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Black Hills Heritage Festival, Inc.

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300 6th St.
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re: Black Hills Heritage Festival, UOR #00UR020, Use on Review

Response To Issues:

1. Fire Code - The Heritage Festival works very closely with the Fire department at set-up. All vendors and tents are inspected before opening. Fire extinguishers are placed as per code. Fire lanes are designated and kept clear. Please contact Ken Shave at the Rapid City Fire department, 394-4180, who maintains annual information on our compliance to codes and regulations.
2. Signs - No banners or signs are located within the public right-of-way or on fences.
3. On-sale liquor - Heritage Festival sells beer only. Rapid City Police department inspects and designs the double fencing in the beer garden area before opening. Heritage Festival security patrol the grounds (including creek area) overnight. Bartenders are supervised by a beer garden manager and ordered to not sell beer to anyone noticeably intoxicated. Please contact Lt. Tom Vleger, Rapid City Police Department liaison to the Heritage Festival, at 394-4131 for more information.
4. Other issues -
 - a) Trash receptacles are provided throughout the grounds as well as commercial dumpsters in the parking lot. Trash receptacles are emptied throughout the day by Heritage Festival maintenance crews. Dumpsters are emptied each morning by the garbage collection contractor.

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b) Sanitary facilities are provided with twelve portolets (including handicap accessible) located on the grounds. Memorial Park bandshell facilities are open to the public as well. Portolets are cleaned twice per day.

c) Maintenance and Clean-up are conducted both during and after the event by the Heritage Festival labor crews that are hired specifically for same. In 2000, the Heritage Festival accrued 583 man hours dedicated to this purpose in the park.

d) Security - The Heritage Festival maintains a licensed staff of security personnel on duty 24 hours for general patrol on the grounds and in the beer gardens. ID checkers are located at each beer ticket sales location. In 2000, the Heritage Festival accrued 350 hours (approx.) security hours. Rapid City Police and Fire department have a headquarters on the grounds and are provided with golf carts by the Heritage Festival for patrolling purposes.

e) Parking - The public parking lots of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center are generally used for this purpose.

f) Evacuation Plan - All vendors and personnel on the grounds receive emergency evacuation route maps and instructions at check-in. The maps and instructions are also posted in the office and beer gardens area. Fire and emergency lanes are monitored by security and kept clear. Emergency weather radios are closely monitored by the staff during the event. A park-wide sound system is available for emergency announcements.

For More Information Contact:

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