

Champion of COVID Response

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Years of Service: 3 years



Summary:

SA Adam Peeples' commitment to his colleagues and their safety and health, was exhibited throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; in particular, as Medical Advance Liaison for numerous POTUS, VPOTUS, and other candidate visits to the field office district during the Presidential Campaign, as well as DNC COVID-19 Coordinator and intra-office expert who enabled the reconstitution of the Chicago Field Office

Description: From the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, SA Adam Peeples dedicated himself to keeping his Secret Service colleagues safe from the virus and mission ready. SA Peeples' yearlong commitment to the health and well-being of Secret Service personnel, as well as the agency's protectees, included the following: SA Peeples conducted the first Medical Advance Liaison assignment in our district, and second nationally, in preparation for a VPOTUS visit to Wisconsin. SA Peeples arranged COVID testing, assembled PPE go-kits for all USSS personnel supporting the visit, and spearheaded the sanitization protocols at the USSS personnel hotel and protectee sites.

SA Peeples developed written guidance for conducting a full medical advance in the Chicago Field Office district. In light of the quality of the product, the guidance was shared with the agency's Office of Investigations and all field offices to be used in preparation of the 2020 Presidential Campaign. SA Peeples went on to conduct eight more medical advances in the Chicago Field Office district; however, he regularly received requests from other field offices seeking guidance on COVID mitigations and to assist with medical advances.

When the need for a DNC COVID Coordinator in Milwaukee, WI was identified, SA Peeples enthusiastically took on this challenge and immediately established a COVID-19 Subcommittee that ensured the necessary types and amounts of PPE supplies were obtained, individually packaged, and distributed to all personnel supporting the DNC security plan.

SA Peeples developed testing protocols, and selected and collaborated with a key Wisconsin health care provider to ensure personnel had the ability to obtain COVID tests at the start or conclusion of their 12-hour assignments. SA Peeples served as the primary point of contact for

DNC COVID contact tracing and directed a COVID care team designed to provide support to any personnel who tested positive or were otherwise required to quarantine. In addition, SA

Peeples established and implemented the sanitization plan and schedule for all DNC venues.

SA Peeples' partnership with a medical provider for the DNC in Wisconsin was the product of relationships that he had built with hospital systems to test Chicago Field Office personnel who were frequently traveling between the States of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. SA Peeples

arranged tests for district personnel traveling to and returning from numerous assignments in the Presidential Campaign battleground State of Wisconsin, as well as tests for personnel returning from assignments from "hot spots" across the United States.

SA Peeples established relationships and contract services with Froedtert Occupational Health, Mayo Clinic, and Prevea Health in Wisconsin, Physician's Immediate in Illinois, and Community Healthcare in Indiana.

SA Peeples was also relied on to assess the health and safety protocols that were made a part of the Chicago Field Office Reconstitution Plan in June 2020. SA Peeples' expertise was employed to develop protocols that not only led to the approval of the reconstitution of the Chicago Field Office, but that have also led to zero in-office COVID transmissions despite periods of high positivity rates in Northern Illinois.