

G20

Integrated Security Unit

WHAT IS THE G20?

Established in 1999, the G20 convenes meetings of finance ministers and central bank governors from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.

In 2008, G20 leaders met for the first time in Washington to develop a coordinated response to the global economic crisis. The Washington Summit was followed by summits in London (April 2009) and in Pittsburgh (September 2009), where leaders designated the G20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

In 2010, G20 leaders will meet at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto on June 26-27 and again in South Korea in November 2010.

QUESTIONS

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G20 SECURITY

The Integrated Security Unit (ISU) is a joint forces team led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in full partnership with the Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Canadian Forces.

Our mandate is to ensure the safety of the International Protected Persons (IPPs), VIPs, demonstrators and those who live and work in the community.

To the extent possible, we are working to minimize the potential of impact of police security operations on the City of Toronto and surrounding areas.

WHAT IS THE CRG?

The Community Relations Group (CRG) is a team comprised of members of the Toronto Police Service, RCMP and Peel Regional Police.

Communications is a key factor to the success of the G20, and the CRG is the link to providing an open dialogue with the communities, demonstrators, key partners, stakeholders and other interested parties.

Because many of the details are security-sensitive, it is impossible to provide all the information, but we will share as many details as we can to ensure a safe and secure Summit for all involved.

SECURITY ZONES

There will be a number of security zones surrounding the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Levels of security and accessibility will get increasingly stringent closer to the venue.

There will be a fence securing the outer perimeter of the security zones. The fence will ensure that the Integrated Security Unit will have the appropriate infrastructure in

place around areas it is mandated to protect. The security fence is part of a multi-layered security strategy.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is the process of using credentials (e.g. a badge or a pass) to control individual access to secure areas of the Summit. Various levels of accreditation will be required to gain access to the different security zones.

The RCMP and the Summits Management Office at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will be working closely with the Summit venue and other secure sites to provide access to those individuals who work at or service these locations.

Once details have been finalized, the Community Relations Group will be visiting businesses and residents inside the fenced area to encourage individuals to participate in the accreditation process.

This is a voluntary process. It is intended to help people move quickly through the various access points.

Access for emergency services personnel (police, fire, emergency medical services) will be allowed if needed.

TRAFFIC

Vehicular traffic in downtown Toronto and surrounding areas will be impacted by the Summit. Highways including the Gardiner Expressway will not be closed, however there will be times when traffic is temporarily restricted due to motorcade travel. Alternative transportation options during the Summit are encouraged.

Some roads inside the security zones may be closed. These closures and alternate routes will be communicated to those directly affected and to the community at large as soon as possible.

Members of the public are encouraged to listen to their local media for the latest traffic updates however, if you are travelling by car to the downtown area you can expect significant delays leading up to and including during the Summit.

DEMONSTRATORS

The Integrated Security Unit recognizes and supports the guaranteed rights and freedoms as stated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms including the freedoms of opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.

We believe most groups will want to express themselves in a peaceful and responsible manner, however we are preparing for any eventuality. Any interaction police have with demonstrators will be measured, balanced and appropriate to the circumstances at hand. Demonstrations that result in criminal behaviour will not be tolerated and specific charges will be applicable to anyone committing criminal offences.

For additional Summits security and public safety information, please contact us:

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