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CASE STUDY · EVENT SECURITY

Securing a High-Profile National Security Conference

Rapid venue relocation, multi-VIP protection, and zero-incident execution
under a 72-hour planning window.

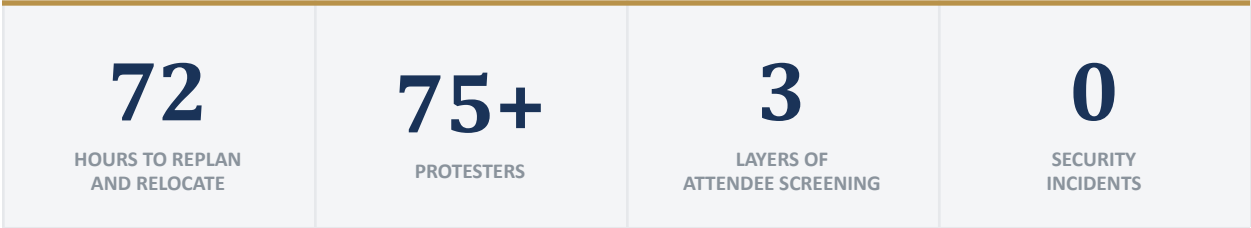
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Security planning, executive protection, and event risk management

Executive Summary

Granite Harbor Protection Group provides security planning, executive protection, and event risk management for organizations operating in sensitive, high-visibility environments. Our team brings together practitioners with backgrounds in national security, law enforcement coordination, dignitary protection, and complex event operations.

This case study documents work led by members of our team in support of a university-hosted national security technology conference. With 72 hours’ notice, the program was relocated off-campus in response to credible, organized protest activity targeting a former National Security Advisor delivering the keynote. Operating outside the jurisdictional footprint of campus law enforcement, our team rebuilt the event’s security posture end-to-end — screening, ingress and egress, emergency response, and multi-agency coordination — and executed it without incident across a multi-day program protecting three senior principals.



Situation

A university-hosted national security technology conference — featuring a former National Security Advisor as a keynote speaker— became the focus of credible, organized protest activity. With 72 hours’ notice, the program was relocated off-campus, removing the jurisdictional support and infrastructure that campus law enforcement would have provided. Members of our team were tasked with rebuilding the event’s security posture for a hotel environment while preserving program integrity, schedule, and attendee experience.

National Security Technology Conference

Off-site venue relocation, multi-VIP protection, and three-layer attendee screening under a compressed planning window.

CLIENT CONTEXT	University-hosted national security technology conference
PRINCIPALS PROTECTED	Former National Security Advisor (keynote); former Cabinet-level official; active-duty three-star general
OPERATING ENVIRONMENT	Off-campus hotel venue, outside campus law-enforcement jurisdiction, with credible organized protest activity
PLANNING WINDOW	72 hours from venue change to first principal arrival

Approach

Inside a compressed timeline, the team rebuilt the security plan from the ground up across five concurrent workstreams:

- **Three-layer attendee screening.** Implemented ticket validation, government-ID verification, and credentialed badge issuance to ensure only authorized attendees entered conference spaces.
- **Discreet VIP ingress and egress.** Built a movement plan leveraging non-public corridors and back-of-house spaces within the host hotel, enabling secure arrival, staging, and departure without exposure to demonstrators or external sightlines.
- **Unified multi-agency command.** Coordinated a single command construct integrating hotel security leadership and local law enforcement assigned to the protest detail, with defined roles, communication channels, and escalation triggers.
- **Emergency action plan.** Authored and briefed an event-specific plan covering disruption, intrusion, and threat scenarios, with named decision authorities and pre-positioned response actions.
- **Dignitary protection over two days.** Adapted the protocol for arrival and departure of a former Cabinet-level official and an active-duty three-star general, integrating with campus law enforcement’s dignitary protection element to facilitate VIP linkup and movement.

Outcome

- **75+ unauthorized attempts denied.** More than seventy-five protest participants attempted entry to the venue; all were identified by conference security staff and held outside the facility by local law enforcement.
- **Zero VIP exposure.** The keynote speaker, the former Cabinet-level official, and the active-duty three-star general all transited the venue without incident, exposure, or disruption.
- **No unauthorized access.** Three-layer screening held across the program. No unauthorized persons entered conference spaces at any point during the multi-day event.
- **Program continuity preserved.** The conference proceeded on schedule. Attendees, presenters, and university leadership reported a seamless experience despite the venue change and external pressure.

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We took our security risk for granted, and were glad to have members of the Granite Harbor Protection Group able to plug-in to manage that portion of the event. Not sure we would have been able to proceed without their support.

— Conference Co-Chair

Capabilities surfaced in this engagement

- ▶ Rapid event security replanning under compressed timelines
- ▶ Layered access control and credential management
- ▶ Emergency action planning and tabletop-ready protocols
- ▶ Multi-agency coordination with law enforcement and venue security
- ▶ Discreet ingress and egress planning for high-profile principals
- ▶ Dignitary protection integration and VIP linkup

Next steps.

If your organization is preparing for a sensitive event, hosting a high-profile principal, or rethinking its event security posture, we can help — from advance planning and threat assessment to on-site execution and multi-agency coordination.

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