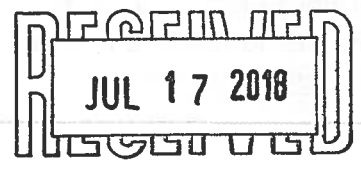


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*Sent on behalf of Ray Boisvert*

As the Provincial Security Advisor for Ontario, it is the responsibility of my office to assess the security environment, identify strategic threats, and to facilitate resilience building efforts or mitigation strategies intended to reduce risks to people, physical infrastructure and networks.

In order to assist you in addressing an area of increasing concern with the potential to adversely affect public safety, please see the attached OPSA Alert about security planning for summer events. It is being provided to you for information purposes and to support capacity building at a time when first responders race to stay ahead of extreme acts of violence that target communities gathered in vulnerable open spaces. Those wishing to do harm are presented with additional opportunities for violence during the warm summer months when outdoor events are frequent.

With these helpful best practices in hand, my office encourages continued dialogue between municipal officials and senior leadership of the law enforcement agency within your respective boundaries.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

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*“Summer security is all about making sure people can enjoy themselves safe in the knowledge that the staff around them are trained to know what to do should the worst happen.”*

**Concern:** *the summer months present those seeking to do harm with additional opportunities for violence.*

**Intention:** *to support discussion between police services, event organizers and other community stakeholders in the event planning process.*

Festivals, concerts and sporting events are frequent during the summer months, which often include peripheral celebrations, such as parades and tailgate parties. Increased volume on pedestrian walks and in parks is also common in fair weather. The crowd density, lack of permanent security infrastructure and the highly visible nature of these gatherings make them a desirable target for those wishing to harm others.

While there is no intelligence to indicate an increased threat to summer events in Canada, Daesh (ISIS) has targeted such events in Europe and North America using vehicles, explosives, knives, and other small arms.

These tactics are not limited to violent extremists, and recent events in Ontario have demonstrated the adoption of vehicles and improvised explosives by attackers unaffiliated with Daesh.

Ontario police services play an important role in maintaining security and safety in the communities they serve, but all stakeholders have a role in a collaborative security strategy. It is advisable that event organizers work in partnership with police to ensure safety and security are considered in event planning. Organizers can effectively mitigate many threats by having a strategy that addresses **awareness, layered security and emergency response**.

**Awareness** is the first step towards deterring threats or minimizing incident impact.

- ⚙️ Event organizers need to be aware that the threat is real and necessitates a security plan, which considers potential threats during the event's preparation, planning and resourcing phases.
- ⚙️ Events are typically organized by private operators, volunteer organizations and municipalities. Organizers should engage security providers in advance to ensure they can deploy adequate resources. Security can be provided by private security firms, volunteers, local police or a blend of these.
- ⚙️ Informing attendees of the presence of extra security measures will reduce disruption to the event experience and encourage reporting suspicious behaviour.

**Layered security** means employing multiple points of protection for venues and participants. The failure of any single layer of security does not significantly compromise the overall event site. In the case of summer events, event organizers should consider the following security layers:

- ⚙️ Strong temporary barricades such as trucks, heavy equipment or concrete safety barriers to block site access;
- ⚙️ Blocked queuing points, as groups congregating for entrance to venues can be targeted when vehicle access to the site itself is not possible;
- ⚙️ Adequate lighting at exits and throughout the event site to ensure visibility, aid detection, and facilitate quicker response times.

In the event of a suspicious incident or an attack, an effective **emergency response** can reduce the number of casualties and public panic.

- ⚙️ When applying for permits, event organizers should be required to list potential risks and hazards and outline an emergency response strategy.
- ⚙️ This strategy should be shared with stakeholders and include a communications plan.
- ⚙️ Security staff should have protocols in place for reporting suspicious incidents or an attack.
- ⚙️ Well identified reporting centres provide event participants with a designated area to report suspicious activities, and a pre-established location for communicating evacuation protocols.

#### *Further Reading*

[CT Summer Security](#), United Kingdom Home Office  
[Crowded Places Guidance 2017](#), United Kingdom Home Office

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