MOSCONE CENTER

Security Measures for Demonstrations

As a convention center, we are well versed in dealing with protests and demonstrations. The facility has an elevated security plan that we may utilize in full or in part, when necessary. There are also security measures that the client can take to limit the possibility of demonstrators gaining entrance into the facility or seriously disrupting your event.

As we've seen with past events, demonstrators may try to register for the event and obtain a badge, thereby allowing them "legal" entrance. Some clients have gone so far as to hire investigators to run the names of well known animal rights activists, demonstrators, etcetera, against their registration lists. Though this may not be monetarily feasible for most, there are other ways to step up security under these circumstances. There has also been a relatively recent trend of "registration by invitation". Unwelcome guests are not allowed to register without an invitation. This measure works for some, but obviously not all events.

Demonstrators have been known to go through trash receptacles on the outside perimeter of the facility in search of badges and/or lanyards. With this in mind, we strongly suggest the following:

- Have clearly marked containers available for guests to recycle their badges and/or lanyards if they are leaving before the end of the event. Badge/Lanyard Recycling Containers should <u>not</u> be placed at or near the doors; but kept close to the registration counters.
- The location of the registration area is of the utmost importance. Placing your registration area close to the main lobby entrances, allows for guests to be badged <u>before</u> entering up or down the escalators, into the facility and exhibit areas.
- Remind exhibitors and guests to remove or flip their badges over when leaving the facility for breaks or lunch.
- Badges of guests should be checked at doors and badge checkers should be shown examples of what the appropriate badge(s) will look like.
- Clients are encouraged to meet with their contracted security provider and an In-house security manager prior to the event, to discuss what action should be taken in the event that a demonstrator gains entrance into the facility.

If the facility should implement the portion of our *Elevated Security Plan* (see attached) that calls for **restricting the entrance points** and/or key-locking the lobby doors (guests may exit but not enter unchecked), contract security should immediately be advised to *man* the doors and to physically insure that <u>only</u> badged guests enter the facility by manually opening/closing lobby doors.

As always, communication and teamwork are our best tools in the interest of security, and the absolute best way to insure a successful event. Please contact us if you have questions regarding this or other security related matters.