

# NCS<sup>4</sup>



## FACT SHEET

*As the leading academic institution in sport safety and security, the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS<sup>4</sup>) connects and informs professional leagues, marathons, intercollegiate athletics, interscholastic athletics (and after-school activities), along with professional associations, private sector firms, and government agencies. It is a critical resource for sport venue managers, event managers, first responders, and other key stakeholders.*

### **About NCS<sup>4</sup>**

- Established in 2006 from a grant initiative funded by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and Mississippi Emergency Agency
- Offers FEMA-approved Training Courses in Sport Event Risk Management, Sport & Special Events Incident Management, and Sport Event Evacuation Training/Exercise
- Established and developed current best practices for collegiate, interscholastic, professional sports, and marathon settings
- Trained over 5,000 security professionals across the nation
- Trained around 1,000 universities across the nation
- Holds an annual National Sport Safety and Security Conference to provide educational and networking opportunities for hundreds of professional and collegiate sport venue and event managers, first responders, etc.
- Offers certifications for both sport organizations and venue personnel responsible for sports safety and security
- Provides membership opportunities for corporations, universities, professionals, and students to engage and network with individuals in the sports safety and security industry
- Conducts worldwide research and analysis of sports incidents involving spectators through the NCS<sup>4</sup> Institute for the Study of Sport Incidents
- Opportunities for security observation, technology tests and evaluations through the NCS<sup>4</sup> National Sports Security Laboratory
- Supports a Master of Business degree with an emphasis in Sports Security Management and graduate certificate program and provides internships and other educational opportunities for students
- Recognizes industry leaders and venues who achieve outstanding best practices in sport safety and security
- NCS<sup>4</sup> Board of Advisors consists of security and facility directors from each of the major professional sports leagues and federations