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
What is an NSSE?
National Special Security Event Authority

  - 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
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
Security Event – World Leader Summits
Security Event – Nominating Conventions
Security Event – Presidential Inauguration
Security Event – State of the Union
What are Keys to Success?

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