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NRA Convention Downtown

The City of Dallas is hosting the National Rifle Association Convention from May 3 – 6, 2018 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center. The convention is expecting about 80,000 attendees during the four day event.

The Dallas Police Department is expecting numerous protests during this four day event. The department will not interfere with the lawful and peaceful assembly of any individuals or groups expressing their first amendment rights. The Dallas Police Department will take enforcement action if any type of criminal offense is committed against any person or property. Enforcement action will also be taken if demonstrators illegally impede traffic in the roadway or attempt to shut down a freeway. The safety of our officers and citizens is the primary concern as individuals or groups gather to express their first amendment rights.

Parking: On Saturday, May 5, 2018, all media vehicles must be parked and in place at the usual spot at City Hall Plaza no later than 8:00 a.m. Officers will be closing the streets at 7:00 a.m., but will allow media to enter up until 8:00 a.m. For the safety of the participants, no vehicles will be allowed on the streets around City Hall after that time.

Media Staging: There will be a designated media staging area on the City Hall Plaza should there be a need for any on the scene updates. (Please see the map below). However, this location could change depending on the situation. Location updates will be provided by DPD PIO.

Updates: Please follow the department Twitter page @DallasPD for information and updates throughout the event.

Safety: As you all know, you will be free to roam around amongst the crowds; however, there will be several barricades in place to keep the crowds in designated areas. For safety purposes, it would be recommended that media members stay on the opposite side of the barricades and not in direct contact with the crowds.

Also, please remind your crews to stay out of the street while filming any protest actions. In the past, we have noticed that media members are walking in the street and becoming part of the problem. Please help us out so we can all stay safe.

For more information, please contact the Police Media Relations Unit at (214) 671-4065.

