

Republican National Convention Public Safety Planning and Implementation Commission

Scope of Review

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The Commission shall conduct an independent review of Law Enforcement's interactions with the community during the Republican National Convention held in St. Paul from September 1 – 4, 2008. The review will focus on:

- Identifying and Analyzing Law Enforcement's Public Safety Plan;
- Examining the Implementation of the Plan, including Law Enforcement's gathering, training and equipping the personnel participating in public safety efforts at the Convention; and
- Determining and Evaluating how Law Enforcement Executed the Plan before and during the Convention.

The Commission's review will be limited to Law Enforcement's interactions with the community and its planning, implementation and execution of its public safety efforts outside of the Xcel Energy Center.

In addition, the Commission will limit its review to institutional implementation and execution by Law Enforcement and shall not include an evaluation of the conduct of specific individuals.

The Commission will provide a written report to the City expressing its findings and conclusions.

In order to gather information for its work, the Commission will: review documents related to these topics; interview individuals involved in the planning, implementation and execution efforts; review videotape footage of specific events that took place in St. Paul and Minneapolis during the Convention; and solicit input from the public, including people involved in protest activities, journalists and others. In this regard, the Commission will hold at least one public forum to solicit recommendations from the public relevant to its work.

The Commission's focus on Law Enforcement's interactions with the community will include, among other things, a review of discussions between Law Enforcement and the community prior to the Convention regarding safety and First Amendment rights, an examination of the intelligence gathered by Law Enforcement relating to potential violence at the Convention, the extent of interagency cooperation and coordination and command decisions made during the Convention.