



# City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## MEMORANDUM



TO: Joseph Galaska, Lieutenant

FROM: Michael Druzvik, Sergeant

DATE: November 14, 2017

**SUBJECT: After Action Report – City of Margate 2017 Fall Festival**

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, the City of Margate held a Fall Festival at the Margate Sports Complex, which is located at 1695 Banks Rd. My assignment for this event was to supervise the following officers and community service aides that were assigned to this off-duty detail: Officer Randazzo, Officer Williams, Officer Petersen, Officer Sohn, Community Service Aide Nguyen, Community Service Aide Okeefe, Community Service Aide Tindall, and Community Service Aide Morris. The detail began at 1630 hours and had a scheduled ending time of 2230 hours.

I assigned the four Community Service Aides to following areas:

- Community Service Aide Nguyen was designated to maintain the handicapped parking area, which was located on the south side of the industrial warehouses.
- Community Service Aide Tindall was designated to maintain the reserved parking area, which was located along the south side of the entranceway to the Sports Complex.
- Community Service Aide Okeefe and Community Service Aide Morris were designated to facilitate traffic control and pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the Sports Complex and Banks Road, due to the public parking on the east side of Banks Road for this event.

There were no incidents in these areas of responsibilities and we had the appropriate amount of people staffing the parking and pedestrian crossing areas.

I assigned the four Police Officers to the following areas:

- Officer Randazzo, Officer Williams, Officer Petersen, and Officer Sohn were designated to walk inside the event, showing a police presence and being able to take law enforcement action when applicable.

There were no incidents in these areas of responsibility and we had the appropriate amount of people staffing the safety and security of the event.

During this operation, the objectives set forth were accomplished. The operation ensured the safety and security of patrons attending the event. No incidents occurred that caused disruption to the event, and all parking and pedestrian travel had no incidents or concerns. We had the appropriate amount of staff to handle this scale of event. I did not see any deficiencies that

would need to be improved for next year's event, should the event stay similar in nature, location, and size.

In conclusion, the overall success of this operation was the result of good planning, strong leadership, committed personnel, and teamwork.

One ancillary incident had occurred toward the end of the event involving a dignitary explained below:

At approximately 2215 hours, I had all of the off-duty detail members meet at the entrance of the Sports Complex. The weather was cold that evening and I allowed the following members to wait in their vehicles for the remaining 15 minutes of the detail: Community Service Aide Nguyen, Community Service Aide Okeefe and Community Service Aide Morris; however, they had their vehicles positioned in accordance to the detail's needs.

At approximately 2220 hours, Officer Randazzo, Officer Williams, Officer Petersen, Officer Sohn, Community Service Aide Tindall, and I were all discussing how the detail went while we were standing next to Officer Randazzo and Officer Petersen's marked police vehicles (directly at the entrance of the Sports Complex). It was at this time that Vice Mayor Arlene Schwartz was walking to her vehicle, which was parked in the "reserved" parking lot (approximately 15 feet from all of us) and she stopped walking, turned around towards all of us and said "be careful we have a bet going on how many cops we can mow down." Immediately after Schwartz made this statement, Amanda Ruzzano (Mayor Tommy Ruzzano's wife), who was standing near her vehicle which was also parked in the "reserved" parking lot (approximately 10 feet west of Schwartz) walked towards Schwartz and said to her and us that "those are the good ones." Amanda Ruzzano then reiterated her statement that we were the good ones and not the bad ones like the female officer whose name starts with "A." Schwartz then made a statement to the effect that she was joking and continued walking to her vehicle and subsequently entered it and left the area without further incident. Amanda Ruzzano entered her vehicle along with Tommy Ruzzano and their family and left the area without further incident.

At approximately 2230 hours, the off-duty detail concluded and I immediately called Captain Jon Shaw to notify him of the statement that Arlene Schwartz made to Officer Randazzo, Officer Williams, Officer Petersen, Officer Sohn, Community Service Aide Tindall and me. Captain Shaw was the Bureau Commander responsible for the Police Department's role for this event.

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cc: City Manager  
City Attorney