

# THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Significant Events

31 August – 05 September



## Republican National Convention

### Welcoming Message

"In September 2008, the eyes of the world will be focused on Minnesota. Saint Paul's RiverCentre / Xcel Energy Center Complex will welcome 45,000 visitors, including 15,000 media representatives from around the globe and many of our nation's most influential business and policy leaders for the Republican National Convention."

-City of St. Paul

<http://www.stpaul.gov>



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## Statistical Information

- Approximately 45,000 visitors including 15,000 members of the national and international media attended the Convention at the Xcel Center.
- City of St. Paul received a \$50 million federal grant to pay for all local security costs.
- Total of 3,700 officers worked the Convention, primarily from the Minneapolis / St. Paul metropolitan area.
- St. Paul Police and Secret Service were the lead agencies assigned to the event.
- Many other agencies played a critical role in balancing the safety of their communities as well as the overall effort of the RNC planning and implementation.



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## Significant Events Wrap-UP 30 August – 05 September



More than 800 people were arrested during the convention, which took place last week in St. Paul. Officers in riot gear used tear gas, pepper spray and percussion grenades to control protesters.

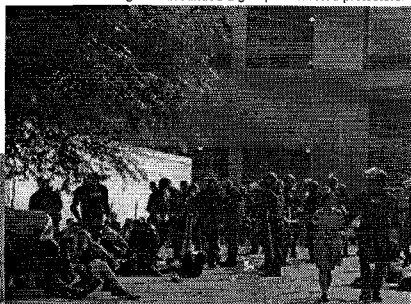


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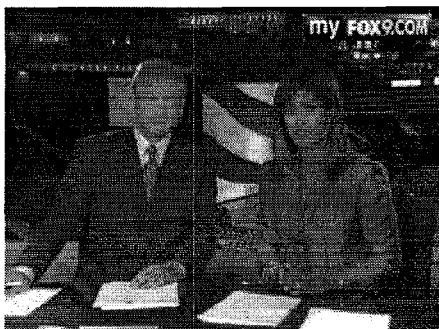
Officers in riot gear surrounded a group of arrested protesters.



Police estimated between 8,000 – 10,000 protesters during the Convention.

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### Day 1 Wrap-Up



# Republican National Convention Significant Events Timeline

29 August – 31 August

29 – 30 August

Metro area authorities conducted search warrants across Minneapolis and St. Paul on Friday and Saturday as a deterrence against disruptive protests of the Republican National Convention.

Police arrested six people in St. Paul on Friday and Saturday, all connected to the charging group, "RNC's Incoming Committee". Ramsey County Sheriff, Bob Flecker, describes the group as a criminal enterprise made up of 35 self-described anarchists...intention committing crimes such as before and during the Republican National Convention. Police seized a variety of items such as gas masks, ball bearings, axes, slingshots, homemade "coltrons" for disabling bullets and buckets of urine.

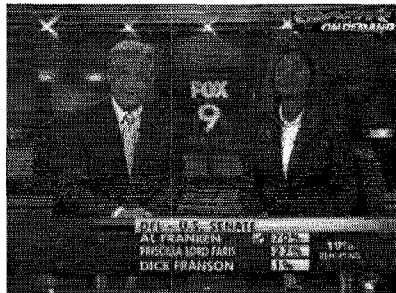
Matthew Bradley DePalma of Flint, Michigan was charged for illegally possessing Molotov Cocktails, which he allegedly intended to use to destroy the Xcel Energy Center during the RNC. DePalma was spotted in a remote location in Roseville, MN where he was experimenting with chemicals and testing his homemade Molotov Cocktails. DePalma was arrested without incident on 30 August at a residence in south Minneapolis. DePalma faces up to 10 years in prison.

Michael McKay and Bradley Crowder, both from Austin, Texas, were also charged for illegally possessing 6 Molotov Cocktails and unlawful firearms possession. The federal charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

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Source: Fox 9 News

### Michael McKay and Bradley Crowder Arrested for Involvement in Molotov Cocktails



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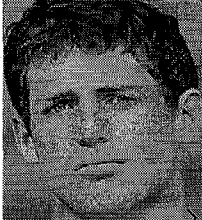
### Molotov Cocktail Criminals



Police said 23-year-old Matthew Bradley DePalma of Flint, Michigan planned to attack the Xcel Energy Center with molotov cocktails. He was charged with possessing unregistered firearms.



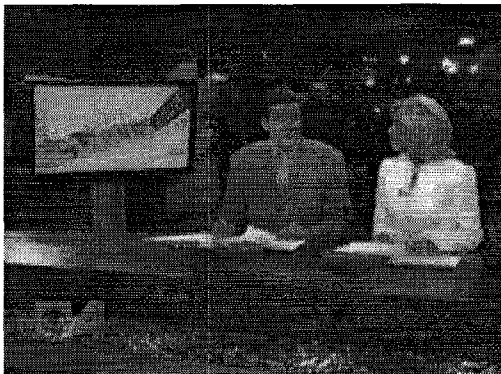
Police said 22-year old David McKay of Austin, Texas was charged on 05 September with unlawful firearms possession. The federal charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.



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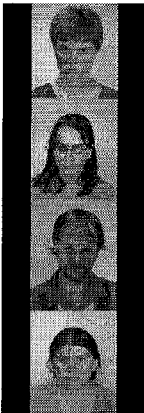
### Search Warrants and Arrests



<http://wcco.com/video/?id=5>

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### Significant Events RNC Welcoming Committee Arrests



Arrested as a leader of the RNC Welcoming Committee, Eryn Trimmer was charged with conspiracy to riot, conspiracy to commit civil disorder, conspiracy to damage property and conspiracy to commit riot - 2nd degree furtherance of terrorism.

Arrested as a leader of the RNC Welcoming Committee, Monica Bicking was charged with conspiracy to riot, conspiracy to commit civil disorder, conspiracy to damage property and conspiracy to commit riot - 2nd degree furtherance of terrorism.

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### 01 September

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Over 250 people were arrested, of which 129 were felons, 51 gross misdemeanors and 100 misdemeanor arrests. The St. Paul Police Department called in 150 Minnesota Army National Guard soldiers to assist with crowd control.

During a mass protest against the convention a group of people broke away and began vandalizing cars, freshens and electronics downtown, including the Macy's window near East Sixth and Wabasha street. Police charged Glenn David Dyer, 26 with criminal damage to property in the first degree. Dyer was released from jail on \$2,500 bail. If convicted, he faces up to 5 years in prison.

A group called the Coalition to March on the RNC and Stop the War organized an anti-war march of approximately 10,000 participants. According to local law enforcement, the march ended peacefully.

Connecticut delegate Rob Simmons stated that a group of protesters came toward his delegation and tried to rip the credentials off their necks and sprayed them with an unknown toxic substance. The substance burned their eyes and stained their clothes. One individual of the delegation had to be treated for injuries and several others had to rinse their eyes and clothing.

Former Alabama Supreme Court justice delegate Terry Buff, Buff was taking delegates to the arena when a brick went through a window and sprayed glass on him and two others. No one was injured.

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### 02 September

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St. Paul Police estimated approximately 2,000 people took part in a protest march through downtown St. Paul. The march was sponsored by the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, which lasted about three hours. The protesters chanted for an end to the war in Iraq and for economic justice for the poor.

According to Ramsey County officials, 10 people were arrested throughout the day.

Approximately 4,000 protesters gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol on Tuesday evening, where the political rock group, Rage Against the Machine, appeared for an impromptu concert which quickly led to police escorting the band off the premises.

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Source: Fox 9 News

Ramsey County, MN

On September 1, the Ramsey County Attorney's Office charged 23-year-old Jason Allan Sparks with first degree criminal damage to property for allegedly breaking a large window in the First National Bank building in St. Paul during an RNC-related disturbance.

Other related property damage and damage to public and private property included approximately 80 individuals belong to the anarchist group, "RNC Welcoming Committee."

Sparks approached 4<sup>th</sup> and Robert Street and smashed a large window of the First National Bank building which will cost over \$17,000 to replace.

- Fox 9 News



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03 September – 04 September

### 03 September

Police arrested more than 100 protesters in downtown Minneapolis following a concert by the political rock group Rage Against the Machine.

The Joint Information Center reported 102 people were arrested — 100 for misdemeanor and 2 for gross misdemeanor. Those that were arrested, 87 were tagged and released and 15 were booked.

The first of the 284 protesters jailed on September 1 and charged with criminal damage were released from the Ramsey County Detention Center on Wednesday afternoon. According to the St. Paul Police Department, 170 protesters were still in jail.



### 04 September

According to the Joint Information Center, over 300 protesters were arrested after lengthy series of marches and sit-ins failed to coincide with Senator John McCain's acceptance of the Republican Party's nomination for president.

19 members of the media were detained and issued citations for unlawful assembly and later released.

Protesters had decided to go ahead with a planned march near the State Capitol even though their permit to admit them on the Capitol's premises had expired. There were as many as 1,000 protesters towards the beginning of the march and tapered off to approximately 500 individuals at the end of the march.

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Source: WCCO

### Police Surround Crowd On Bridge, Hundreds Arrested

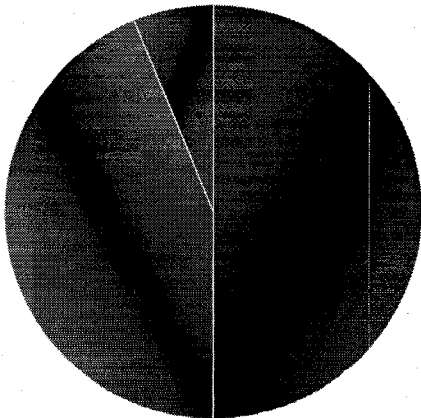
On Thursday, protesters attempted to cross the bridge over Interstate 94 to head towards the Xcel Energy Center. Protesters also surrounded the State Capitol and Xcel Energy Center. Police in riot gear fired tear gas and utilized "flash bang" canisters in order to disperse and control the crowds of protesters.



<http://wcco.com/local/RNC.antiwar.march.2.809887.html>

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### Republican National Convention Arrests



- Total Arrests (818)
- St. Paul Arrests (716)
- Minneapolis Arrests (102)

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Source: WCCO.com

### Courts Deal With Heavy Workload From RNC Arrests

The cases of those charged at the Republican National Convention have now been handed over to the Ramsey County Courthouse.

The Courthouse contains hundreds of cases and the office space is full of files. One pile is police tickets from just one night. Another box is full of the more serious cases such as assault and property damage.

Another challenge Ramsey County is facing is that so many individuals that were arrested during the Convention are from out of State and are contacting the Courts to say that they cannot fly back to Minnesota for their set court date due to travel expenses.

The cases that the Ramsey County Courthouse are processing could take up to 6 months.

St. Paul received a \$50 million grant to cover security costs for the Convention, but none of that money covered anything in the courts. Ramsey County is still working on a total, but it could cost taxpayers as much as \$100,000.

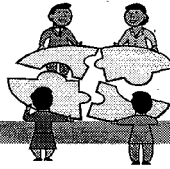
<http://wcco.com/crime/courts.mc.arrests.2.814622.html>

## Minnesota Joint Analysis Center (MNJAC)

### Analytical Support Roles 25 August – 05 September

- > [REDACTED]
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- > Provided over 1,000 hours of support to intelligence operations.
- > Disseminated approximately 17 RNC Situation Reports to over 1,300 law enforcement recipients.
- > Produced daily Critical Infrastructure (C.I.) Briefs from 01 September – 04 September.
- > Completed, forwarded or initiated research of several other intelligence related issues.

## MNJAC / IOC Interstate Connections



- MNJAC contacted Montana Fusion Center for a driver license photo and vehicle registration information on a suspicious bus.
- Montana Fusion Center provided the following information:
  - Driver license photos on two individuals registered to the vehicle.
  - Background information on the two individuals registered to the vehicle. Background information stated the registered owners have been known to be affiliated with "Earth First!," an eco-rights group with past criminal ties. They also have a lengthy criminal history background.
  - Provided a full report including a follow-up with the suspects.
- Collaborated with multiple states including Iowa, Tennessee, Oregon and South Dakota's fusion centers mostly for driver license photos and criminal history requests.
- Facilitated receipt of intelligence reports from multiple fusion centers about potential anarchist activities.

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### Resources Utilized

City of St. Paul Website

WCCO, Channel 4 News

KSTP, Channel 5 News

Fox 9, Channel 9 News

Kare 11, Channel 11 News

Star Tribune

St. Paul Pioneer Press

