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Sheriff's Office Plan for Weekend Lakefront Events

Milwaukee, WI – The Sheriff's Office will have an increased presence at the lakefront this weekend due to the expected crowds attending multiple events. The Air Show attracts tens of thousands of people, along with large attendance at the Lakefront Art Festival, and smaller events at Bradford Beach.

If you plan on attending lakefront events this weekend, plan ahead, expect traffic congestion on Lincoln Memorial Drive (LMD) and nearby city streets, and be patient. Consider using public transportation to avoid the expected traffic delays.

Parking restrictions to be aware of include:

- NorthPoint parking lot closes starting today and will reopen on Monday at 8:00AM. This lot will be used exclusively for Air Show equipment and the MCSO and MFD Command Posts.
- Beginning today, the Parks Department will designate parking on LMD for handicapped parking only.
- All public lots will require payment. Aside from the handicapped parking, there will not be any free parking at the lakefront during the Air Show.
- VIP Parking consists of three lots directly across from McKinley Beach. Public paid parking will be across from McKinley Beach - north of the tennis courts, the Gun Club, the gazebo by the former Coast Guard station pavilion, and the K and L marina lots off of Lagoon Drive.
- McKinley Marina and Sailing Center tenants will be allowed access with identification.

Deputies will be deployed on ATVs, golf carts, mounted, boat and foot patrols, to handle safe pedestrian crossing and traffic congestion on LMD, assist Parks at parking collection checkpoints, and allow for any necessary emergency vehicle access to all areas.

MCSO will be working in cooperation with the Milwaukee Police Department to monitor traffic and implement any temporary LMD closures in the event of gridlock. Understand that these closures will only take place if public safety is compromised due to heavy pedestrian traffic and gridlock as a result of lack of parking.

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The MCSO lakefront plan also includes an Evacuation/Shelter location for Air Show attendees in the event of dangerous weather conditions. If necessary, MCTS buses will transport attendees to the Milwaukee County Transit Center at LMD and Michigan Street.

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