

NATO Summits Security Facts Summary – March 6, 2012

From May 20th through the 21st, Chicago will be hosting the NATO Summit. The following is the information released to date. This outline will be updated as more information becomes available.

1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (“NATO”) is made up of 28 member countries
2. NATO will hold their sessions on Sunday, May 20th and Monday the 21st
3. Summit will be held at McCormick Place
4. Has planned agendas that may attract a significant number of demonstrators
5. Has been designated as National Special Security Events (NSSE)
6. Security for NSSE events is led by the United States Secret Service and will be supported by federal and local government
7. The City of Chicago has created the Chicago NATO Host Committee to assist in coordinating the events and to showcase the City--www.chicagogo8nato.org
8. Lori Healey is the Executive Director for the Chicago NATO Host Committee
9. It is estimated the summits will attract:
 - a. 4,000 to 5,000 NATO participants
 - b. 2,500 to 3,000 members of the press
 - c. 10,000+ demonstrators, estimates vary widely
10. President Barack Obama is planning to attend the summit
11. Participants are responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations during their stay
12. All major downtown hotels are expected to be accommodating at least 1 participant country
13. It is estimated that over 10,000 rooms are needed for participants and press
14. Permits for demonstrations have been issued for Daley Plaza and Grant Park
15. In excess of 50 protest, community, and labor organizations have already committed to participating directly or indirectly in demonstrations
16. There will be events for the participants outside of McCormick Place, details are still to be announced
17. Transportation will be effected due to street closures, motorcades, restricted areas, demonstrations, planned events, etc.
18. There will be “rolling street closures” extending from O’Hare to the Magnificent Mile to McCormick Place to accommodate motorcades
19. Burnham Harbor will be emptied during the Summit