Permitted Special Events in the City of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Special Events Permit Unit, is responsible for receiving and processing 1st Amendment Special Events Permit applications for events, such as marches, parades, assemblies and demonstrations. Our intent is to assist the event organizer in hosting their event in a safe and secure environment, while ensuring that the rights of all persons are respected and observed.

If the event involves an athletic activity or other non-1st Amendment event activity, the event may require a City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), Street/Lane Closure Permit. A Street/Lane Closure Permits may be obtained from the BOSS One-Stop Permit Office, 1149 South Broadway, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. The BOSS One-Stop Permit Office can be reached at (213) 847-6000.

The LAPD is dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. The following “Recommended Security Measures Checklist” serves as a guideline for implementing recommended safety preventative measures for planned mass gathering events, such as festivals, parades, races, and rallies, as well as marches, parades, assemblies and demonstrations. If you have any questions, please contact the LAPD’s Special Events Permit Unit at (213) 486-0640.

Recommended Security Measures Checklist

Utilize http://lapdonline.org/iwatchla for awareness, education, and reporting on suspicious activities and behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity;
Establish a comprehensive security, emergency response plan, and integrated communication plan for the event that includes interaction and integration with local law enforcement, public safety agencies, and local media;
Incorporate screening and credential procedures for event staff, vendors, and attendees;
Establish entry-exit control points for event staff, vendors, and attendees at inner, middle, and outer layers of perimeter security;
Coordinate mass evacuation procedures with law enforcement;
Consider using pedestrian and vehicular traffic control barriers, preventing vehicles from entering crowded pedestrian areas or other vulnerable areas;
Remove objects from the facility or event which could conceal improvised explosives devices such as trash containers, or crates; and,
Utilize video and audio surveillance equipment with an emphasis on blind spots, control points, and parking areas.

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