

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Office of the Director

January 6, 2009

RE: Operating During 2009 Presidential Inauguration

Dear Trucking Company -

The upcoming 2009 presidential inauguration is projected to bring millions of tourists to the District of Columbia. This historic event will result in an unprecedented high volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, thereby making it virtually impossible for trucking companies to engage in their normal operations. Therefore, the District Department of Transportation is encouraging all trucking companies (including, but not limited to, owner operators, small package delivery providers, etc.) to *avoid the District of Columbia on Tuesday, January 20, 2009*. The downtown area will be closed and inaccessible to **all** traffic. The main purpose of this request is to ensure safety for both residents and visitors of the District and not to impede the efficiency of your business.

To prepare for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, please consider the following:

- Traffic around the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is projected to be heaviest from noon Monday, January 19th, until mid-morning Wednesday, January 21st. Major interstates and arterial roads to the city are expected to experience extraordinarily heavy traffic during this timeframe. Deliveries should be made and vehicles should depart the district prior to midnight on Sunday, January 18th. Many local businesses are being encouraged to increase their stock levels for the week so please plan accordingly.
- Be aware of heavy pedestrian traffic when operating within the District of Columbia; yield to pedestrian right of way and obey all traffic signals.
- Road and bridge closures will begin at 12:01am on January 20th (for more information on road closures, logon to (www.inauguration.dc.gov)).
- Please contact your customers to discuss alternative delivery/pickup options for Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eulois Cleckley, Motor Carrier Program Manager, at 202-671-0682. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Seales, Jr.", written over a faint blue line.

Frank Seales, Jr.
Interim Director