



Kevin W. Cheney
President/CEO

Kevin W. Cheney is a security and crowd management expert with 20 years of experience, including the last 17 years as President/CEO of Green Mtn. Concert Services, Inc. (GMCS). He is a specialist in risk assessment and safety procedure design and execution. His consultation has been sought after by leading industry promoters, large and small venue owners, public safety officials, security directors, and corporate operation managers.

Mr. Cheney became the Security Director for Phish's Lemonwheel in 1998 and since has been Security Director or Security Consultant to large-scale events such as, but not limited to: Phish's multi-day festivals, Gathering of the Vibes, Bonnaroo, ESPN Great Outdoor Games 2000-2002, ESPN Winter X Games 2000-2001, 2007 Fed Cup, Garden of Eden Festival, Lake Champlain Maritime Festival, and many more. Few other security professionals have as much experience and knowledge as Mr. Cheney in providing security to large-scale, multi-day festival style special events. He is at the top of the profession in this area. This specialized experience provides him with exceptional insight and expert knowledge that makes him an authority in risk assessment and security planning.

Whether Mr. Cheney is providing security to a college graduation, protecting dignitaries such as President Clinton, Supreme Court Justice John Roberts, and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, or creating a security plan for a venue or special event he uses his advanced training, knowledge, and experience to provide added value to his clients. His charisma is infectious and inspires a productive environment. He rewards his employees and believes in promoting from within to encourage skill improvement and professional development.

Prior to a career as a safety professional, Mr. Cheney spent six years in the Vermont Army National Guard as a Combat Medic / Medical specialist in the 3rd Battalion 172nd Infantry Regiment (Mountain Battalion) and completed the Mountain Warfare School summer phase. He uses the discipline and attention to detail he learned from his military training as a guide to each security job - careful planning, precise execution, and thorough "post-op" analysis and reporting.

Mr. Cheney is a dedicated community leader. He serves on the Board of Directors for First Night Burlington, and is a founding member on the Advisory Board of White Ribbon Campaign of Vermont. He helped establish the Lake Champlain Maritime Festival to celebrate Lake Champlain and the Burlington Waterfront. As a local business owner he believes in supporting area businesses and uses, almost exclusively, Vermont companies when needing to outsource a project. In addition, he and his wife founded the Green Mountain Autism Foundation to provide support to Vermont families with children on the spectrum.



Other accolades and achievements of Cheney's include, receiving a national certification from the IAVM's Academy for Venue Safety & Security (years 1 and 2); attending the IAVM's International Crowd Management Conference (2002 – present); acting as a Vermont State certified trainer in security and Vermont State certified trainer in temporary traffic control. He has also completed an Executive Protection course offered by R.L. Oatman & Associates in 2002 in Towson, Maryland. He has completed certification in the Sport Event Risk Management Workshop put on by the Department of Homeland Security, and San Diego Police Department Veteran, Robert Smith's training course in Hospitality Operations Security Techniques (HOST™). He was also awarded the Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation in 2007 from the University of Vermont, Department of Police Services.