



As Senior Director of Safety and Security, Michael Bates' current responsibilities include overseeing all safety and security at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and for the Verizon IndyCar Series. This includes development, implementation and coordination of public safety and security, emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation plans. Additionally, he is responsible for defining policies, procedures and best practices in cooperation with race promoters and track venues. Recent accomplishments include the safety and security of over 300,000 people for the 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500 Race on May 29, 2016.

Bates is a retired (after 30 years) Deputy Chief of Police with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and was formerly in charge of the Homeland Security Division, which was comprised of Police, Fire and Emergency Management. Primary duties included the coordination and collaboration of major special events, including Super Bowl XLVI, NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Final Four Basketball Championships and Indianapolis Colts Football Games. In addition, Bates oversaw all department tactical operations.