

COGOP STATE ASSEMBLY 2026 — SECURITY & SAFETY PLAN

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FOR REAL-TIME SECURITY UPDATES

QR Code & Text "GOP" to [TBD]

Signage posted in every building & hallway — confirm number with Todd

1. ENTRY & WEAPON DETECTION

Building Access & Weapon Screening

5:00 AM — Safety sweep: Bomb dogs + SWAT clear all buildings. No entry until sweep is complete.

Weapon detection: 3 stations at entry — screening for guns, knives, and explosives.

Colorado law: No weapons permitted on campus. Viktor Marx team members may carry **ONLY** if sworn law enforcement. Confirm armed status + photo/name for all armed individuals.

Occhiato (Friday):

- Closed to public 5:00 AM — 10:30 PM Friday
- Basement also closed
- One entry point, one exit point — no exceptions

Massari Arena (Saturday):

- One entry point, one exit point — entry/exit control enforced
- No entry to the facility without passing through entry/exit control

CRS 18-12-105.5 — Weapons on Campus

Firearms (open or concealed) on college campus = Class 1 misdemeanor.

Non-firearm deadly weapons (knives, etc.) on campus = Class 6 felony.

Exceptions relevant to assembly:

- Unloaded firearm in vehicle on college property — **not an offense**
- Concealed carry permit holder in **parking area only** — not an offense (NOT inside buildings)
- Peace officers / SROs — exempt per employing agency policy
- Security personnel **employed or retained by the college** — exempt while on duty

Viktor Marx team: May carry **ONLY** if sworn law enforcement. Private security that is not sworn LE **cannot carry firearms inside campus buildings**. Confirm armed status + sworn LE credentials for each armed individual at Tuesday meeting.

CRS 18-9-109 — Interference at Educational Institutions

Legal basis for ordering removal of disruptive individuals:

- **Deny freedom of movement on campus** — petty offense
- **Impede staff/faculty/students** through restraint, coercion, intimidation — Class 2 misdemeanor
- **Refuse to leave when ordered by chief admin or designee** — Class 2 misdemeanor
- **Credible threat with deadly weapon** against student/staff/invitee — Class 1 misdemeanor

Todd Whittemore (or his designee) has legal authority under this statute to order anyone off campus who is disrupting, threatening, or refusing to comply. This applies to all PON individuals and any attendee who escalates past Code 5.

What to Say at the Door

If someone claims right to carry:

"Colorado law CRS 18-12-105.5 prohibits carrying firearms — open or concealed — on college campus property. Concealed carry permits are valid in the parking area only, not inside buildings. We're happy to have you attend, but weapons must remain secured in your vehicle."

If someone refuses to leave:

"Under Colorado law CRS 18-9-109, refusal to leave educational institution property when requested by administration is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Campus security has been notified."

2. CHECK-IN & LANYARD SYSTEM

Checkpoint Procedure — Step by Step

Layout: Tables block doorways. One door out (exit table collects badges). Multiple doors in (check-in tables). No entry into building without completing checkpoint procedure. Courier ferries badges from exit table back to entrance queue.

- 1 **Stop individual.** All attendees must go through checkpoint before entering the building. Tables block doorways — no one passes without completing check-in.
- 2 **Check against printed list.** Is this person on a delegate list, candidate list, vendor list, media list, or volunteer list? If YES → provide badge, issue lanyard, direct to area. If NOT on any list → proceed to Step 3.
- 3 **Request valid photo ID.** Document their name and phone number. If ID refused → **RED FLAG** → call security immediately.
- 4 **"What is your purpose for attending?"** Document response: spouse of delegate, vendor support, candidate support, media, etc. **"Who are you with?"** Write down the name of the person they claim to be with.
- 5 **Call companion to checkpoint.** The person must call whoever they're with to come to the checkpoint. If no companion produced → **ESCALATE** — someone from leadership (Brita, Alec, Tonya, Christy, Sean) must respond to assess.
- 6 **If compliant:** Issue colored lanyard. Document name, purpose, and companion. Direct to correct area.
- 7 **If non-compliant or ignores verbal instructions: ESCALATE — Code 5** (internal + external security respond). Individual must step aside and wait. Do not allow entry.

Two-strike rule: Refuses ID + cannot identify purpose/companion → immediate **Code 5** (internal AND external security must respond). No independent observers. No unrelated invitees permitted.

Lanyard Colors & Return Policy

COLOR	ROLE	ACCESS
Purple	Leads (Brita, Alec, Tonya, Christy, Sean)	All areas
Blue	Committee Leads & Internal Radio Team	All areas
Red	Delegates	Floor + general areas
Pink	VIP / Authorized Guests	VIP areas + general
Black	Alternates	General areas (floor if elevated)
Turquoise	Vendors	Vendor area + general
Green	Guests	Guest area only — cannot sit with delegates
Yellow	Candidates	Floor + candidate areas
 White	Committees (non-voting)	Committee areas + general
Orange	Press	Designated media area only
AP	Floor Nominators	Floor access for nominations

Entry/Exit Control: One entry point, one exit point per building. No entry to the facility without passing through entry/exit control. Badge must remain with the person at all times — if someone exits, their badge stays with them for re-entry. A courier will transport badges from the exit point back to the entrance queue as needed.

Return policy: Lanyards must be returned each time you exit the facility. Retrieved upon re-entry with ID check. No sharing of lanyards. Documentation enforced. Returned and signed back in at close of each day. Re-entry without lanyard requires full new ID documentation.

Check-In Tables — GOP Top Tier

Identify who will be at each check-in table. Chairs need headshots and names visible.

Volunteer check-in: Friday and Saturday — colored lanyard issued based on purpose.

Friday: Black lanyards for Lincoln Day Dinner attendees.

Saturday: Full credential + lanyard system active.

3. ESCALATION PROTOCOL

3-Level Escalation Response

Level 1 — De-Escalate (Code 1)

Trigger: Verbal disruption / heated argument

Action: **Someone from Tier 1 internal security** (Brita, Alec, Tonya, Jeff, Sean) responds. Closest to the incident engages — dispatched from Weatherman or by seeing and engaging.

Script: "How can I support you right now to make this a positive experience?"

Level 2 — Escort (Code 5)

Trigger: Cannot resolve / physical posturing

Action: **Someone from internal leadership** (not chairs) **AND an external security response**. Escort to predetermined location for conversation. Closest responds — dispatched from Weatherman or by seeing and engaging.

Level 3 — Remove (Code 10)

Trigger: Refusal to comply / physical contact / threat

Action: **At least 1 internal leadership** (TBD on team call) **AND one or more external security response**. Remove from premises. Document incident. Notify chair.

Who: Todd's team + law enforcement if needed. Closest responds — dispatched from Weatherman or by seeing and engaging.

Internal Leadership (escalation response): Brita, Alec, Tonya, Jeff, Sean — NO county chairs for Level 2 or 3. **External:** Todd's team, Victor Marx team, CSU Pueblo campus security.

Concentric Ring Model

Ring 1 — Peer Mediators Assigned friendlies near incident. First contact. De-escalate on scene. Leadership stays out unless called.

Ring 2 — Internal Leadership (not chairs) Peer mediator calls for help → leadership responds. Direct intervention. Firm but supportive. No county chairs at this level.

Ring 3 — Tier 1 + Lighthouse + Todd's Team + Law Enforcement Someone from Tier 1 leadership must be present. Sean dispatches from Lighthouse. Physical escort or removal. Full documentation + incident report. All assets respond.

4. LOCKDOWN & EVACUATION

Emergency Protocol — AVOID, DENY, DEFEND

AVOID — Get away from the threat. Leave belongings. Help others escape if possible.

DENY — If you cannot escape, deny access. Lock/barricade doors. Turn off lights. Silence phones.

DEFEND — Last resort only. Act with aggression. Improvise weapons. Commit to action.

Trigger Emergency Mode:

- Audible alert via building speakers
- Mass text notification (text-to-number — TBD with Todd)
- Radio communication on all channels — Code 10
- Lighthouse dispatches all security assets

Incident Room — Muster Point

Location: Admin Building Basement

Purpose: Mass event safe room. Coordinate response, stage law enforcement, recovery meetings.

Briefing: Show route to all Top Tier + their spouses on Thursday April 9 during security walkthrough.

Top Tier muster list:

- Christy
- Tonya & Jeff
- Alec
- Brita

5. PERSONS OF NOTE — 18 FLAGGED INDIVIDUALS

Use PON numbers on radio: "PON-4 spotted at east entrance." Photos for printed security handout.

DENY — Do Not Credential / Do Not Admit



PON-1: Cory Parella — MONITOR (candidate, must be allowed in)
SOS Candidate / Former volunteer. Prior disruption history + restraining orders.
Signed up as volunteer + paid \$600 for booth/ad — refund decision pending.
(720) 609-0285 • cory.storytella@gmail.com
ACTION: Credential as candidate. Monitor closely. Do not deny entry.



PON-2: Stephen Varela
Prior assembly disruption history.



PON-3: Josh Salem
Prior assembly disruption history — multiple restraining orders.



PON-4: Dave Williams
Former COGOP Chair — removed. Deleted party data, extortion of replacement (\$7K for Caracas data), Hatch Act concerns, dereliction of duty.



PON-5: Anna Ferguson
Williams faction — involvement in party data deletion and obstruction.

MONITOR — Credential but Watch Closely**PON-6: Ted Harvey**

FACL instructor. Confirmed connection to Williams network (Castle Rock meeting Aug 2024). Political operative.

**PON-7: Raymond Garcia**

Williams network associate. Monitor activity and associations.

**PON-8: Hope Scheppelman**

Williams network associate. Monitor activity and associations.

**PON-9: Debbie Perry Smith**

Involvement in schemes against Christy Fidura and party leadership.

**PON-10: Rich Wyatt**

Previously encouraged counties not to pay badge fees. Christy spoke with him — claims he stopped. Unverified.

**PON-11: Weston Imer**

Flagged for monitoring.

**PON-12: Darcy Schoening**

Flagged for monitoring.

**PON-13: Laura Limer**

Was running for party chair — dropped out.

**PON-14: Alex Mugatu**

Governor candidate. On candidate list. Monitor.

**PON-15: Janet Hidalgo**

Flagged for monitoring.

**PON-16: Carol Rigganbach**

Flagged for monitoring.

**PON-17: Hugo Chavez Rey**

Flagged for monitoring.

6. SECURITY PERSONNEL

Security Team — Headshots Needed

All assembly staff need to recognize security team on sight. Headshots required for safety plan handout:

- **Todd Whittemore** — CSU Pueblo Campus Security — (719) 406-2105 — Photo: **NEEDED**
- **JR Hall** — CSU Pueblo Security — Photo: **NEEDED**
- **Dante Guadagnoli** — CSU Pueblo Security — Photo: **NEEDED**
- **Victor Marx team** — Private security — confirm who is armed (sworn LE only). Photo + name for each member: **NEEDED**
- **Jose** — Victor Marx team contact — jose@victor2026.com

Headshot upload: Shared Drive → Assembly 2026 → Headshots for Security Purposes

Known VIPs & Congressionals

The following individuals may attend with security details or entourages. Coordinate with Todd:

- Lauren Boebert (CD-4)
- Gabe Evans (CD-8)
- Scott Presler (potential guest)
- Eli Crane (AZ-2, Lincoln Day Dinner speaker TBD)
- Victor Marx (Governor candidate + security team)

Share Todd's cell with: Lauren, Gabe, Victor Marx team

7. COMMAND POST — "THE LIGHTHOUSE"

The Lighthouse — Operations Center

Call sign: THE LIGHTHOUSE. The weatherman sits in the Lighthouse.

Friday — Foyer Overlook: Glass room at top of stairs by elevator. Eyes on ballroom, vendor hall, main entry. Sean + 2 military assistants (suits).

Saturday pre-9am — Massari Lobby: Same glass overlook above checkpoint.

Saturday 9am+ — Glass Overlook: Move to overlook above arena floor.

Equipment: Desk, laptop, monitor, all radios (Kenwood UHF + Baofeng), whiteboard (room may have projector screens — do NOT write on them), printed maps, two-way HDMI, TV/monitor (TBD — ask Todd Monday)

Radio blotter: All comms transcribed in real time. AI voice print ID if carriers calibrate.

Radios from CSU Pueblo: 5 radios received Friday and Saturday at Administrative Building — assigned to Alec, Brita, Christy, Tonya, Sean

18 ops radios: Distributed Saturday from Administrative Building to radio holder list. Full list located in Steel Parallel spreadsheet → Supplies tab.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Channels & Codes

CHANNEL	PURPOSE	WHO
Ch 1	Internal Senior GOP Leadership	18 radios, operational
Ch 2	Internal CSU Staff & GOP Leadership	Sean, Tonya, Brita, Christy, Alec
Ch 3	LEO/Security	Most radio holders won't be on this freq — Weatherman dispatches from Lighthouse

Detailed radio doctrine to follow.

Plain English only — no codes beyond Code 1/5/10. Keep it simple.

Radio verbiage: *"How can I help or support you right now so that we can keep today positive?"*

Todd's radios: Kenwood UHF — model number pending Monday. Sean needs for blotter integration.

9. PARKING & PERIMETER

Parking Plan

Saturday: First come, first served.

Guests: Park in EAST lots.

Shuttles: SRDA vans available — Christy coordinating with Brandon. Keep Todd in the loop.

Large vehicles: Blocking entrances for security.

Barricades: Back parking lot of Massari blocked off.

Parking map: GET FROM TODD — finalize parking details.

Perimeter & Blind Spots

Blind spots will be patrolled by foot by CSU Pueblo Security.

Action: Identify 1-2 volunteers as rovers to walk perimeter, check doors, check all rooms — once every 30 min to 1 hour.

Full radio plan for checkpoints, static positions, runners, rovers, and relief rotation will be built out on-site by Sean. This is a patrol base — static posts + rovers + reserve for bathroom/break relief.

10. NOTIFICATIONS & SIGNAGE

QR Codes & Text Alerts

QR code signage: 40+ signs posted in every space where assembly takes place. Links to webapp.

Text-to-number: "Text GOP to [5-digit code]" for real-time security updates. **NUMBER TBD — clarify with Todd.**

Must be: In the program, on all signage, in all emails sent out.

Needs to be in the program.

11. VOLUNTEER & GUEST VETTING

Vetting Process

Total to vet: ~118 (volunteers, chairs, known guests, candidate support teams)

- Cross-reference against known agitators list
- Basic OSINT workup — social media review for red flags
- Check for active restraining orders and criminal concerns
- Last-minute additions on day-of require immediate check-in with team
- Candidates must notify assembly team of guests ASAP — including day-of additions

Not full background checks. Best-effort vetting for safety.

12. MAPS & SPATIAL ORIENTATION

Massari

Ballroom

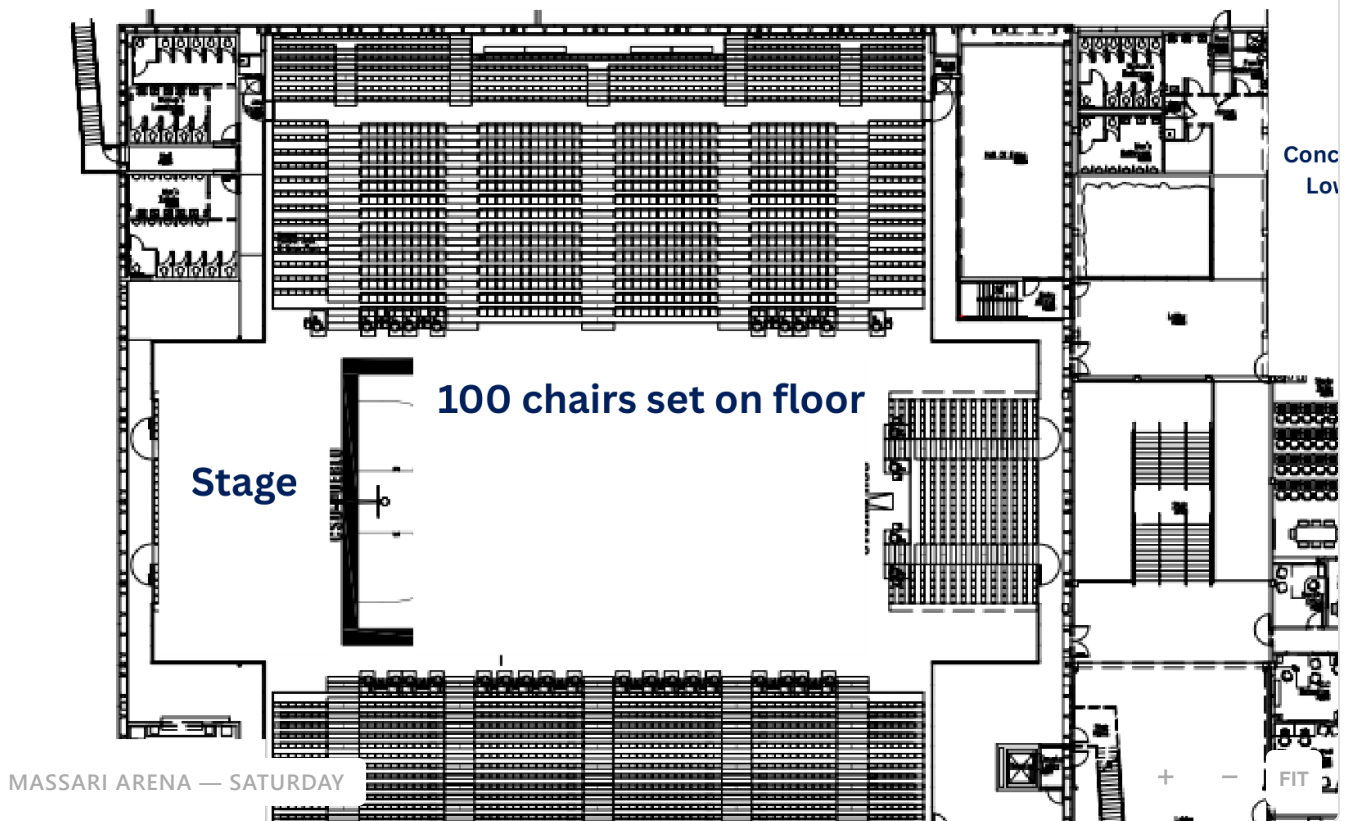
Campus

HPER 1F

HPER 2F

HPER 3F

Massari Arena Map



Map Notes

Massari Arena (Saturday): Bleachers on left + right collapse back for stage area. Floor seating set up. Mission Control Room = Hall of Fame Room under stairs — send delegate packet stuffers here.

Occhiato Ballroom (Friday): East side for Centennial Dinner, partition divides, west side for CD assemblies. CD3 has ~640 delegates — west side only holds 250 (need to resolve with Brandon).

HPER: Health, Physical Education & Recreation building — 3 floors. Overflow rooms, hospitality, support spaces.

Campus: Key buildings: Occhiato (OSC), Massari Arena (PE), Administration (ADM — incident room basement). Parking sectors: N, E, S, W lots. Guests → East lots.

Teller room: Identify during walkthrough with Priscilla.

The Lighthouse: Glass overlook room at top of stairs near elevator in Massari.

Interactive version: [Webapp Maps \(with search + markers\)](#) →

13. OVERFLOW ROOMS & AV

Hospitality Room Overflow + Digital Signage

Unrented hospitality rooms become overflow viewing areas Saturday. Each room has AV.

- Laptop + HDMI to show assembly on screen
- One non-delegate volunteer stationed per room
- Test all AV hookups Wednesday Apr 9 walkthrough
- Bring two-way HDMI cables

DID Screen (Occhiato foyer): Marla purchased. Large digital display, no audio. Coordinate HDMI with facilities.

TV/Monitor for Lighthouse: TBD — ask Todd Monday.

14. INTERNAL OPERATIONS SECURITY

Caracas System Security

Risk: Craig Steiner has God-mode access. Zero security protocols. No audit trail.

Nancy: Giving access to anyone who asks, including user creation permissions.

Mitigation: Manual snapshots by Sean. Can detect changes but cannot attribute who.

Fallback: If nuked, Sean spins up replacement from backups.

Do not confront pre-assembly. Post-assembly: full audit + system replacement.

Nancy Pallozzi — Accountability Approach

Include Nancy on Apr 1 + Apr 8 team calls. Purpose: accountability through visibility.

Sean's line: "In ensuring assembly rolls smoothly, we have taken the appropriate precautions to ensure that data is secure."

If pressed: "That's a great question. Let's take that offline."

Goal: She knows eyes are on her. Do not tip our hand on specific findings.

15. OPEN QUESTIONS FOR TUESDAY SECURITY MEETING

Questions for Todd / Victor Marx Team (Mar 31 @ 9am)

- How will lanyard scanners integrate with door access + cameras?
- During lockdown/evacuation — how will colors be used for headcounts?
- Data security for barcode/QR information in the system?
- Blind spot patrol assignments — who specifically?
- Text-to-number — what's the 5-digit code? Timeline to activate?
- Viktor Marx team — who is armed? Confirm sworn LE status for each.
- Parking map — finalize. Shuttle routes?
- Todd's radio model number (Kenwood UHF — need for blotter)
- TV/monitor available in the Lighthouse room?
- Access badges for team arriving 5:30 AM Friday + Saturday?
- Teller room location — walkthrough with Priscilla?