

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m. – Arrival/Networking
2:15 p.m. – Convene Meeting
4:15 p.m. – Adjourn Meeting
Location: Training Center, Lobby Level
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

AGENDA

**1. INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(2:15-2:20)**

*Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County
Chairman, Emergency Preparedness Council*

*David Robertson, Executive Director,
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.*

Announcements:

- Introduction of GWBOT Representative to the EPC
- EPC Schedule for the Balance of 2006 and Proposed Schedule for 2007

Recommended Action: Approve July 12 minutes.

2. HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY ACTION

**Part A: Approval of Strategic Plan
(2:20-2:50)**

Opening Statement

Chairman Connolly

Presentation Panel

Tony Griffin, Fairfax County

Chair, Chief Admin. Officers Committee

Ed Reiskin, District of Columbia

Senior Policy Group

Dennis Schrader, State of Maryland

Senior Policy Group

Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County

R-ESF #15, External Affairs

The EPC agreed to provide broad oversight and guidance on the completion of the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan as part of its adopted 2006 work plan. Many EPC members and other stakeholders provided significant input on an earlier draft of the Strategic Plan completed in

fall 2005, as well as subsequent revisions to meet federal requirements. The EPC approved in concept the Strategic Plan at its July 13 meeting. The EPC also requested that staff prepare a shorter, public-focused brochure and provide an opportunity for final review of the Strategic Plan supporting volumes I and II. All documents were shared with the EPC in August. A panel will provide an overview of the purpose of the Strategic Plan, key elements, benefits, and a communication plan. The EPC will be asked to adopt a resolution approving the Strategic Plan for use by area emergency management officials and other stakeholders, as well as publication and dissemination of the Strategic Plan overview and brochure.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.

Part B: Strategic Plan Implementation

(2:50-3:10)

David McMillion, COG/EPC staff

The Strategic Plan provides a framework for homeland security vision, mission, goals and priorities in the National Capital Region. After action reports from area events, as well as the lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and recent regional and local Emergency Management Assessment Program (EMAP) follow-up have served as catalysts to advance several regional priorities, consistent with the Strategic Plan. Staff will highlight major initiatives that have been recently completed or launched.

Recommended Action: Presentation and discussion.

3. FY 2006 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE FUNDING

(3:10-3:25)

*Steve Kral, District of Columbia
UASI State Administrative Agent*

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the National Capital Region have funded many regional and local priorities and have leveraged additional local, state and federal resources. The National Capital Region initially developed more than \$300 million in possible UASI-funded projects prior to the announcement of the FY 2006 federal award to the region of almost \$47 million. Staff will summarize approved FY 2006 UASI projects and provide and update on expenditures from prior fiscal years.

Recommended Action: Presentation and discussion.

4. PREPAREDNESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

(3:25-3:40)

*Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County
R-ESF #15, External Affairs*

September 2006 is National Preparedness Month. Staff will highlight activities planned or underway to reinforce the importance of citizen preparedness.

Recommended Action: Presentation.

5. NON-GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE
(3:40-4:00)

Representatives, Non-Governmental Stakeholders

Business, non-profit, civic and educational stakeholders have played significant roles on emergency preparedness and response in the National Capital Region. Stakeholder representatives will be invited to make brief (2 to 3 minute) presentations on significant regional or local achievements that warrant attention or follow up by the EPC.

Recommended Action: Presentations.

6. NEW BUSINESS
(4:00-4:15)

Chairman Connolly

Chairman Connolly will invite members to share information or recommend topics for the next meeting.

Recommended Action: Discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT
(4:15)

Chairman Connolly

The next meeting of the EPC will be held on October 11, from 2:00-4:15 pm in the COG Training Center.