



# Briefing for The Ohio Emergency Management Directors' Spring Conference

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## MAJOR EVENT COORDINATION UNIT (MECU)

### Mission

To mitigate the risk of attacks against U.S. interests at certain major events by working under Chief of Mission authority with the host governments within the interagency concept of:

“One Mission, One Team, One Voice”





# MAJOR EVENT COORDINATION UNIT (MECU)

## Mission

*To accomplish its mission, MECU, as the designated U.S. international event lead law enforcement coordinator :*

- Serves as the **long range central planning and coordination** office within DSS that identifies and tracks events to determine the extent of DS and U.S. Government participation .
- Serves primarily in a **protective liaison** and **advisory capacity** as the **lead security and law enforcement agency for major events abroad** through the leadership of the 20-plus agencies represented on the International Security Events Group under the authorities of National Security Presidential Directive 46;
- Coordinates between host governments, U.S. Mission , participating State Dept. offices intelligence, law enforcement, security, diplomatic and crisis management agencies to ensure that an efficient, appropriate, and comprehensive plan is prepared to address threats and attacks.
- Coordinates the International Security Event Group (ISEG).



## US Government Security Responsibilities *(During Major International Events)*

- Official U.S. Delegation - (White House – VIP's, VVIP's)
- U.S. Team - (athletes, coaches, USOC officials NBA, US Soccer etc.)
- U.S. Citizen Attendees - (1000's)
- U.S. Official Sponsors - e.g. Coke, McDonalds, Budweiser (\$ Million's)
- U.S. Private Sector Business Interests - (\$ Million's)
- U.S. Media - (1000's –NBC, CNN, ESPN, etc.)



# USG interagency planning concept under the International Security Event Group (ISEG)

*One Mission  
One Team  
One Voice*





## International Security Event Group

The Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) chairs the International Security Event Group (ISEG), a U.S. government interagency effort consisting of law enforcement, security, defense, and intelligence agencies that coordinate efforts to meet the mandate, required under Presidential and National Security Presidential Directives to ensure the protection of US citizens overseas.





## International Security Event Group (ISEG)

- Meets monthly, chaired by DSS DAS for Domestic Operations.
- 20+ agencies participate under executive committee format.
- Central point for information flow between USG, Embassy, and host country.
- Solicits input and exchanges on issues of mutual interest.
- Provides overview and briefing to senior USG officials on event planning status.
- Recommends and approves host country training or assistance requests.





## MECU Security Support to Major Events

- Security liaison from the beginning – “Boots on the ground” early
- Deployment of a full time coordinator in country
- Coordination with Embassy, American Citizen Services, CT, etc.
- Support for training requests – Brazilian National Police
- Facilitate pre-event exercises – CME
- Joint Operation Center (JOC) – Set up months in advance.
- DS Agent Field Liaison Officers (FLO) deployed at events
- Deployment of emergency services and response
- Consequence Management.



# Our Main Client The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC)



- DS has a formal MOU with the USOC.
- DS, with its federal partners, brings the full force and assets of the U.S. Government, to ensure that Team USA functions in a safe and secure environment at international athletic events abroad.
- This is accomplished ultimately through the ISEG.





# Deployment of a Security Coordinator

- For certain events (Olympics, Pan Am Games, and World Cup) MECU will assign a senior DS agent to serve as the Security Coordinator.
  - Assigned 2 years prior to event (1 year for World Cup and PAG)
  - One DS Deputy Security Coordinator (Olympics only)
- Separate from the RSO, who is involved in all security and law enforcement matters, at a U.S Embassy, the Security Coordinators focus solely on the major event in that country.
- Under the direction of the DCM, the Security Coordinator will take the lead in managing all USG law enforcement / security planning, including training, offered to host country through the ISEG. The Security Coordinator will work directly with host country agencies and committees to ensure U.S. interests receive appropriate assistance and protection during the event.





# Law Enforcement Liaison with Host Country

- The United States shares an interest with other countries in ensuring that major events take place in a safe and secure environment.
- The U.S. has a long tradition of offering to support the efforts of host nations by working closely with their security professionals and organizing committees.
- The U.S. is prepared to assist host nations with preparation for and execution of major events.
- The level of assistance will vary based on the presence of U.S. interests, the threat environment, needs of host nation, and the nature of the event.
- DS and the USG strive to work within the framework of the host country plan to support and serve as a partner and not as an impediment.





# Law Enforcement Liaison with Host Country

## Capacity Building

- Major Event management and Anti-Terrorism Assistance programs
- Training exercises/ Equipment donations.
- Augmenting host nation personnel with U.S. counterparts (ex. airport screening and transportation security inspectors for U.S. flights).
- Consultation on security planning.
- Invitations to foreign security professionals to observe major events held in the United States.

NBA All Star Game

Super Bowl

Boston Marathon





## Operations during Major Event

- The U.S. Government will staff a 24-hour Joint Operation Center (JOC). ISEG representatives are seated in the JOC to provide expertise and communication with their parent agency in Washington in the event of an incident.
- DS will, with respective host government approval, deploy Field Liaison Officers (FLO) to sports venues to work as liaison between the venue security, U.S. teams, sponsors, dignitaries and Amciti attendees. FLO's serve in a purely liaison role as eyes and ears for all U.S. interests.





# International MECU Support 2004 -2016



## Olympics and Paralympics:

2004 Athens, Greece

2008 Beijing, China

2012 London, UK

2006 Turin, Italy

2010 Vancouver, Canada

2014 Sochi, Russia



## Pan Am Games:

2007 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2011 Guadalajara, Mexico



## Men's & Women's World Cup:

2006 Germany

2011 Germany

2010 South Africa

2014 Brazil



## Samples of other:

2007 Copa America Soccer - Venezuela

2007 Cricket World Cup - Nine Caribbean Nations

2009 Confederations Cup Soccer - South Africa

2011 FIBA Basketball Championship -Turkey

2014 Youth Olympic Games -Nanjing, China

2014 FIBA Basketball Championship - Spain

## Upcoming:

2015 Pan Am -Toronto



2016 Olympics -Rio de Janeiro





## MECU GOAL

Security planning between the U.S. and host country through a single voice to achieve...

...the successful completion of a safe, secure event in support of the host country organizers and law enforcement.





# Thank You.

# Questions? Comments ?

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