

Bush Visit 1-29-2003

Have all equipment at the briefing site. Make sure that shotgun positions actually pick up their shotguns.

Bus worked well in respect to getting up to the original site quickly, shields and guns left on the bus. Have one officer stay with the equipment and have the bus on the opposite side of the crowd. Equipment was too far away if we really needed it.

No real barricades available when we arrived. Some saw horse barricades only. We need heavy duty bike stand fencing for our control points. Michigan was too hard to defend. Crowd could have broke through our tape lines and disrupted the motorcade.

No enough personnel on the Butterworth site. We immediately deployed five of five teams. Team integrity was lost at times along the line.

Contact media and let them know where we expect protestors to be, where the secure areas will be for them. We could have countered the Coit/Michigan site which was very poor.

Phone system worked well except you miss calls when doing other things. Spare battery in the back pocket worked well.

Fuzzy hats were a necessity. Kent County Officers did not have them and they were freezing.

Set backs need to be further back for motorcade route but perhaps closer at the site.

Zebra leader and XO split immediately which was necessary but not good.

Shotguns need to be secured in designated car if not used, left on bus unattended for a period of time.

Bus was having difficulty making it through traffic to get to Division and Fulton. Escort vehicle got us there faster.

Free hands was best. Field Force was not activated.

At Ionia/Monroe Center, it appeared to me that as long as the field force personnel were there, the crowd was going to remain. It seemed to add a dimension. Field force personnel formed up and returned to Headquarter.

We needed continuous updates on the movement of the crowd.

We need to develop an after event team to monitor the crowd, movement, behaviors and have Field Force respond.

Hats on all personnel before they leave.

Have team sergeants account for team members before dismissing.

Chemical agents need to be close by for field force.

Have transport van on police side ready to go.

Roving camera at hotspots.

Realistic estimates of areas set aside for crowds. If there are not going to fit there, like at Barclay and Michigan, then need to be adjusted before hand.

Have the dispatch scribe complete a list of the location and name, complaint number of each arrest.