

Community Special Event Safety

Mitigating Risk at Vulnerable Events

What Drives Concerns

Large, outdoor events are inherently vulnerable

- **Accessible**
 - **Multiple avenues of approach**
 - **High-ground and roadways**
- **Known (when, where)—allows for planning**
- **Many people present (potential victims)**

Vulnerability to different types of threats

- **Intentional Criminal Acts**
- **Spontaneous Criminal Acts**
- **Unintended Criminal Acts**
- **Medical Emergencies**

Heightened Threat Environment

DATE	INCIDENT	LOCATION	CASUALTIES	CITY SIZE
9/2025	Car drove into a street festival; impaired driver	Harrisburg, PA	3 injured	50,000 No vehicle rated barriers
7/2022	Sniper attacked 4 th of July parade planned attack	Highland Park, IL	7 killed, 48 wounded	37,000 No overwatch
1/2025	Vehicle used in terrorist attack during New Years Eve celebration	New Orleans, LA	15 dead, 57 wounded (all killed via vehicle)	360,000 Barriers not in place
11/2021	Spontaneous criminal act using vehicle against parade	Waukesha, WI	6 killed, 62 wounded	71,000 No vehicle rated barriers
4/2025	Driver has medical emergency and strikes group at Easter Carnival	Philadelphia	4 injured including 3 year old child	1.57 million

Process and Approach

Identified Events to Upstaff

Met with City partners (GFFD, Streets, Transit) and Altru

Briefed Area LE partners

Worked with City Finance

What an enhanced response looks like

Add personnel

- GFPD officers in positions of advantage, SWAT, UAS
 - Ability to immediately respond to crisis while maintaining overall event control
- GFFD
 - Ability to render aid, coordinate larger response, take free up PD

Improved command and control

Improved vehicle defense

- Streets, Transit—large vehicles
- Demo of formal barrier system (Spring?)

The Ask

- \$50,000 in additional overtime funding to pay for police, fire, and other city personnel to provide improved safety and capacity at a select number of events

Questions?