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**Police enact security measures for National Socialist Movement rally Saturday**

Kansas City Police are enacting security measures to ensure a peaceful expression of ideas at a rally planned downtown this weekend.

A white supremacist group, the National Socialist Movement, has scheduled a rally at the Jackson County Courthouse the afternoon of Nov. 9. While police support everyone's First Amendment rights to peaceably assemble and protest, they will be securing the rally area and prohibiting several items to make the environment as safe as possible.

All people entering into the designated areas will be screened for any type of prohibitive item on their person. These prohibited items include but are not limited to the following:

- Any type of firearm regardless of permit.
- Backpack or any other type of bag/purse, etc.
- Cooler
- Baby carriage/stroller/car seat
- Wagon/cart
- No poles of any type material, wooden sticks, etc. attached to a flag or sign - or for any other use
- No personal defense sprays (OC, CS, etc.) regardless of the size of the container
- No aerosol spray cans of any type
- No liquid containers, including water bottles
- Knives of any type
- Padlocks, chains, cable, rope, etc.
- Any item which could be used as a projectile (ball, rock, etc.)
- Portable heaters
- Any portable bullhorn/speaker/annunciation device in which the user has not obtained a permit for the use of said device from the City of KCMO for this specific Rally.
- Any other item deemed by the police as having the potential to be used as a weapon.

There will be specific entry points into the designated rally site where persons entering into the areas will be screened by uniformed police officers. Persons attempting to enter into the rally site with any of the above indicated items will be refused entry into the site. All prohibited materials will need to be secured away from the rally site. Any property left unattended at the rally site will be disposed of in accordance with Police Department Policy.

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