

Kanawha Putnam Emergency Management Plan Hazard Identification Annex	
Special Event Revised December 2025; Reviewed Biennially	B16
Risk Low	Vulnerability Low

I. Introduction

The metropolitan area contains the seat of state, county, and city governments and is a location occasionally visited by dignitaries, including the President of the United States (POTUS). Additional special events held in the area include occasional festivals, sporting events, concerts, regattas, and street fairs that are well attended by the public.

Such events can pose unique challenges for security and management of large crowds. This annex describes potential hazards associated with large events and suggests sections of the plan that can be used in strategic planning.

II. Situation and Assumptions

- A. The presence of some political dignitaries will pose a significant security issue while visiting the metropolitan area.
- B. Some visiting political dignitaries of a national interest, such as POTUS, will bring a sworn federal security detail with them. These forces will generally require substantial manpower support from local law enforcement. The federal agency will almost certainly assume command of security operations.
- C. To function as an effective unit, operations of visiting security and local law enforcement must be coordinated to develop working relationships, manage personnel and deployment, plan traffic flow, and for communications, command and control.
- D. Citizens attending events may attempt to enter a perimeter with possessions that would normally be permitted but are prohibitive in a large crowd environment. Such activity may not be lawful.

- E. The presence of political dignitaries will attract persons with strongly held but differing political views. Such persons may attempt peaceful protest, disruption, or pose a security risk.

- F. The anticipation of a large crowd at an event may require planning for the following needs:
 - 1. Command Post
 - 2. Containment perimeter
 - 3. Sterile areas
 - 4. Surveillance points and methods
 - 5. Emergency Medical assets
 - 6. Controlled point of ingress/egress
 - 7. Detainment area and outgoing transportation for arrestees
 - 8. Escape routes in case of mass casualty event
 - 9. Traffic Diversion plan (See FA – A06)
 - 10. Methods of ingress/egress for emergency vehicles
 - 11. Communications plan (See FA – A03)

III. Functional Annex Components

- A. Primary Functional Annexes – include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. A03 – Communications plan
 - 2. A14 – Law Enforcement/Security

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B. Support Functional Annexes – include, but are not limited to:

1. A06 – Traffic Diversion
2. A08 – Health and Medical
3. A16 – Chemical/HAZMAT Response
4. A17 – Biological Response
5. A18 – Radiological/Nuclear Response
6. A20 – Terrorism Response
7. A27 – Catastrophic Event