

Large Event Traffic Control

Best Practices and Lessons Learned

Red, White, and Blue Ash



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City of Blue Ash

- 7.6 Square Miles
- 13,000 Residents
- 2,500 Businesses
- Hundreds of Community Events
- 1 **HUGE** Event - **RWBA**



Red, White, and Blue Ash Event Overview

- National Entertainment
- Rozzi's Fireworks Show
- Free to the Public
- Unrestricted Open Venue*
- Over 100,000 Attendees

MADTREE
RED, WHITE &
BLUE ASH

JULY 4, 2026
4-10:30 PM ★ SUMMIT PARK

8:15 pm
SWITCHFOOT

6:00 pm
FUEL

10:00 pm
The **BIGGEST & BEST**
FIREWORKS
BY ARTHUR ROZZI PYROTECHNICS

America's 250TH
Anniversary





Collaboration



- **Police Department**
 - **Mutual Aid Agencies**
- **Outside Security**
- **Drone Team / OSP Aviation**



- **Emergency Communications**
- **Fire Department**
- **Service Department**
- **Traffic Engineers**



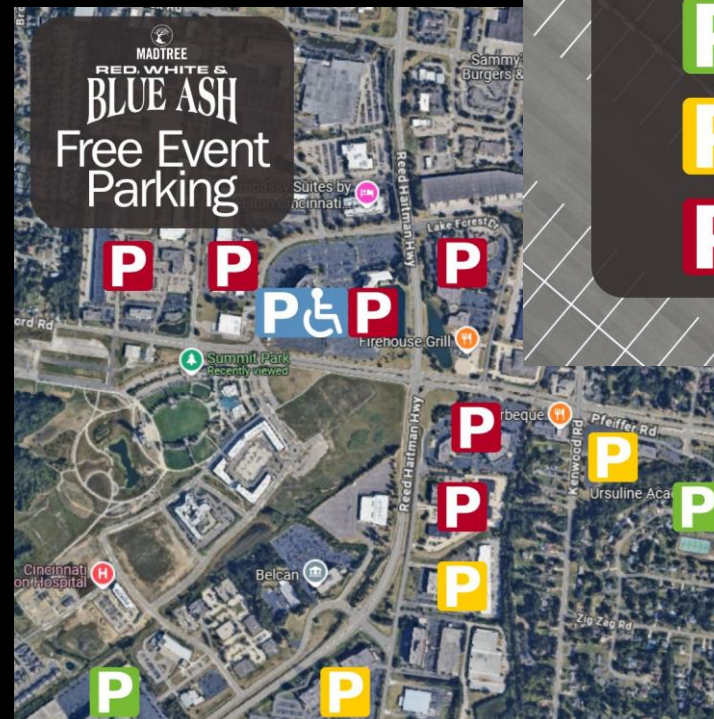
The Importance of Pre-Planning

- Meetings 6 Months in Advance
- Every Department Represented
- Decision Makers Present
- Willing to Implement Change
- Realistic Tabletop Exercises



Social Media and News Releases

- Regular Social Media Posts
- News and Radio Interviews
- Interactive Event Maps
- Color Coded Parking Maps
- QR Codes and Signs on Site

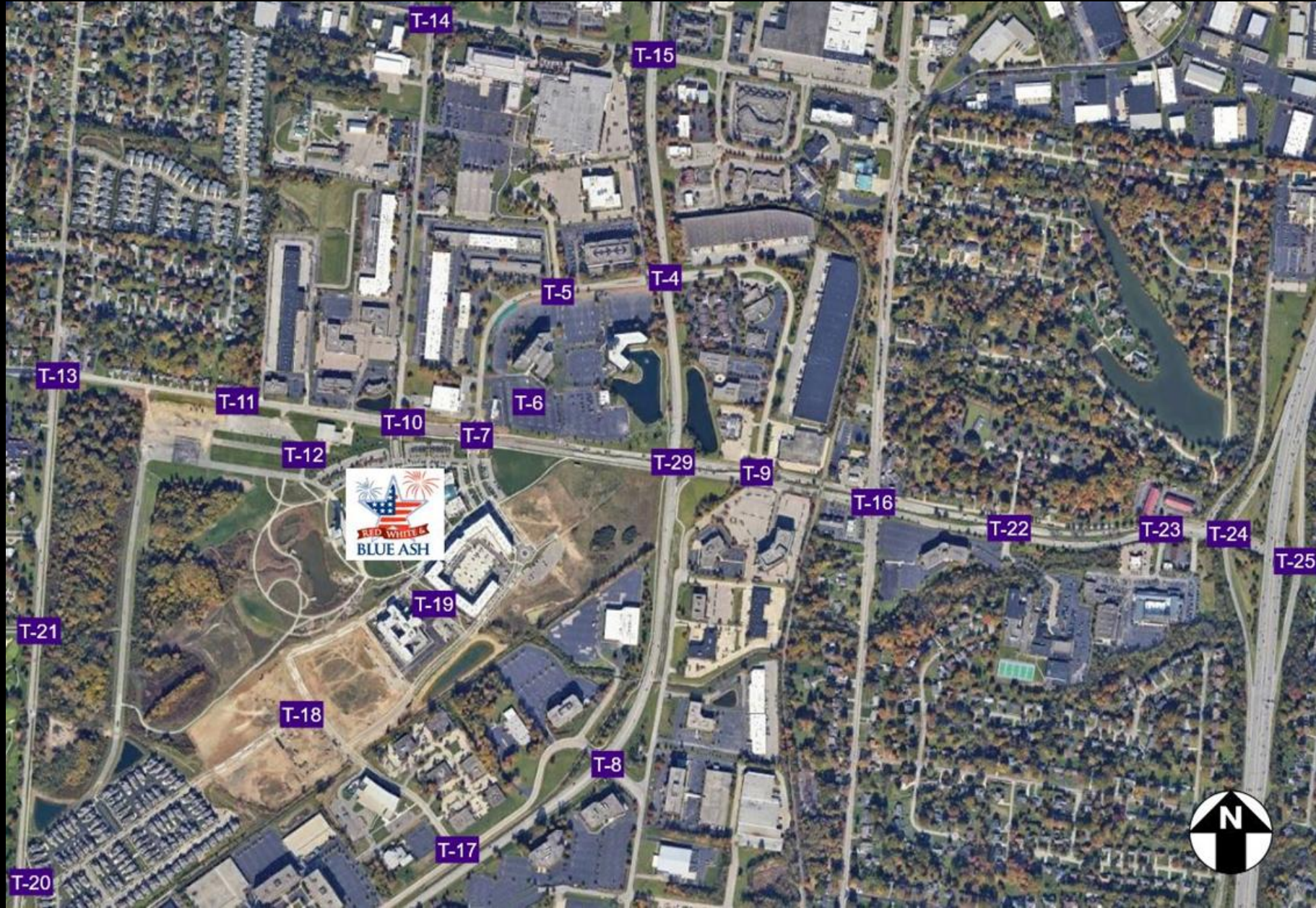


Comprehensive Special Event Plans

- **Operations Plans**
 - Traffic and Grounds
- **Pre-Event, Event, Post Event**
- **Emergency Operations Plans**
- **Distribution**
 - QR Code and Paper Copies
 - All Key Players
- **Risk Management Review***



2025 Traffic Overview



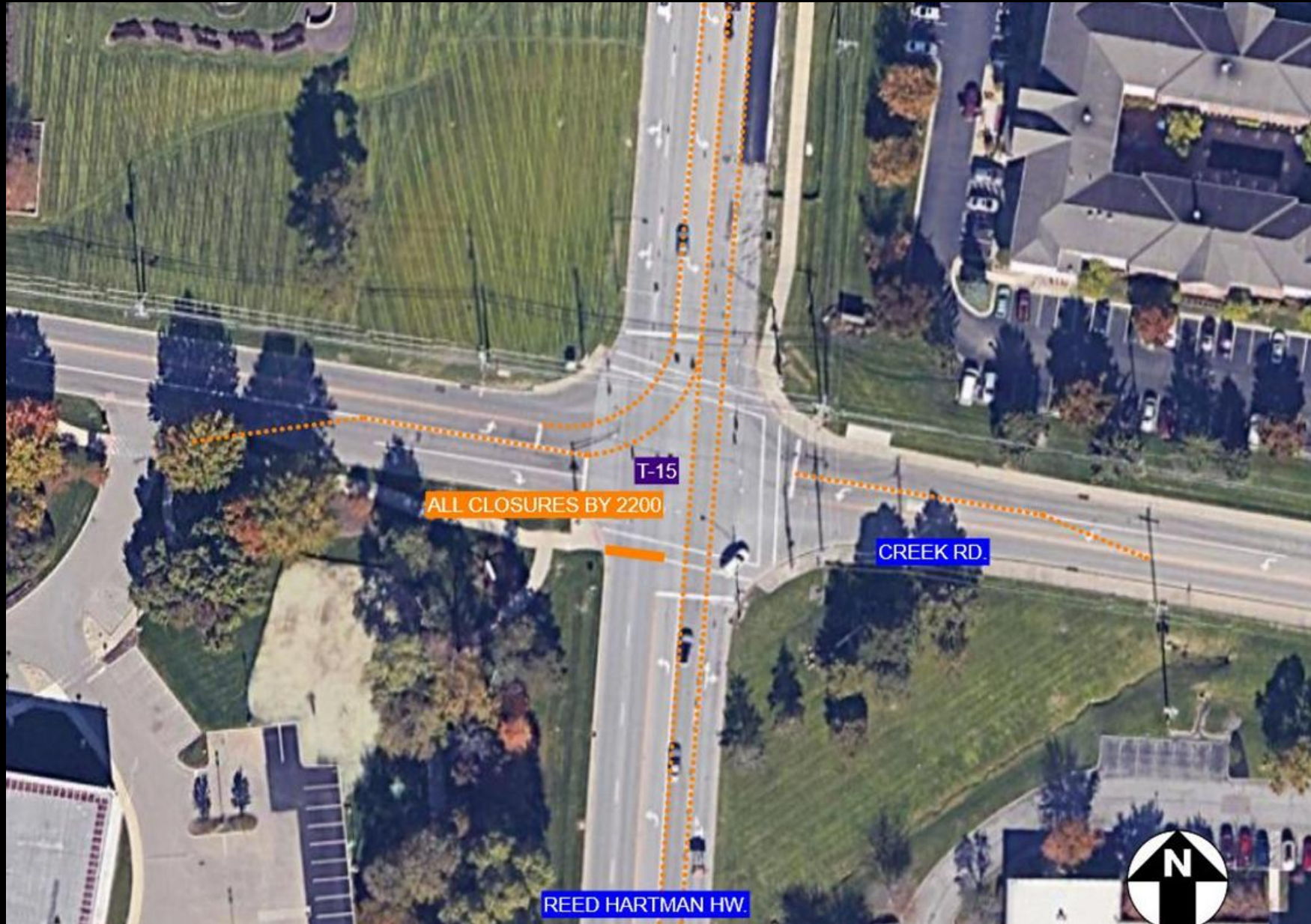


Traffic Control Resources



- Cones
- Trucks / Trailers / Snowplows
- Barricades
- Meridian Barriers / Gate
- Water Barriers
- Light Towers
- Video Surveillance
- Traffic Signal Synchronization

Prioritizing Traffic Exiting the Event



Continuous Plan Adaptations

- Progressive Closures
- Moveable Barricades
- Coordinated Changes
- Situational Adaptability
- Pre-Determined Alternatives



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