

SHERIFF CHUCK JENKINS' MESSAGE REGARDING G-8 SUMMIT

May 14, 2012

With the 2012 G-8 Summit coming to Camp David in northern Frederick County on May 18 - 19, I am taking this opportunity to speak to you, the citizens of Frederick County, to share as much information as possible about what you can expect in Frederick County during the event. Law enforcement and public safety agencies, community partners, and many other local government agencies are working together to keep Frederick County citizens informed about events that may occur in the county as the result of the G-8 Summit. This includes information on expected traffic delays and congestion, roads closures, and any other public safety issues that may arise. It's important for all residents to know that efforts are being made to keep disruptions of routine local activities at a minimum.

This event will be unlike anything Frederick County has experienced in the past. We will certainly be on the world stage during this international event. Normally, areas that host a G-8 Summit of world leaders have several years to prepare for all aspects of the event. We have only had two short months to plan. Nonetheless, I commend the many people, local organizations, law enforcement and public safety agencies, and all other government agencies that have come together on such short notice to share their resources and work together in emergency planning and preparation. Rest assured that you have many experienced and hard working professionals working together toward the safety and welfare of all Frederick County residents.

I do have just a few things for county residents to keep in mind. Be prepared to experience some major inconveniences such as severe traffic congestion, a heavy influx of visitors, delays and road closures, especially in northern Frederick County around Thurmont. Currently, plans have been made to close Rt. 77, just west of Thurmont, and Catoctin Hollow Road in the area of Cunningham Falls beginning the morning of Friday, May 18th. If you live in the area of Route 77 or Route 550, west of Thurmont to the Washington County line, please plan on alternate routes of travel, and security check points are expected throughout the area, so make sure to travel with proper identification.

Traffic congestion can be expected, sometimes severe, along the US-15 corridor from the City of Frederick to the Pennsylvania state line. My advice is simply to travel as little as possible throughout these areas to help ease the congestion and expedite local travel. If traveling in and through the City of Frederick, expect heavy traffic on the main arteries and routes of travel. In short, enjoy your normal activities, but please use common sense in dealing with expected delays.

We will most likely experience groups of activists, in both the City of Frederick and Thurmont areas; some being local groups, some from out of the region. These activists do have the right to exercise their First Amendment Right to free speech. Our expectation is that any and all demonstrations will remain peaceful throughout the event. If you do encounter activists in your travels, I would request that you also respect their right to demonstrate peacefully and simply don't get involved in conversations with activists or demonstrators that result in controversy. It's also my expectation that activists in turn will respect your rights, your property, and our public

property. If we experience acts of civil disobedience, we are prepared to take appropriate actions in response.

Local residents in both the cities and the county can expect to see law enforcement officers from outside jurisdictions that you may not recognize or know. I would ask that everyone obey the lawful orders of those officers as they are working under state or local authority in a large scale coordinated effort. If local residents do experience problems resulting from the actions of the activists, please contact law enforcement and allow us to handle any problems.

Our goals are very simple:

1. To ensure that the citizens of Frederick County, their business and their properties are protected.
2. Protect the First Amendment Rights of any activists in allowing free speech and peaceful demonstration.
3. Minimize any inconveniences and problems to local residents.
4. Be able to look back and say that the 2012 G-8 Summit was a positive event in Frederick County.

Please make sure to stay informed about the G-8 Summit by visiting the Frederick County G-8 Summit Information Center website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/G8Frederick, or the new social media sites we have set up for the event. In addition, stay tuned to local radio and television stations, and visit newspaper websites for breaking news. You are our best eyes and ears in the community, so we ask you to help us. If you see something suspicious, say something, contact your local law enforcement agency or simply call 911.

If you have any questions or need help with non-emergency matters and can't find the answers online or in the media, please call the public information line at [301-600-3000](tel:301-600-3000) or e-mail the information center at jic@frederickcountymd.gov.

Please understand that due to the magnitude of this event, law enforcement and public safety officials will be focusing all available resources toward ensuring that this is a positive event for Frederick County, and that our county and nation are cast in a positive light. I can assure you that collectively we are prepared to handle any problems that may arise. We'll be taking care of you, our citizens, your properties and businesses, and keeping your best interests in mind for the duration of this event.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this world event.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins

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