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ASP equips French Army for Olympics security; Gets out 7,000 batons on short notice to protect

From the Outdoor Wire

Appleton, WI — Just weeks before the Olympic opening ceremonies, the French Ministry of Defense contacted MP-SEC—the European distributor for Armament Systems and Procedures (ASP)—with an urgent request. As part of the host country’s massive antiterrorism plans, ASP was asked if it could produce and ship over 7,000 of its tactical police batons, and an equal number of carrying scabbards, to arrive in France within around 3 weeks. ASP was able to fill the order, and play a role in keeping Olympic athletes and spectators—and those protecting them—safe. French government and other security agencies will be on high alert before, during and after the Games. In addition to an escalated police presence, over 20,000 French Army soldiers and a comparable number of private security professionals will guard Paris, its citizens and guests. MP-SEC—which has an open contract with the Ministry of Defense—was asked if the large baton and case order could be filled on short notice, and MP-SEC got to work with ASP to



make it happen. ASP Vice President of Sales, Daryell Harmon, says that the company is ideally set up to meet urgent demands like this one. “We invest a huge amount of money in keeping substantial supplies of parts and materials on hand,” says Harmon. “This allows us to build a wide variety of products to order, often on nearly impossibly short notice.” Harmon says that ASP’s distribution relationships and international logistics capabilities are the other part of the formula. “We have a tremendous partnership with MP-SEC, and they have the facilities and resources to make sure that if we do our part and make the gear fast enough, it will get to the end users in time.” The order for ASP Talon expandable batons and Envoy Scabbards—around 15,000 units in all—was received on June 18th, produced, packaged and shipped in under three weeks, and was in the hands of French soldiers well before the torch was lit. “Our motto is ‘Protecting Those Who Protect,’” says ASP’s Harmon, “and this is how we walk the talk.”

Tigers get votes in Preseason US LBM Coaches Poll

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 5, 2024— The University of Memphis football team received 44 votes in the US LBM Preseason Coaches Poll on Monday. The Tigers will begin the season just outside the top 25, checking in at No. 30 in the poll. With 44 votes, Memphis is the highest-ranked program and one of just nine Group of 5 teams in the country. UTSA (3) and Tulane (2) are the only other American schools to be receiving preseason votes, while the Tigers’ week two opponent, Troy, received one vote. Memphis was picked to win The American in the 2024 AAC Preseason Media Poll with 23 of 30 first-place votes after putting together the fifth 10-win season in program history a year ago. The Tigers capped off the momentous 2023 season with a win over Iowa State in the 2023 AutoZone Liberty Bowl, holding the Cyclones to zero rushing yards. The Tigers return a wealth of Please see sports page 4



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NFL and Jalen Hurts Light It Up Handover to Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 to feature men’s and women’s flag football

NEW YORK — AUG. 5, 2024 — As Paris 2024 continues, the spotlight after the Closing Ceremony will quickly shift to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) and the excitement around the official inclusion of men's and women's flag football on the LA28 sports program. To celebrate this moment, the NFL, in partnership with the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) and LA28, launched an epic handover spot “Light It Up,” featuring Philadelphia Eagles quarterback and Global Flag Football Ambassador Jalen Hurts. The video, reminiscent of the iconic archer lighting the Olympic torch with a flaming arrow at the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992 Games, shows Hurts igniting the LA Coliseum torch with a flaming football, signaling flag as an official sport at LA28. “The Olympic handover from

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Paris to Los Angeles is an amazing opportunity to have our global flag ambassador Jalen Hurts kickstart the excitement around the inclusion of men's and women's flag football in the 2028 program,” said Peter O'Reilly, executive vice president of club business, international and league events. “As one of the fastest growing sports

globally, flag football has incredible momentum, and LA28 will spotlight the sport at the highest level and on the world's biggest stage.” The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced in October 2023 that flag football would be included on the LA28 Olympic sports program. Its inclusion, led by efforts of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) and supported by the NFL, showcases an aspirational new pathway to elite play and the incredible development of the sport globally. “As we celebrate the successes of Paris 2024 and the ball is thrown to LA28, we have no doubt flag football is going to light up the Games when it makes its debut in four years’ time,” said IFAF President, Pierre Trochet. “Young, fast, cre-

ative and played by outstanding athletes, including our global flag football ambassador Jalen Hurts, the format is the perfect fit for the Games of a new generation. Together with our partners the NFL, we share a commitment to driving the international development of American football forward and believe that flag's inclusion in Los Angeles will further accelerate the extraordinary participation growth we are seeing worldwide.” In addition to flag football's debut at the Olympic Games in four years, the NFL and IFAF are spotlighting the football format throughout this summer. First, the world's premiere youth flag football tournament, the NFL Flag Championships, saw 2,800 players from around the world compete in Hall of Fame Village in Canton, Ohio. Last week, the NFL also announced the 2025 Pro Bowl Games will return to

Orlando, FL., where the league's top players will compete in on-field and off-field skills competitions and in an action-packed flag football game at Camping World Stadium. Later this month, elite flag football talent representing 32 nations across five continents will converge on the biggest-ever IFAF World Flag Football Championships in Lahti, Finland. Played by an estimated 20 million people in more than 100 countries across 6 continents, flag football is a short, fast, non-contact and gender-equal format. It is the most inclusive and accessible format of football, played by people of all ages and genders, with women and girls driving some of the sport's fastest growth. To learn more about NFL Flag or find a league near you to get involved in the movement, visit www.nflflag.com.



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Memphis Hustle to hold auditions for Hustle Hype Crew

-Auditions to be held in September at Soundstage-

MEMPHIS, TENN – The Memphis Hustle, the NBA G League affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies, will host open tryouts for the Hustle Hype Crew for the

2024-25 season on Sunday, September 15, at Soundstage, located at 3637 Park Ave. Memphis, TN 38111. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with auditions starting at 3 p.m. The Hustle Hype Crew will per-

form at all Hustle home games and represent the team at promotional and community events in the Memphis and DeSoto County regions. The Hustle Hype Crew is a hip-hop dance team that will also interact with and excite Hustle fans through-

out the season. An open casting call is out for performers ages 18 and up of all backgrounds. Interested candidates can go to memphis.gleague.nba.com/hypecrew to register. T he Hustle will accept a limited number of walk-up candidates

the day of auditions. For more information on the Memphis Hustle, visit memphishustle.com, follow the team on Twitter/X and Instagram (@MemphisHustle) or like Memphis Hustle on Facebook.

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