



September 27, 2023

No Checkered Flag: The Perpetual Race Against Biological Threats

OBJECTIVE

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) state and local efforts to strengthen public health and biodefense; (2) special security management of biological threats to mass gatherings; and (3) efforts to understand and mitigate the agricultural impact of biological threats to plants and animals.

SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:30 am ET **Opening Remarks**

Doug Boles

President, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

9:30 – 10:15 am ET **Panel One: Governor's Perspective**

The Governor of Indiana will provide his views on biological threats to the State of Indiana and his priorities to defend against those threats.

Eric Holcomb

Governor of Indiana

10:15 – 11:30 am ET **Panel Two: State and Local Public Health and Biodefense**

A local official, former state official, and academic representative will describe their concerns about, and efforts to bolster, human public health and biodefense.

Kristina Box, MD

Former Indiana State Health Commissioner

Tory Castor, JD

Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Indiana University Health

Virginia A. Caine, MD

Director and Chief Medical Officer, Marion County Public Health Department

11:30am – 12:45 pm ET **Panel Three: Securing Temporary Cities Against Biological and other Threats**

Military, local, and federal officials will address the unique challenges that occur when mass gatherings temporarily increase local population density and biological risk.

Sergeant Robert Brown Jr.

Program Manager, Counter-WMD (CBRNE) Unit, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Special Agent Casey P. Farrell

Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator, Indianapolis, Federal Bureau of Investigation

12:45 – 1:15 pm ET **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:30 pm ET **Panel Four: Biodefense Considerations for Arenas**

Private sector representatives will discuss medical and security responsibilities for hosting large-scale events.

Julia Vaizer, MD

Medical Director, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

John Ball

Vice President, Security and Event Services, Pacers Sports & Entertainment

2:30 – 2:45 pm ET **Break**

2:45 – 4:00 pm ET **Panel Five: Protecting the Best Thing Since Sliced Bread**

State official and academic representatives will describe their efforts to understand, and efforts to mitigate, biological threats to Indiana's food, plants, and animal agriculture.

Bret D. Marsh, DVM

Indiana State Veterinarian, Indiana State Board of Animal Health

Paul Ebner, PhD

Professor of Animal Sciences, Purdue University

Darcy E. P. Telenko, PhD

Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, Purdue University

4:00 – 4:15 pm ET **Closing Remarks**

4:15 pm ET **Adjourn**
