**COG Fire Chiefs Committee**

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 ***2014 Accomplishments:***

* Coordinated with other disciplines to adopt a public safety-wide regional strategic voice communications plan and radio capabilities assessment that has yielded several recommendations for evolving current regional systems and practices.
* Collaborated with the Police Chiefs and Emergency Managers Committees in the regional application for and award of the Securing the Cities grant which provides funding to build upon the region’s capabilities to detect and protect against radiological and nuclear threats to the NCR.
* Agreed to initial planning efforts for bringing the regional fire and rescue departments into compliance with the new recommended standard for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for fire fighters.
* Worked with the Police Chiefs and Emergency Managers Committees to formalize a written agreement to bring regional sharing of radio system information into compliance with FCC requirements.
* Completed major strides in planning for the upcoming 2015 World Police and Fire Games that is being hosted by Fairfax County and will have a huge impact on the NCR.

 ***2015 Work Plan Priorities:***

* Work with WMATA to formalize ongoing communications testing, reporting/documentations, and resolution protocols between WMATA and jurisdictions in the Metro system.
* Work with WMATA to develop an agreeable training plan and schedule for first responders in the region.
* Implement interim strategy for maintaining interoperable communications as work begins on establishing a long-term regional strategic encryption plan.
* Finalize all necessary plans for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.
* Collaborate with the Police Chiefs Committee to adopt a new five-year strategic plan for the region’s bomb squads.
* Continue work on identifying and documenting regional capabilities in order to better inform strategy for addressing existing gaps.
* Work with other public safety disciplines to design and implement a more comprehensive regional training program.