

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2004
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: COG Board Room-Third Floor
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes (2:00-2:05)

Carol Schwartz and Bruce Williams, EPC Vice Chairs

Recommended Action: Approve November 6, 2003 Minutes.

2. Program Administration Update (2:05-2:15)

David Robertson, COG

- RICCS Administration
- Mutual Aid Legislation
- Proposed Regional "Power Summit"
- EPC Leadership Transition
- Quarterly Meeting Calendar

Recommended Action: COG staff will provide updates on key program administration issues.

3. EPC/Urban Area Work Group

In 2003 the EPC voted to serve as the Urban Area Work Group in conjunction with oversight and administration of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. Federal UASI funds are available to support a wide range of regional homeland security planning, training, exercise and equipment activities in the National Capital Region. The EPC is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of UASI program elements and engaging area local government and other regional stakeholders to ensure that UASI funded programs are consistent with homeland security goals and objectives.

Part A – FY 2003 UASI Projects (2:15-2:30)

Ken Wall, DHS/ONCRC

Tony Griffin, CAOs Committee Chair

Approximately \$60 million in UASI funds for the National Capital Region was approved in FY 2003. The EPC, representatives of DHS/ONCRC, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, and the Chief Administrative Officers Committee reviewed proposed work scopes submitted by regional organizations and other regional and local stakeholders. The EPC will be briefed on implementation status, with additional comments by project sponsors.

Recommended Action: Review approved projects.

Part B – FY 2004 UASI Projects (2:30-3:15)

Ken Wall, DHS/ONCRC

Tony Griffin, CAOs Committee Chair

Approximately \$29 million in UASI funds for the National Capital Region is expected to be approved in FY 2004. The EPC will be asked to provide initial guidance on FY 2004 funding priorities.

Recommended Action: Discuss FY 2004 funding priorities.

4. National Capital Region – Code Orange Status Report (3:15-3:35)

Ken Wall, DHS/ONCRC

District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Emergency Management Representatives

On December 21, 2003, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge raised the national threat level to High-Code Orange. The elevated threat level is expected to remain in place through early 2004. Representatives of federal and state emergency management agencies will brief the EPC on the threat status and actions taken in the National Capital Region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

5. Update and Findings from the Project to Revise the Regional Emergency Evacuation Transportation Coordination Annex of the RECP (3:35-3:50)

David Snyder, Transportation Work Group Chair

Councilmember, City of Falls Church

In 2003, the EPC recommended that COG update and significantly expand the Regional Emergency Evacuation Transportation Coordination Annex of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP). The annex revision is now nearing completion. A broad-based group of transportation, emergency management, federal, and other stakeholders was convened to provide advice, and a series of scenario-based workshops was held, providing input for an expanded and improved annex. The EPC will be briefed on significant changes included in the draft and the process and timetable for final committee and stakeholder review.

Recommended Action: Review proposed changes and discuss review process and timetable.

6. New Business/Next Meeting (3:50-4:00)

EPC Members

The EPC will meet next on March 4, 2004 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Recommended Action: Discussion and approve next meeting date.

7. Adjournment (4:00)