



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of January 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Informational Report from the San Diego Police Department
regarding the 2007 Charger Playoff Games

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Chargers have won the right to have home field advantage in the upcoming Playoff Games. This means that the Divisional and AFC Championship Playoff Games will be played here at Qualcomm Stadium. The San Diego Police Department has extensive experience in managing high profile sporting events and has developed a comprehensive action plan to ensure a peaceful and orderly event.

DISCUSSION

The Charger Playoff Schedule will be as follows:

1. **Divisional Playoff Game** (at Qualcomm Stadium)
 - a. Sunday Jan. 14th at 1:30 pm (versus New England)

If the Chargers win:

2. **AFC Championship Game** (at Qualcomm Stadium)
 - a. Sunday Jan. 21st at 3:30 pm

The Super Bowl will be held in Miami, Florida on Sunday, Feb. 4th at 3:15 pm (San Diego Time). The San Diego Chargers Parade's day, time and location is yet to be determined.

Police Department Staffing

Divisional Playoff Game (Jan. 13th or 14th)

The Department will staff the game with personnel comparable to any of the regular season games for the Chargers. All of the officers at the event will be working on an overtime basis.

AFC Championship Game (Jan. 21st)

The Department will staff the game with personnel comparable to any of the regular season games for the Chargers. Also, additional personnel will be assigned throughout the City of San Diego to ensure a safe and peaceful environment once the game has ended. Entertainment areas such as the Gaslamp and Pacific Beach will have additional personnel assigned specifically to those areas. Additional patrol officers, brought in on an overtime basis, will patrol various neighborhoods at the conclusion of the game and will be available to respond to any part of the City in large numbers if needed.

To coordinate the movement of personnel, the Department Operations Center (DOC) will be opened approximately three (3) hours prior to game time and will only cease operations once calls for service have reached a manageable level throughout the City.

Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 4th)

If the Chargers play in the Super Bowl, the DOC will be opened again (approximately 3 hours prior to game time) to coordinate the movement of personnel and equipment throughout the City. The Department will bring in on an overtime basis a number of additional personnel to ensure any planned and/or spontaneous celebrations are peaceful and orderly. Once again, the Gaslamp and Pacific Beach will have specific personnel assigned above and beyond what is normally scheduled to work in those areas. Additional officers on overtime will be available to any other part of the City to help keep the peace.

Chargers Parade (TBD)

If the Chargers play in the Super Bowl, they will not fly back to San Diego until the evening of Monday, Feb. 5th. Any parade scheduled would be after that. The Police Department is already working with the City's Office of Special Events to plan this event.

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