

360 Degree Crowd Monitoring at White House in DC



EVENT --- ANTI-WAR PROTEST WITH 100,000+ ATTENDEES AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The protest includes both protesters and supporters of U.S. overseas military actions in the Middle East. Police commanders need a high level of crowd monitoring. In addition to typical issues of crowd control, possible confrontations or violence between the two groups is a concern. Along with the requirement for on-scene monitoring, event activities need to be co-monitored remotely.

CHALLENGE --- MONITORING CROWDS FROM MULTIPLE VIEWPOINTS AROUND A VERY BUSY AREA

Much of the protest area is not covered by installed cameras. Because of this, and the anticipated difficulty of movement within congested areas, foot-based patrols would be only marginally useful. And, because of the size of the venue, large numbers of officers would have to continuously communicate observations verbally over radios, resulting in the need for “interpretation” and increasing the potential for errors.



SOLUTION / RESULTS --- AGILEMESH PORTABLE 360 DEGREE EVENT VIDEO MONITORING SOLUTION

The AgileMesh solution is a perfect “Force-Multiplier” to augment assigned police officers. It provided incident-commanders with a higher level of visibility of the overall crowd. It also dramatically reduced radio traffic describing what was occurring, thus reducing communication errors.

Police deploy both single and dual AgileMesh GroundView Series™ WATCHTOWER units throughout the event. Where high ground cannot be secured, vehicles are utilized as platforms on which AgileMesh units are mounted. Because of the speed and ease with which the AgileMesh technology is configured and deployed, set-up for the event was delayed until just before protestors assembled. In addition to platform and tripod mounted units deployed, under-cover police officers are equipped with AgileMesh BodyView Series™ WEARABLE cameras.

In addition to the deployed camera units, multiple viewing positions are established so various command units are able to watch events live – from throughout the venue. Several of the tripod-mounted cameras feature pan, tilt and zoom capabilities. On scene tactical support is further augmented by off-scene commanders utilizing the AgileMesh NetView Series™ NETWORK BRIDGE, over an IP connection.

