



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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Goal One: Ensure Interoperable Communications Capabilities

Ensure response partners have the ability to transmit and receive voice, data, and video communications.

To date, the NCR and the states and localities it encompasses have dramatically invested in improving voice, data, and video communications. The Region must continue working to ensure that gaps are filled and technology is maintained and updated so that interoperable communications capabilities are improved for all response partners, including emergency managers, health, law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel.

Objective 1.1: Ensure response partners can communicate by voice in all environments and on a day-to-day basis.

Comment [MR1]: Plan needs to address wide area capability and encryption.

Objective 1.2: Ensure response partners can communicate and share necessary, appropriate data in all environments and on a day-to-day basis.

Objective 1.3: Ensure response partners can communicate and share necessary, appropriate video information in all environments and on a day-to-day basis.

Goal Two: Enhance Information Sharing and Situational Awareness

Ensure NCR partners share the information needed to make informed and timely decisions; take appropriate actions; and communicate accurate, timely information with the public.

As demonstrated by the 2009 presidential inauguration and the outbreak of the H1N1 virus, the NCR partners have enhanced the sharing of key tactical information, built better situational awareness, and improved the communication of key information to the public. NCR partners should have access to good, timely, tactical information from law enforcement and intelligence agencies and other relevant disciplines at the federal, state, and local level. Situational awareness allows all of these partners to work at the same time, with the same information integrated from multiple sources. With a more timely and complete picture of the situation at hand, local and state officials can better safeguard the public. Similarly, citizens depend on timely, accurate information to protect their well-being. Goal Two recognizes the importance of information sharing, situational awareness, and sharing information with the public. This goal reflects the NCR's continued commitment to further strengthen all three areas.

Objective 2.1 Ensure the public has all information necessary to make appropriate decisions and take protective actions.

Objective 2.2: Provide accurate and timely information to appropriate decision makers by establishing the most-effective system for gathering, analyzing, and delivering information.

Objective 2.3: Improve the NCR's ability to collect, analyze, share, and integrate intelligence and law enforcement information so that NCR partners receive appropriate information.

Goal Three: Enhance Critical Infrastructure Protection

Enhance the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR) in the NCR to reduce their vulnerability to disruption from all-hazards events.

Goal Three represents a strengthened commitment to collaborating regionally and across sectors to increase the resiliency of the critical infrastructure and key resources in the NCR. This goal includes a set of initiatives that represent a comprehensive effort to be implemented by the private and public sectors. The majority of the critical infrastructure in the Region is owned and operated by the private sector. Because critical infrastructure and key resources provide water, power, and transportation that are essential on a daily basis as well as during a crisis, the public and private sectors must work closely to ensure their security before, during, and after manmade and natural disasters.

In the next 2-3 years, the CIP RPWG will focus on initiatives that support cyber security and protection and resiliency of critical services such as electric power, water supply, transportation, food, and communications. The working group may need to broaden the scope of sectors based on new and emerging threats and gaps identified in after action reviews of emergencies and large events.

Objective 3.1: Understand and prioritize risks to CI/KR.

Objective 3.2: Reduce vulnerabilities and enhance resiliency of CI/KR.

Objective 3.3: Ensure continuity of critical services¹ required during emergencies and disaster recovery.

¹ Critical services are defined as life sustainment services during an emergency and include energy (electric power and gas), water supply, transportation, food, and communications. These are all supplied routinely by the CI/KR sectors. During a disaster, providing critical life sustaining services ensures that government and private health, safety, and emergency services continue, and that plans are in place to compensate for losses among interdependent systems.

Goal Four: Ensure Development and Maintenance of Regional Core Capabilities

Develop and maintain the basic building blocks of preparedness and response by ensuring the NCR develops a baseline of capabilities including: Mass Casualty, Health Care System Surge, and Mass Prophylaxis; Mass Care and Evacuation; Citizen Participation, Alert, and Public Information; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection and Response; and Planning, Training, and Exercises.

Goal Four identifies a number of capabilities provided by the states and localities. The NCR has also invested in the enhancement of these core capabilities, resulting in a strong foundation of preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all-hazards incidents. This goal states the NCR's commitment to ensuring that these capabilities are sustained year to year and are upgraded as needed.

Objective 4.1: Increase the Region's capacity for medical surge preparedness and response to an all-hazards event to reduce deaths and injuries.

Objective 4.2: Improve the Region's capacity to evacuate and provide mass care for the public, including special needs individuals, when impacted by an all-hazards event.

Objective 4.3: Strengthen individual, community, and workplace preparedness for emergency events through public engagement and citizen participation designed to reach the general population and functional needs citizens in response to and recovery from all-hazards events.

Objective 4.4: Ensure the NCR has region-wide capacity to detect, respond, and

recover in a timely manner from CBRNE events and other attacks requiring tactical response and technical rescue.

Objective 4.5: Improve capacity to develop and coordinate plans among all NCR partners and ensure the availability of region-wide training and exercise programs to strengthen preparedness, response, and recovery efforts from all-hazards events.

Comment [MR2]: The Fire Chiefs support addressing IMTs as a response component in objective 4.4 and not as training component under objective 4.5.