significance of the event
- Duration of the event
- Location of the event
- Recurring nature of the event
- Media coverage
- State and local resources
- Threat assessments

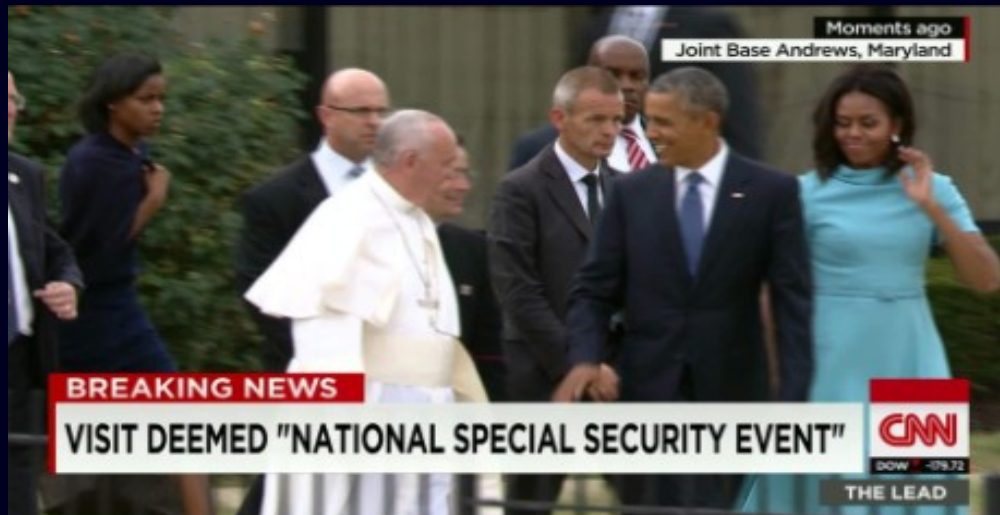
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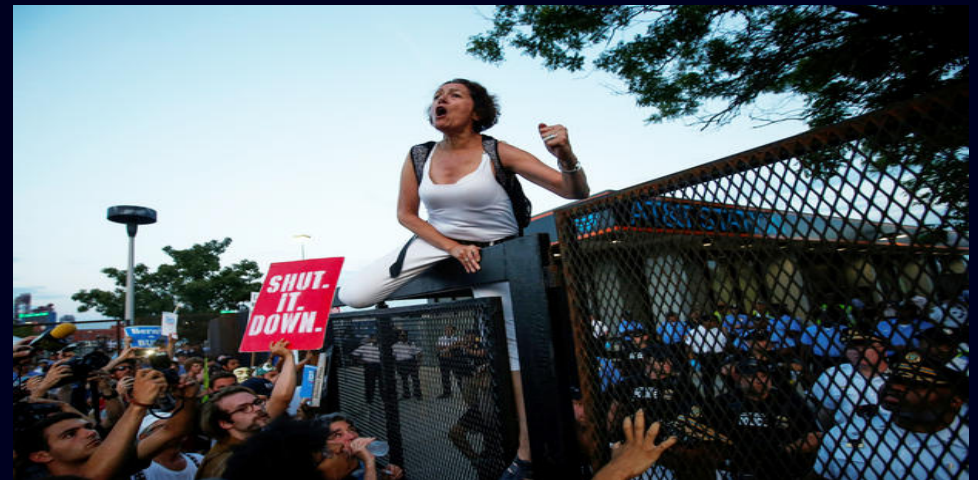
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Security Event – Nominating Conventions



Security Event – Presidential Inauguration





Security Event – State of the Union



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What are Keys to Success ?

Success begins with communication which enables integration within the local environment and integration among many agencies

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What Can You Expect?

- Establish steering committee & subcommittees
- Identify and acquire resources
- Operational security plan/protocol development
- Training (Interagency)
- Execute the plan
- Complete after-action review

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Health and Medical Subcommittee

- US Secret Service Emergency Services Specialist serves as co-chair of Health and Medical Subcommittee
- Divided into workgroups
 - Medical & First Aid Stations
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Hospital Preparedness
 - Public Health Surveillance
 - Behavioral Health
 - Food Safety



Challenges

- Credentialing of providers
- Access to sites
- Ingress and egress within sites
- Maintenance of OPSEC delays dissemination of information

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More Challenges...

- Road closures within secure perimeter
- Emergency access points not always open
- Air medical services during temporary flight restrictions
- Security check points often result in numbers of patients

Medical Support Teams





Force Protection Medical Support

- Critical toward enhancing health and effectiveness of law enforcement personnel during extended operations
- Often sole medical resource accessible to law enforcement personnel
- Adapt to meet non-conventional environment unique to an NSSE

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Communication

- Public safety infrastructure
- Acute care hospital
- Urgent care center
- Public health organization
- Elected officials



Conclusion

- National Special Security Event is a mass gathering within a mass gathering
- Knowledge of and integration within the local environment is critical
- Optimize personnel health and effectiveness while maintaining operational security

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