

2027 Special Events Data Call Informational Meeting (SEAR) Notes / Slides

- **Started at 1000hrs**
- **Presented by Wendy Alkinburgh – PA Dept of Homeland Security**
- Move December 2026 events to 2027 calendar, including Easton winter village?
- Do NOT skip stadium type – if not in stadium select that answer
- Dignitary Participation – if checked, you must fill in the optional data point – also are they attending or participating?
- Has to be an event that occurs outside of the normal operations. I.E., amusement park, rejected due to having normal crowds throughout the summer unless there is a special event during operations, like a concert being held there on a day or weekend celebration of some sort at the venue on top of normal operations.
- **Ended at 10**

Top 5 events during 2027 – Celtic Classic in Bethlehem listed as a top 5 event for 2027.

Overview

- Federal agencies use the SEAR level guide support and resources upcoming events
- SEAR 1 and some SEAR 2 events receive enhanced coordination (may include appointment of a federal coordinator or coordination team)



Overview:

- Goals:
 - Identify special events in PA occurring in 2027
 - Assess risks to events creating a common operating picture for the Commonwealth
 - Enhance **information sharing** and **support** for events beyond those designated as National Special Security Events
- 90,000+ events submitted across the United States and Territories annually
- 2700+ events submitted in Pennsylvania in 2026
- Submissions are assessed using the DHS Special Events Assessment Rating (SEAR)
- Events are given a rating between one and five (one is the highest)



DHS Special Events Program will accept events that:

- Meet the DHS definition of a special event

Submitted events may receive one of the following SEAR ratings:

Level	Description
1	Significant events with national and/or international importance that require <i>extensive</i> federal interagency support.
2	Significant events with national and/or international importance that may require some level of federal interagency support.
3	Events of national and/or international importance that require only limited federal support.
4	Events with limited national importance that are managed at the state and local levels.
5	Events that may be nationally recognized but generally have local or state importance.

- Include **all** required fields in the submission

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Timeline:

- Submit events occurring between December 1, 2026 and November 30, 2027
- August 3 to September 11 - Data Call is open for submissions
 - Please submit spreadsheets to walkinburg@pa.gov as soon as possible to allow time for corrections and submission
 - Put "2027 SEAR Data Call" in the subject line of the email
 - Include name of County and points of contact in the email
- Mid to late November – SEAR levels will be released
- **Remember** – you can submit events any time after the data call window if new events are brought to your attention

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2027 Data Points

▪ Required data points:

- Event Name
- City, County, State, and Zip Code
- Venue Address
- Start and End Dates
- Series of Events (Multiple Occurrences of the Same Event)
- Series of Event Dates and/or Frequency of the Event
- Recurring and Annual Event
- Venue Type and Venue Access
- Stadium Type
- Iconic Venue
- Waterborne Access
- Daily Attendance and Attendance Concentration
- Head of Country and Dignitary Participation
- Event Type
- Event Capabilities
- Championship Game or Series
- Aviation Nexus
- Distance to Nearest Hospital/ER and Time to Nearest Trauma Center
- Contributor agency and name of event contributor

▪ Optional data points:

- Location, Date, Venue, Attendee, and Event Comments
- Head of Country / Dignitary Participation Comments
- Related Events
- Event Organizer
- Law Enforcement Point of Contact Name, Phone Number, and Email Address
- Emergency Management Point of Contact Name, Phone Number, and Email Address
- Public Health Point of Contact Name, Phone Number, and Email Address
- Official, State Sanctioned Participation from Multiple Counties
- Notes

▪ Optional public health data points:

- Public Health Communication Capabilities
- Public Health Response and Monitoring Capabilities
- Public Health Mass Casualty Capabilities
- Public Health, At-Risk Group, and Infectious Disease Comments
- Inherent Event-Specific Risks

NOTE: Points of Contact – Not required but OHS, PEMA, and PaCIC use this information proactively to do outreach and intelligence distribution

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Tips for filling out submission:

- Fill out **all** required fields
- Use dropdown menus whenever they are provided
- DO NOT manipulate the workbook
 - ie. Do not add, delete, or edit columns
- Copying and Pasting – right click and select “Paste Values” or “Use Destination Formatting” when pasting copied data
- Do not copy and paste entire events at once as the columns will not line up from the 2026 submission

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Tips for filling out submission:

- Stadium Type: If your event is not in a stadium, select N/A for Column R.
- If you indicate that the event capabilities are *insufficient* or that there will be dignitaries *participating* in the event, you must add additional details in the comment section that follows
- Make sure to use the 2027 workbook
- When transferring events from previous years be careful to update dates to current year

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DHS Special Events Program will submit:

- NFL
- NBA
- MLS
- NHL
- MLB
- WNBA
- PHF
- NCAA I FBS
- Nascar
 - Cup Series
 - Xfinity Series
 - Craftsman Truck Series

Contributors should submit preseason, exhibition, and postseason games

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**Thank you for working with us to identify
special events across the Commonwealth!**

**We look forward to working with you
throughout 2027!**

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