National Capital Region Sheltering and Evacuation Resource Guide
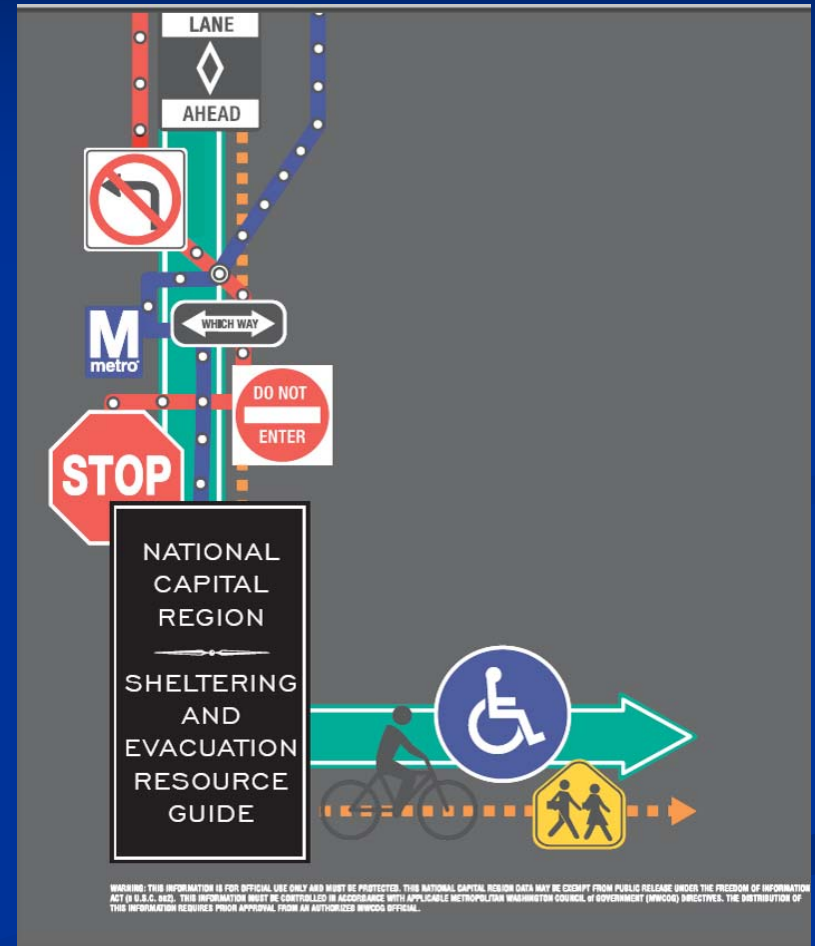
Status Update
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Project Overview

- Prepared for NCR jurisdictions and funded through Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

- Project coordinated with WV, PA, and DE per congressional mandate

- Database created for resources that include shelters, senior care facilities, hospitals, etc.

- Corrective Action Matrix created to identify items requiring follow-up action

Resource Guide

- Provides sheltering and evacuation resources to all jurisdictions

    - **Is *not* a plan**

    - Does not replace or supersede existing plans

    - Does not diminish the need for jurisdictions to plan and prepare for emergency response

Resource Guide Framework

- Repository of information for emergency managers to aid in decision-making

- Identifies necessary steps, considerations, and resources for hazard identification and response determination

- Includes resource database for items such as shelters, senior care facilities, hospitals, etc. to support decision-making process

Key Elements: Shelters

- **Shelter Database:** One of the *Guide's* most significant resources is a regional database of shelters. This database can provide instant information about shelters across the NCR, including:
  - Capacity
  - Locations
  - Staffing needs
  - Available resources:
    - Bedding
    - Food availability
    - Food preparation ability
  - Pet friendliness
  - Alternate pet shelter locations
  - Special needs resources
- Each of the NCR jurisdictions has been working closely with the American Red Cross to inventory large shelters (capacity >5,000). The database currently does not contain completed information for all jurisdictions.

Key Elements: Transport

- Transportation Inventory

    - The inventory catalogs the availability, type, and number of vehicles that could meet emergency requirements, including the vehicles, drivers, transfer/pickup points and standing agreements that could be activated.

Key Elements: Routes

- **Potential Evacuation Routes:** The *Guide* contains a comprehensive, regional, unified profile of potential evacuation routes, including
  - Functional classification in the regional roadway system
  - Route length
  - Roadway dimensions and variability
  - Route capacity
  - Route constraints
  - Average weekday and peak period travel demand
  - Route signal control plans

Key Elements: Profiles

- Information Resources: The Guide includes information profiles that include the location, constraints, average daily population, and special consideration for the following:
    - Healthcare facilities
    - Correctional facilities
    - Retirement care communities

- In addition, the team developed a **community resources profile** to identify resources required to support the evacuee population in a shelter during an emergency event (e.g., medicine, water, beds).

Corrective Action Matrix

- Includes recommended corrective actions and estimated timelines for remediation

- Identifies jurisdiction(s) affected by issue

- Prioritizes issues by impact on the NCR

- Identifies organizations with interests in resolving issue

Resource Guide Benefits

- Established information resources to aid in rapid decision-making

- Has established working relationships that form the foundation of future regional planning

Final Document

- Files associated with the NCR Guide:
  - Electronic versions available on the COG website:
    - Complete document—For Official Use Only
    - Publicly releasable version—slightly shorter, does not include all appendices
    - Resource databases—For Official Use Only
    - Corrective Action Matrix—For Official Use Only
  - Complete, For Official Use Only document in binder

Questions/ Comments