SECURITY

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To control entry into the site during the construction and operating phases of the Fair.
- 2. To protect the property of the Corporation an of the participants from any misadventure.
- 3. To preserve order on the site, from the point of view of unlawful activity, behaviour deemed unacceptable, as well as crowd control.
- 4. To assist the public in any way possible in the circumstances.

At the onset of the construction phase of EXPO 86 in 1984, it was decided to develop an in house security organization. This approach allowed for the careful selection of personnel as well as the accumulation of experience on the site that would be an asset during the EXPO 86 operating period.

During the planning phase attention was paid to all aspects of design and construction that would reduce the opportunities for problems during the fair. Attention was paid to the lighting plan, location of emergency exits, as well as a locking and key control system. A working relationship was established with the Vancouver City Police, who have primary law enforcement responsibilities in the area. The resulting plan required that EXPO Security handle as much of the routine and predictable activity as possible, with the VCP responding to all major crime incidents.

An operating plan was developed to provide for the incremented phasing in of resources as the vulnerability and value of the site increased. Recruiting and training plans have been developed and are ready for the increases in staff to occur in the period preceding opening day.

To enhance the overall security capability EXPO Security has offered to provide service to those pavilions in need of additional service. Several participants are taking advantage of this service and are in the process of entering into contracts.

Based on plans at the moment, it is anticipated that the site security will require approximately 300 staff, with an additional 150 being employed on contract duties.