



Central Business District Advisory

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May Day "General Strike" and Occupy Movement

May 1st has long been a significant date for protests and is recognized as a holiday in most industrialized countries, excluding the United States. The date has traditionally been used to rally and mobilize workers groups in cities throughout the United States, including Chicago. The call for a General Strike on May 1st has been widely embraced by Occupy movements across the country. The day will serve as an indicator of the Occupy movement's ability to mobilize large numbers. It will also showcase how well the winter efforts to reorganize have strengthened the movement given the lack of Occupy encampment sites. Occupy groups are taking advantage of a day historically known for rallies. With their involvement, there could be a significant increase in participation at May 1st rallies.

Previous announcements by the Occupy group have called for mass mobilization in Chicago as part of a month-long Occupy movement associated with the **NATO Summit** being hosted in the City from May 20-21st. Visit the [BOMA/Chicago NATO Summit Information & Resources web page](#) for news and access to emergency preparedness resources.

Chicago May Day March and Rally

An annual May Day March and Rally will take place in Chicago tomorrow, May 1st, 2012. Participating groups will assemble in Union Park, 1501 West Randolph Street at 11:00 AM and will step off for a march at 1:30 PM. They will march to Federal Plaza at 230 South Dearborn Street, where they will disband.

The route of the scheduled march is:

- E/B Washington Blvd. to Des Plaines St.
- S/B Des Plaines St. to Jackson Blvd.
- E/B Jackson Blvd. to Dearborn St.
- N/B Dearborn St. to Adams St.

- Disband at Dearborn and Adams, Federal Plaza

Annual May Day marches typically involve numerous labor and immigration-rights activists as well as many other interest groups.

Vigilance Encouraged on Anniversary of Bin Ladin's Death

Federal authorities remain concerned that homegrown violent extremists could seek to advance or execute attacks with little or no warning on or about the anniversary of Usama bin Ladin's death.

In advance of and immediately following the May 2nd anniversary, law enforcement officials, first responders, and building security staffs are urged to maintain increased vigilance for indications of pre-operational planning and suspicious activity.

If you See Something - Say Something Report Suspicious Activity to Local Law Enforcement or Call 911

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