#### 2006 ICMC



#### Alcohol Management Strategies and Practices

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## **Points To Consider**

- Planning Across Departments and Job Functions
- Reasonable Efforts
- Training
- Proactive Communications Plan
- Designated Driver Program
- Enforcement and Analysis

### Comprehensive Alcohol Management Plan

- Create guidelines for promotions to limit potential high risk behaviors
- Prevent the sale, service & consumption of alcohol beverages to persons under age 21 AND who appear intoxicated
- Establish alcohol service policies
  - Number of drinks per POSSESSION
  - Cut-off alcohol service before end of event
  - ID checking
- Catalog events where alcohol service is planned
- Track ratio of alcohol servers/operations staff/audience
- Train employees involved in the sale & service of alcohol as well as operations staff

# **Reasonable Efforts**

- Alcohol service policies
- Offer alternative beverages and food
- Designated driver programs
- Offer alternative transportation
- Work with police and security
- Employee Training
- Documentation

Training, Training, Training The TEAM objective is to reduce alcohol-related injuries and fatalities in and around public assembly facilities and on the nation's roadways by promoting the responsible sale, service and consumption of alcohol.

# **TEAM Coalition Members**



# **Strategic Partners**

- IACP: International Association of Chiefs of Police
- NSA: National Sheriffs' Association
- RADD: Recording Artists, Actors, and Athletes Against Drunk Driving
- SMA: Stadium Managers Association
- SUM: Soccer United Marketing
- HERO Campaign
- GHSA: Governors Highway Safety Association

### Training – For All Facility Employees

#### Operations

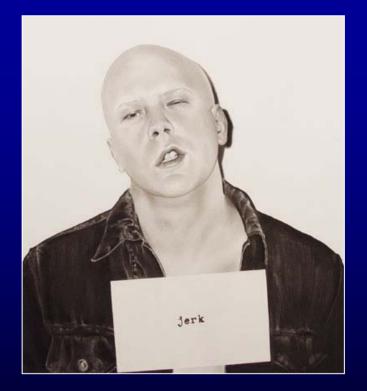
- Ushers
- Ticket takers
- Elevator operators
- Security
- Guest services
  representatives
- Parking lot attendants
- Maintenance

#### Concessions

- Vendors
- Stand workers
- Suite attendants
- Wait staff in clubs
- Bartenders
- Cooks
- Food runners

#### Signs of Impairment – "JERK"

Judgment is lacking Inhibitions are lost Reactions are slowed Coordination is poor



#### **Absorption Rate Factors**

#### **Out of Our Control**

- Gender
- Age
- Size

Within Our Control

- Strength of Drink
- Food
- Rate of Consumption

### **Communications Plan** Fans

- Video board messages
- Public address system
- Signage at gates, concessions determined interview of when requested on underage guest will be requested on the state manner. stands, restaurants arena.
- Program ads
- Code of conduct cards



The TD Banknorth Garden is committed to enhancing safety and creating a more enjoyable experience for everyone. The following guidelines have been set in order to meet this goal.

- · Guests will enjoy the event experience free from disruptive behavior, including foul or abusive language and obscene gestures.
- Guests will consume alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner.

- Guests who engage in fighting, throwing objects or attempt to enter the playing surface will be immediately ejected from the
- Guests will not smoke in the arena.
- Obscene or indecent messages on signs or clothing will not be
- Guests will comply with requests from arena staff regarding arena. operations and emergency response procedures.
- There is no exit and re-entry.

The TD Banknorth Garden appreciates that all fans observe the Guest Code of Conduct. Please contact the nearest event staff member if for any reason another guest is interfering with your enjoyment of the event. Fans who choose not to adhere to the Guest Code of Conduct may be in violation of arena/ city ordinances and are subject to intervention, which may lead to eviction form the arena and/or arrest.

### **Communications** Plan Media

Official NFL Sites

BREAKING NEWS

COMMUNITY

- Website stories
- Press release .com
- Press event
- Pitch stories
- Letters to the public awareness campaign entitled "Responsibility Has Its Rewards," which includes a deal wareness campaign entitled "Responsibility Has Its Rewards," which includes a feature of the public awareness campaign entitled "Responsibility Has Its Rewards," which includes a game throughout the season.
- On Saturday, representatives from the Buffalo Bills, Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management Coalition (TEAM) and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced the formation of a new partnership at Buffalo Bills Bausch & Lomb Training Camp today. The groups

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Bills, TEAM Coalition & DMV Announce Partnership by Matt Heidt, Media Relations Assistant, Last Undated: 7/29/2006 11:29 AM FT

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Each year thousands of Bills fans throughout the season pledge to be designated drivers. "We have worked closely with local and national partners for many years to encourage responsible consumption Video news. Telease to our overall responsibility initiatives which include enforcing alcohol service and positive fan behavior, and to help prevent underage access and drunk driving," said Chris Voigt,

> voice of the 'Responsibility Has Its Rewards' campaign ns Drive Drunk' message. The Bills and NY DMV are demonstrating

 Work with PR, marketing, and or of the TEAM Coalition. community relations

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### **Designated Driver Program**

- Register drinking age attendees with pledge to not drink during event
- Usually includes a wrist band to identify as designated driver and a free soft drink
- Promotion can also include giveaways to individuals such as a t-shirt or other "trinkets"
- Designated driver awards (winner of each game, winner of the season)

#### **Responsibility Has Its Rewards**

- Sweepstakes encouraging fans to be designated drivers at professional sports stadiums
- MLB, MLS, NFL participating
- 294,000 fans participating in 2006 MLB and MLS
- 90,000 more expected from NFL
- Winners attend World Series, MLS Cup, and Super Bowl

#### Responsibility Has Its Rewards League Promotion



#### Responsibility Has Its Rewards Buffalo Bills











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#### **Other League and Team PSAs**









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### **Enforcement - Technology**

- <u>Video surveillance</u> of all areas of the ballpark directing personnel to any inappropriate activity as well as monitoring sales points and vendors in the stands
- <u>Pagers</u> can notify command post instantly
- <u>Magnetic stripe swipe devices</u> can confirm legitimacy of IDs; wristbands printed
- Credit card purchase history tracked
- POS tracking

#### **Enforcement - Low Tech**

- Alcohol enforcement teams
  - Checking identifications
  - Watching for signs of impairment
  - Watching for hand off of alcohol
  - Watching for over service
  - Watching for outside alcohol
- Secret shoppers for alcohol service policy enforcement

#### Law Enforcement Participation

- Officers assigned to or employed by facility
- Resident Security Agents (MLB)
- Policies and procedure in place to aggressively enforce local liquor laws (somewhat unique in every jurisdiction)
  - Citations
  - Physical arrests
  - Ejection policy

#### **Analysis and Review**

- DOCUMENT everything
- Keep accurate records of data
- Review data during season and post season
- Respond to areas of concern quickly and effectively
- Annual review of all procedures and operations

# Conclusion

# Just when you thought you had everything under control...



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Alcohol Service Policies at MLB Ballparks											
				Age to Check	k Cut-o		off Policies	Max Cup			
Club Facility		Stands Vendors			Stands	Hawkers	Suites/Club	Double-header	Size		
Arizona Diamondbacks	Chase Field	2	<u> </u>	30	Top 8th	End 7th	Top 8th	End of 5th Game 2	24		
Atlanta Braves	Turner Field	2	<u> </u>	ALL	End 7th	End 7th	45 min after game	End of 7th Game 2	21		
Baltimore Orioles	Oriole Park at	2	· [ '	30	End 8th	End 7th	End 8th	Stands: end 6th 2nd	24		
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Boston Red Sox	Fenway Park	2	<u> </u>	All	End 7th	N/A	1 hr after game	End 7th	16		
Chicago Cubs	Wrigley Field	2	·	Stands 30 -	End 8th	End 6th	N/A	End 8th Game 2	20		
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Chicago White Sox	U.S. Cellular Field	4	<u> </u>	35	End 7th	End 7th	Top 8th	End 7th Game 2	20		
Cincinnati Reds	Great American Ball	2	· · · · ·	30	End 7th	End 7th	1 hr after game	End 7th 1st; End 3rd 2nd	20		
	Park	1'	1′	1'		ı'		()	1		
Cleveland Indians	Jacobs Field	2	·′	30	End Game	End 7th	45 min after game	Same as Single Game	24		
Colorado Rockies	Coors Field	2	<u> </u>	40	End 7th	End 7th	End Game	Same as Single Game	24		
Detroit Tigers	Comerica Park	2	1	30	End 8th	End 7th	End Game	Same as Single Game	24		
Florida Marlins	Dolphins Stadium	2	·′	35	End 7th	End 7th	End Game	End of 6th Game 2	20		
Houston Astros	Minute Maid Park	2	·′	35	End 7th	Mid 7th	End Game	End of 7th Game 2	24		
Kansas City Royals	Kauffman Stadium	2	·	35	End 8th	End 7th	1 hr after game	End 8th Both Games	24		
Los Angeles Angels of	Angel Stadium of	2	·	40	End 8th	N/A	30 min after game	End 8th Both Games	24		
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Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	2	<u> </u>	40	End 7th	N/A	End Game	End of 5th Game 2	24		
Milwaukee Brewers	Miller Park	2	·′	30	End 7th	End 7th	30 min after game	End of 5th Game 2	16		
Minnesota Twins	Metrodome	2	·′	30	End 7th	End 7th	End 7th	End of 7th Game 2	24		
New York Mets	Shea Stadium	2	[ <u> </u>	40	End 7th	End 6th	End 7th	End 5th Game 2	21		
New York Yankees	Yankee Stadium	2	· · · · ·	Stands - 30	End 7th	2 1/2 hr after game starts	End 7th	End of 7th Both Games	24		
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Oakland Athletics	McAfee Coliseum	2	·′	30	Top 8th	N/A	Top 8th	Top 8th Both Games	22		
Philadelphia Phillies	Citizens Bank Park	2	<u> </u>	30	End 7th	End 7th	1 hr after game	End 5th Game 2	20		
Pittsburgh Pirates	PNC Park	2	<u> </u>	30	End 7th	End 7th	End Game	End 7th Game 2	24		
San Diego Padres	PETCO Park	2	[]	30	End 7th	N/A	1 hr after game	End 7th 1st; End 4th 2nd	20		
San Francisco Giants	AT&T Park	2	<u> </u>	35	End 7th	N/A	End 7th	N/A	20		
Seattle Mariners	Safeco Field	2	[ <u> </u>	40	Top 8th	Top 8th	Top 8th	End of 7th Game 2	24		
St. Louis Cardinals	Busch Stadium	2	<u> </u>	35	Mid 8th	Mid 8th	End 7th	End of 5th Game 2	24		
Tampa Bay Devil Rays	Tropicana Field	2	<u> </u>	30	Top 8th	Top 8th	End Game	Top 8th Both Games	24		
Texas Rangers	Ameriquest Field in	2	· '	40	End 8th	End 7th	1 hr after game	10:00 PM	22		
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Toronto Blue Jays	Rogers Centre	2	1	30	8th 2 outs	8th 2 outs	8th 2 outs	End of 2th Game 2	20		
Washington Nationals	RFK Stadium	2	['	30	End 7th	End 7th	End 7th	End 7th Both Games	20		
Average	2	ſ′	33	End 7th	End 7th	End Game	Discretion of Club	22			

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	Alcohol Service Policies at NFL Stadiums											
Team	Facility	Beers Per ID	Age to Check ID	Stands	Cu Hawkers	t-off Policies Suites/Club	Night Games	Max Cup Size	Liquor Sold	Tailgating Permitted		
Arizona Cardinals	Sun Devil Stadium	2	35	End 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Suites	Yes		
					·	Suites 1 hour after game						
Atlanta Falcons	Georgia Dome	2	All	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	Clubs at the end of 3rd Qtr	End of halftime	24	Yes	Yes		
Baltimore Ravens	M&T Bank Stadium	2	30	Beg 4th Qtr	Beg 4th Qtr	2 hours after game ends	Same as day games	24	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Buffalo Bills	Ralph Wilson Stadium	2	30	End halftime	N/A	2 hours after game ends	Same as day games	24	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
					Club seats only - end of							
Carolina Panthers	Bank of America Stadium	2	All	End 3rd Qtr	3rd	ends	Same as day games	20	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Chicago Bears	Soldier Field	2	40	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	90 min after game ends	Same as day games	20	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Cincinnati Bengals	Paul Brown Stadium	2	30	Beg 4th Qtr	Beg 4th Qtr	90 min after game ends	Same as day games	21	Yes	Yes		
Cleveland Browns	Cleveland Browns Stadium	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	End of halftime	24	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Dallas Cowboys	Texas Stadium	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	No	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	16	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Denver Broncos	INVESCO Field at Mile High	2	All	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Yes	Yes		
Detroit Lions	Ford Field	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	Suites 1 hour after game; One bar in each Club is open until 1 hour after game; all others close at the end of the 3rd Qtr	Same as day games	24	Yes	N/A		
Green Bay Packers	Lambeau Field	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Houston Texans	Reliant Stadium	2	35	Beg 4th Qtr	Beg 4th Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Clubs & Suites	Yes		
Indianapolis Colts	RCA Dome	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End of Half	1 hour after game ends	Halfway through 3rd Qtr	24	Yes	Yes		
Jacksonville Jaguars	ALLTEL Stadium	2	All	End 3rd Qtr	End of 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Beg. 3rd Qtr	24	Yes	Yes		
Kansas City Chiefs	Arrowhead Stadium	2	35	End 3rd Qtr	End of 3rd Qtr	ends	Beg. 3rd Qtr	24	Yes	Yes		
Miami Dolphins	Dolphins Stadium	2	35	Beg 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Yes	Yes		
Minnesota Vikings	Metrodome	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Suites	Yes		
New England Patriots	Gillette Stadium	2	All	10 min into 3rd Qtr	End of Half	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	20	Yes	Yes		
New Orleans Saints	Superdome	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	Middle of 3rd Qtr	2 hours after game ends	Same as day games	24	Yes	Yes		
New York Giants	Giants Stadium	2	All	Beg 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	20	Club & Suites	Yes		
New York Jets	Giants Stadium	2	All	Beg 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	20	Club & Suites	Yes		
Oakland Raiders	McAfee Coliseum	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Club & Suites	Yes		
Philadelphia Eagles	Lincoln Financial Field	2	30		Beg 3rd Qtr - 1 beer per l		Same as day games	16	Club & Suites	Yes		
Pittsburgh Steelers	Heinz Field	2	30	Beg 4th Qtr	Beg 4th Qtr	1 hour after Game Ends	Same as day games	21	Club & Suites	Yes		
San Diego Chargers	Qualcomm Stadium	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	N/A	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	20	Club & Suites	Yes		
San Francisco 49ers	Monster Park	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	N/A	End of 3rd Qtr	Same as day games	20	Club & Suites	Yes		
Seattle Seahawks	Qwest Field	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	Suites: 1 hr after game ends; Clubs: End 3rd Qtr	Beg 3rd Qtr	24	Club & Suites	No		
						Club Level: Concessions stands - end 3rd Qtr; Bars end 4th Qtr; Brew Pub - 1 hour after game ends; Rams Club - 90 min after game ends; Suites - 1						
St. Louis Rams	Edward Jones Dome	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	hour after game ends	Same as day games	32	Yes	N/A		
	Raymond James Stadium	2	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	End of Game	Same as day games	24	Club & Suites	Yes		
Tennessee Titans	Coliseum	2	35	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Same as day games	24	Yes	Yes		
Washington Redskins	FedEx Field	4	30	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	2 hours after game ends	Same as day games	20	Yes	Yes		
Average		2	31	End 3rd Qtr	End 3rd Qtr	1 hour after game ends	Discretion of team	23	Yes	Yes		

# **SPOILSPORTS:** Alcohol and late games don't mix well for Big Ten football, analysis finds

Oct. 22, 2006 (McClatchy-Tribune Business News delivered by Newstex) -

The young man, wearing a puffy winter coat on a warm sunny afternoon, heard his friend's warning as he passed through the gate at Michigan Stadium. "Make sure you hide that somewhere good," he whispered, but not softly enough. A university police officer approached the man, opened his blue coat, reached into the side pocket and gently pulled out a pint of Jack Daniel's. In an instant, the man lost his whiskey, his scalped \$100 ticket, and any chance to see rivals Michigan and Michigan State play football. The man, who had flown from New York to attend the game with his family, begged for a second chance. His <u>sister screamed at the officer, "You are breaking up a family. It's just a little</u> <u>alcohol."</u>

The scene in Ann Arbor two weeks ago illustrates a crackdown on improper fan behavior at college football stadiums across the country. <u>Alcohol possession and consumption accounted for nearly three-fourths of the problems at Big</u> <u>Ten football games in 2005, a Dispatch analysis of university police department reports found. Alcohol topped the list of reasons for ejection.</u> Fans, athletics officials, band members, cheerleaders and psychologists agree that behavior before, during and after football games continues to deteriorate.

The newspaper found that:

- The University of Wisconsin, with the fourth-highest game attendance in the conference, ejected 413 fans, the most of any school.
- The majority of the problems happened during late afternoon and night games, even though nearly 65 percent of Big Ten games started before 3:30 p.m.
- Intense rivalries brought the most trouble. Penn State and Michigan police each recorded season-high numbers of reports -- 73 and 74 -- when Ohio State visited. Ohio State officers' busiest day came during the Texas game, with seven police reports logged.
- Across the conference, police responded to 153 calls of disorderly conduct in the stands. When Penn State played in Michigan Stadium, police had 28 calls, the most for any single game.
- Ohio State and Indiana each totaled 24 reports for the season, though nearly three times as many fans watched games in Columbus.

#### Stiffening the penalties

Many colleges across the nation have increased security to combat unruly fan behavior, but Wisconsin has some of the strictest laws and policies on game days. The increased enforcement at Wisconsin is linked to a tragic day in 1993 when about 80 people were injured as thousands rushed the field after a win over Michigan. In the stands and on the field, fans lay with crushed legs and broken bones. A few nearly died, gasping for air and turning blue under the mass of humanity that trampled them.

"We lived through the student crush and we never want to live that again," said Lt. Bill Larson, who coordinates security for Wisconsin home games. At Wisconsin, fans caught throwing a hard object are ejected and cited. They also lose their season ticket. Anyone charged with a misdemeanor or worse loses his season ticket. Even season-ticket holders who don't go to the game can lose their seats for the year if someone who buys their tickets gets into similar trouble.

Officers from about 30 law enforcement agencies patrol every area of the stadium and watch for intoxicated fans or those who sneak in alcohol. At the Michigan game last year, police ejected more than 100 fans, mainly for intoxication or underage drinking. Wisconsin police also work with a county medical facility that tends to fans who are too drunk to care for themselves. People taken there are kept for at least 12 hours. Season-ticket holders sent to the center lose their tickets for a year. "You have to put it in perspective and realize that the vast amount of fans have a good time and are well-behaved," Larson said. "The overall behavior has gotten better here."

Penn State officials held a fan-behavior summit in December and banned drinking at tailgate parties during the game in response to problems last season, said Bruce N. Kline, assistant police director. During one embarrassing scene, Penn State fans pelted the Ohio State marching band with urine-filled bottles during the 8 p.m. game last year. Penn State President Graham Spanier issued a public apology.

Big Ten university officials struggle to balance the benefits of night games (national exposure) with the consequences (all-day drinking). Michigan State also made tailgate-party changes in an attempt to decrease pregame drinking. Officials do not open parking areas until five hours before kickoff for noon games and six hours for late-afternoon games.

#### At Ohio State, by contrast, some parking areas open the night before a game.

"We've noticed a big difference," said Michigan State police inspector Kelly Beck. In Spartan Stadium, police officers, student workers and cameras keep tabs on fans. Spectators caught sneaking in alcohol are ejected and charged with trespassing, a more serious charge than an alcohol citation, Beck said.

<u>At Purdue, fans caught with alcohol end up behind bars.</u> "At the other Big Ten venues, they process them at the stadium," said Carol A. Shelby, senior director of environmental health and public safety. "We take them to jail." Fans have been relatively well-mannered the past couple of years. "I don't know what's going on," Shelby said, "but I'm loving it."

#### Targeting the tailgaters

The job of keeping the peace among fans in Ohio Stadium largely falls to 800 volunteer ushers, 400 paid tickettakers and 200 security guards. All are well-qualified to manage unruly fans, said Rick Amweg, assistant police chief for the university. "That's why law enforcement has to take fewer official acts than you see in other venues."

Ohio State relies more on private security workers on game day than other Big Ten schools do. The hundreds of lawenforcement officers working Ohio State games focus on directing traffic, protecting the stadium from terrorists and enforcing Ohio liquor laws in campus parking areas.

Athletics Director Gene Smith said Ohio State's alcohol crackdown in the parking areas has helped keep troublemakers out of the stadium. Last season, 526 tailgaters went home with citations, mostly for breaking alcohol laws. Only one was charged in the stadium, a man with drugs. Police also must keep Ohio State personalities safe as they enter the stadium. One officer escorts Brutus Buckeye; five protect Coach Jim Tressel.

It's an impressive show of law enforcement that's absent at entrances to Ohio Stadium. Gate security falls to Contemporary Services Corp., a firm hired by the athletics department to check bags for alcohol, weapons, food and other banned items. The CSC staff is largely made up of college-age men and women who undergo one day of company training and 90 minutes of OSU instruction.

They feel the outside of bags and look for bulky pockets; they aren't allowed to reach into bags or touch fans. <u>Smith</u> <u>concedes that alcohol still finds its way into the stands, particularly shot-size bottles of liquor hidden in socks,</u> <u>pockets and underwear. "They beat us all the time with the airline bottles," Smith said. "But we're not going to go that far" to pat down fans.</u>

Security employee Troy King works the gate where many students enter the stadium. Perhaps his 6-foot-5-inch, 290-pound frame works as a deterrent, but King rarely finds alcohol and has yet to turn away a drunken fan. "I don't remember an issue I've had where I've had to deny access," said King, a 41-yearold middle school teacher from Cardington, about 35 miles north of Columbus.

#### Inside the stadium, monitoring fans falls to ushers, who are volunteers exchanging work for a chance to see the game, and paid ticket-takers called Redcoats. Neither group has authority to eject, only to alert police.

Last season, police ejected five troublemakers at the request of ushers, athletics department reports show. Other times, police were unavailable because they had left at halftime for assignments outside the stadium, were too slow to respond when there was trouble, or would congregate and chat among themselves or on cell phones, the report says. The report, written by ushers and Redcoats, cited eight complaints of security lapses.

"Wow, that's not bad," said Amweg, the university's assistant police chief.

Smith took notes in his Blackberry. "Regardless of the numbers," he said, "we need to make sure our Redcoats and ushers feel backed up."