



NEWS FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

Statement from Kathie Canning, Executive Director

To our neighbors in Orlando and to the many victims and their families, the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) extends its sympathies for this senseless tragedy. To the first responders, including members of our own public safety team, we offer our gratitude for your brave, swift and professional response. June 12, 2016 was a horrific day for Orlando.

In light of this tragedy, we are reaching out to update and assure you that our facility is secure. We have, however, implemented enhanced security procedures for our clients' peace of mind as follows:

- All employees, contractors, exhibitors and attendees will be asked to properly display their badges at all times.
- All those entering the OCCC facilities without a valid ID may be approached regarding their purpose in the facility.
- Visitors entering the OCCC may be subject to bag searches.
- Vehicles entering the OCCC via the loading docks will be subject to search.

At the OCCC, our full-time and part-time public safety officers are trained to respond to various emergency procedures under the National Incident Management System, which is the national standard. Our facility has digital cameras throughout the campus, which are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also have a close, working relationship with the Orange County Sheriff's Office with two squads that are permanently assigned to the Center, Orlando Police department and a host of other state and federal agencies. Additionally, the Orange County Sheriff's Office has added two dedicated squads (Tourist Oriented Policing Squads, aka TOPS) to patrol the I-Drive tourist corridor.

The safety and the well-being of our employees, clients and facility are paramount and will remain so. Nothing, today or in the future, is more important to us.