



MEMORANDUM

TO: ERICK W. ZINSER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY/ CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: ADAM ELSER, LIEUTENANT

SUBJECT: 2026 STATE FAIR STAFFING

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026

SYNOPSIS OF EVENT

The Vibe Credit Union Showplace (VCUS) will host the 2026 Michigan State Fair beginning with a charity preview night on Wednesday, September 2. The fair will be open to the public September 3–7 including Labor Day. A 5K race is scheduled Saturday, September 5, as part of the event.

EVENT DATES / TIMES

Wednesday, September 2:	4:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Thursday, September 3:	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday, September 4:	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 5:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 6:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Monday, September 7:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm

NOVI POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL COVERAGE

The Novi Police and Fire Departments will provide dedicated staffing to the State Fair to help ensure a high level of public safety throughout the event. Fire Captain Mark Theisen and Police Lieutenant Adam Elsen will be on site as Unified Command for the entire State Fair.

Novi Fire Department Coverage:

The Novi Fire Department will have two firefighters, in addition to Captain Theisen, on site Thursday through Monday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Police Personnel Coverage:

The Novi Police Department will have personnel on site throughout the State Fair with daily staffing ranging from 2-10 personnel each day, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, with increased staffing during peak attendance periods.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will provide 4-5 personnel, including mounted units, drone support, and patrol deputies to assist with fair operations Saturday through Monday. Assistance was requested from the Michigan State Police; however, they have not committed to providing troopers at this time.