1. **Purpose**

   1.1 The purpose of the Nickerson Field Evacuation Plan is to safely evacuate students, faculty and guests from Nickerson Field to a safe place of refuge and/or shelter.

2. **Assumptions**

   2.1 The Planning Section Chief is responsible for monitoring weather conditions and alerts issued by the National Weather Service and informing the Incident Commander of any weather conditions that may adversely affect Nickerson Field activities.

   2.2 The Security Officer is responsible for monitoring security and public safety situations and informing the Incident Commander of any situations that may adversely affect activities.

   2.3 Security measures implemented by the Boston University Police Department are intended to reduce the risk of threats to public safety at this event.

   2.4 In spite of all precautions and mitigation measures, an event may occur that would necessitate a shelter in place order or a full evacuation of the Nickerson Field venue.

      2.4.1 In response to a catastrophic event, students, families, and guests will be directed to Amory Park in Brookline.

      2.4.2 In response to a short term weather related event, students, families, and guests will be directed to a number of sheltered venues, all in close proximity to Nickerson Field listed below:

      2.4.2.1 Case Center,
      2.4.2.2 Harry Agganis Arena,
2.4.2.3 Fitness and Recreation Center
2.4.2.4 Under the stands of Nickerson Field.

2.4.3 In both a catastrophic event and a weather related event, the Stage Party will be sheltered in their event staging area.

2.5 Prior to the start of the event, the evacuation procedures will be read by the event staff asking guests to look for the nearest exits.

2.6 Ushers and Public Safety personnel are trained in emergency evacuation procedures prior to the event.

3. Definitions

3.1 Catastrophic Event – an event that would cause a cancellation of the performance. This may be due to weather or man-made causes.

3.2 Shelter in Place Event – an event that would cause a temporary postponement or “hold” on the performance. This would be primarily due to weather related cause.

3.2.1 Shelter in Place - An emergency procedure in which people are instructed to seek shelter inside buildings or other sturdy structures. This is normally done in response to severe weather events or other immediate life threats. Individuals will be asked to remain indoors until the threat has subsided.

4. Notifications

4.1 Public Notifications

4.1.1 Upon a decision made by the Incident Commander to issue either an evacuation or shelter in place order that results in the evacuation of Nickerson Field, the Security Officer shall be responsible for broadcasting the appropriate message over the Nickerson Field public address system. The message shall be repeated until the field is clear.
4.1.2 The BUPD Dispatcher will notify the Boston University of the situation via BU Alert.

4.2 Internal Notifications

4.2.1 Upon a decision made by the Incident Commander to issue either an evacuation or shelter in place order that results in the evacuation of Nickerson Field, the Security Officer shall be responsible for notifying all public safety personnel of the order and to direct people to either Amory Park in Brookline or the appropriate sheltering venues on the BU campus.

4.2.2 The Planning Chief will be responsible for notifying the BU Incident Command Response Team of the situation via the BU Emergency Response Communication System.

5. Procedure

5.1 Decision-Making

5.1.1 When an event occurs or is imminent, the Incident Commander will initiate an emergency notification call to be made to the BU ICRT to facilitate a discussion on the situation and possible course of action.

5.1.2 This meeting will be made via conference call or in person depending upon timing.

5.2 Weather Related Event

5.2.1 A weather-related events might necessitate either a delay, postponement, or cancellation of the performance. These include, but are not limited to: high winds, rain and thunderstorms with lightning.

5.2.2 This type of event will result in either a cancellation or a postponement until the weather front passes.

5.2.3 If the decision is to shelter students, family, and guests until the event has passed, Nickerson Field will be cleared, and ushers
and Boston University Police Officers will move to their assigned venue and report back to the Command Post of the venue’s status.

5.2.4 The Command Post will announce an “all-clear” via radio and the Boston University Emergency Response Communication System, and allow the re-entry to Nickerson Field for the performance.

5.3 Catastrophic Event

5.3.1 A catastrophic event will necessitate an evacuation of Nickerson Field and a cancellation of the performance. This type of event may include, but is not limited to: a structural collapse of the platform or canopy, a fire, an attack, or the threat of an attack on the performance.

5.3.2 This type of event may occur with or without warning.

5.3.3 Once the decision is made, an announcement will be made ordering people to evacuate Nickerson Field and follow the directions of Public Safety Officers and Event personnel.

5.3.4 Once they have left the venue, students, families, and guests will be directed to Amory Park in Brookline.

5.3.4.1 Once they have arrived on Commonwealth Avenue they will proceed eastward and take a right onto either Pleasant, St. Paul or Amory Street to Freeman Street, They will take a left onto Freeman Street and proceed to Amory Park.

5.3.5 Those guests sitting in the handicapped section on the Field, will evacuate through Exit 2 (Case Center) take a right on Babcock Street and proceed to the first door on the right into the Walter Brown Arena.

5.3.6 Boston University Police will provide security at the Park as well as instructions to guests.
5.3.7 If this has become a crime scene, it may be necessary to interview witnesses.

6. References

6.1 Boston University Emergency Response Plan
6.2 Move-In Incident Action Plan
6.3 Boston University Police Department Incident Action Plan
6.4 Nickerson Field Map
6.5 Nickerson Field Evacuation Map
6.6 Pre-Event Announcement
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7. ERP Revision History

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