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Special Event Planning: Parking for Essential Public Safety Personnel

SUMMARY

It may be necessary to provide parking for essential public safety personnel during a special event. Public safety organizations should secure such parking well in advance of the event. They should consider such options as privately-owned parking garages that charge by the hour/day if public lots are unavailable.

DESCRIPTION

The 2004 Democratic National Convention (DNC) was held in Boston, Massachusetts from July 26-29. Security concerns necessitated the closure of all city streets adjacent to the Convention site. The city banned parking and stopping on all streets in the vicinity of the venue site. The parking ban forced hundreds of residents who would normally park on the street to seek off-street parking in public lots and private parking structures. This created a scarcity of city-wide parking throughout the City of Boston.

The scarcity of city-wide parking during the Convention was further exacerbated by the fact that more than 35,000 DNC participants and 15,000 members of the media had also secured parking in privately owned off-street facilities that charged by the hour/day prior to the event. Essential public safety personnel who would normally park in those lots were then unable to secure parking.

Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) developed a plan to provide essential personnel with parking in the City of Boston for the week of the DNC. Boston EMS used the Boston Public Health Commission parking lot adjacent to Boston EMS Headquarters while COBOTH rented a limited number of parking spaces at a nearby parking facility for personnel that were unable to find parking elsewhere. However, not all organizations were able to secure parking for their essential personnel.

Essential public safety personnel may require alternative parking arrangements during a special event. Public safety organizations should secure such parking well in advance of the event. They should consider such options as privately-owned parking garages that charge by the hour/day if public lots are unavailable.

CITATION

- Boston Emergency Medical Services, *2004 Democratic National Convention Medical Consequence Management Plan*. July 2004.

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