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Greetings,

We are heartbroken by recent events in Minneapolis and the surrounding communities while also being proud of the overwhelmingly peaceful demonstrations and the strong, community-led network of mutual aid and civic engagement that has emerged. Much of what people are seeing day-to-day reflects residents, volunteers, observers and neighbors supporting one another.

The MHQ office is headquartered in Downtown Minneapolis, and we have continued to operate without interruption or incident, with our full team in the office at least weekly.

While demonstrations and public gatherings have occurred at specific moments and locations, Minneapolis continues to successfully host meetings, conventions and large-scale events successfully. The Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC) and several downtown hotels have welcomed several major events in recent weeks, including the Twin Cities Auto Show, Minnesota School Boards Association meetings, the Minneapolis Boat Show, the AmeriCup Dance Championship and the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships with multiple downtown hotels serving as key partners in the attendee experience. Surrounding hotels, restaurants, cultural attractions and transportation infrastructure remain operational, supported by coordinated security, hospitality, and public safety resources.

- [NFPA 2026 Convention](#) will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Airport hotel in **Bloomington, MN**, located 4 miles from the Minneapolis Airport and 16 miles south of downtown Minneapolis.
- All NFPA Convention activities will be taking place in Bloomington at or near the hotel.
- The DoubleTree by Hilton Airport hotel will be offering complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport for NFPA Convention attendees.
- Bloomington, MN continues to be a safe and welcoming destination for visitors. Bloomington Minnesota Travel & Tourism remains in close communication with hotel and hospitality partners and are seeing only minimal impacts, with no major business disruptions in Bloomington.
- Visitor activity in Bloomington continues to operate as normal, and Bloomington is leading the state in hotel occupancy.
- <https://www.bloomingtonmn.org/safety/>
- Meet Minneapolis and Bloomington Minnesota Travel & Tourism remain committed to welcoming visitors, supporting our hospitality partners and ensuring a safe, positive experience for all who choose to gather here.

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- It's also important to know that crime is down significantly in Minneapolis – both over the past five years, and even during the recent surge of federal agents here.

For general awareness, the Meet Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association maintain a continuously updated Minneapolis [FAQ](#) page, including how federal immigration enforcement operates here and what visitors can expect.

Our commitment as your NFPA management team is to ensure you have accurate information, local context, and support. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Dara Rudick".

Dara Rudick
NFPA Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Rachel Gaul".

Rachel Gaul
NFPA Associate Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Amy Sellheim".

Amy Sellheim
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