

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Cassandra Libal, Director, Office of Emergency Management

Subject: 2024 Republican National Convention (RNC)

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This report serves to inform the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors about the upcoming 2024 Republican National Convention (RNC) and the measures being undertaken to ensure the safety of residents and continuity of county services during this event.

POLICY

Through the Emergency Management Division, OEM meets the statutory obligations of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 323 and Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 99: Emergency Activities of the Government of the County. Additionally, Executive Order #228, Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to the 2024 Republican National Convention, outlines the necessary measures to address any emergency situations that may arise during the convention. These legal frameworks provide the authority and guidelines for coordinating emergency response efforts and ensuring the safety and security of residents and attendees.

Wisconsin State Statute Chapter:	Chapter 323: Emergency Management
Milwaukee County Ordinance:	Chapter 99: Emergency Activities of the Government of the County
Executive Order:	Executive Order: 228

BACKGROUND

The 2024 RNC is scheduled to occur from July 14th to July 20th, 2024, in downtown Milwaukee, impacting the region between West I-94 and W. McKinley Ave, N. Water Street, and N. 10th Street. While the convention promises economic benefits and national exposure, it also presents challenges in maintaining public safety and access to county services.

BODY

The Office of Emergency Management for Milwaukee County is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors throughout the convention. Comprehensive emergency management strategies are being implemented in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as event organizers. These strategies include:

1. **Traffic Management:** Coordinating with transportation authorities to manage traffic flow and ensure efficient movement of attendees and emergency vehicles.
2. **Crowd Control:** Working closely with law enforcement agencies to establish crowd control measures and ensure the safety of attendees and residents alike.
3. **Emergency Medical Services:** Enhancing emergency medical services capacity and response capabilities to address potential health emergencies during the convention.
4. **Law Enforcement Coordination:** Facilitating communication and collaboration between various law enforcement agencies to maintain security and address any potential threats or incidents.

Efforts are also underway to ensure the continuity of operations for Milwaukee County services during the 2024 RNC. This includes:

1. **Maintaining Essential Services:** Ensuring that essential county services, such as public transportation, healthcare facilities, and social services, remain operational and accessible to residents.
2. **Mitigating Disruptions:** Implementing contingency plans to mitigate disruptions to county operations caused by increased activity and demand during the convention.
3. **Communication and Public Outreach:** Providing updates and information to residents about the convention and its potential impact on county services through various communication channels, including social media, press releases, and community meetings. This will be coordinated in collaboration with RNC partners, including the U.S. Secret Service, City of Milwaukee, Visit Milwaukee, MKE Host Committee, and Republican National Committee.

Additional updates and information will be provided through the County's dedicated website, [2024 Milwaukee County RNC](#), as well as through public communication and community outreach with RNC partners, including the U.S. Secret Service, City of Milwaukee, Visit Milwaukee, MKE Host Committee, and Republican National Committee.

FISCAL EFFECT

The report is informational only and there is no fiscal impact.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

N/A

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