



ALPA SECURITY ALERT

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SUBJECT: Increased Security Measures - Tampa, FL August 27-30, 2012 and Charlotte, NC, September 3-6, 2012

BACKGROUND:

The city of Tampa, FL will host the Republican National Convention (RNC) from August 27-30, 2012 and the city of Charlotte, NC will be the site of the Democratic National Convention (DNC) from September 3-6, 2012.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated both conventions as National Special Security Events (NSSE's). Consequently, security measures throughout [Tampa](#) and [Charlotte](#), their airports and surrounding airspace will be enhanced in order to ensure the safety and security of the general public, the planned political activities and dignitaries in attendance.

Open source news reports indicate that potential security threats have been identified for both the RNC and DNC and that the FBI and DHS have requested police across the country to be on the look-out for political activists who may be planning to travel to and disrupt the conventions and domestic infrastructure, such as businesses and transportation systems, through the use of potentially violent means.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Review any/all company-provided bulletins/information regarding the conventions and any/all FAA TFRs, NOTAMS, etc., related to airspace restrictions
- Maintain a heightened sense of situational awareness in the airport environment
- Be prepared for enhanced airport security measures, airport delays and delays in and around the affected cities
- Because specialized aircraft may be parked at or near airport terminals or on airfields, crewmembers are encouraged to pay particular attention to security regulations governing flight crew ramp movement and activities
- Stay abreast of local media coverage and be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Avoid demonstrations, as they can quickly turn confrontational and escalate into violence
- Plan extra time for travel. Expect increased airport and mass transit activity and delays in vehicular traffic due to road closures
- Maintain situational awareness while in crowded areas. Be mindful of potential for increased pickpocket activity
- Remember that emergency response assets (including police) will be in great demand and may be delayed in responding to calls for assistance

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