

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

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2007
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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
(2:15-2:25)**

Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Chair, Emergency Preparedness Council

Announcements

- 2007 Meeting Schedule
- Highlights of 2006 EPC Actions/Achievements
- DHS Interoperable Communications Scorecards

Recommended Action: Approve October 11, 2006 minutes.

**2. EPC FOCUS AND LEADERSHIP FOR 2007
(2:25-2:50)**

Chairman Connolly

Chairman Connolly will highlight and expand upon the EPC proposed work plan for 2007.

PRIORITY 1: National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan

PRIORITY 2: Regional Emergency Coordination Plan

PRIORITY 3: Senior Leaders Seminar

PRIORITY 4: Citizen Engagement on Preparedness

PRIORITY 5: Urban Area Work Group and Regional Coordination

Recommended Action: Review and adopt 2007 priorities; approve leadership recommendations.

**3. STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT
(2:50-3:10)**

*Steve Kral
Office of the State Administrative Agent*

A. Quarterly Strategic Plan Review

The EPC adopted the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan in late 2006 and agreed to review the plan quarterly to measure progress on implementation. Mr. Kral will brief the EPC on the “windshield” survey and the status report on the 30 approved initiatives.

B. Urban Area Security Initiative

The EPC’s priorities for 2007 require that efforts be closely coordinated with federal and state authorities. Working in conjunction with the Senior Policy Group, the Chief Administrative Officers, and the Office of National Capital Region Coordination, the EPC will function as the federally required Urban Area Working Group, established to provide guidance on the federal Urban Area Security Initiative grant program. The EPC will be briefed on the status of current UASI funded grant projects and initiatives and plans for the FY 2007 UASI grant cycle.

Recommended Action: Receive briefings.

**4. PUBLIC READINESS INDEX (PRI)
(3:10-3:25)**

*Patricia McGinnis
Council for Excellence in Government*

The Council for Excellence in Government and its partners, the American Red Cross and the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute have developed the Public Readiness Index (PRI). The goal of the PRI is to measure and track progress and gaps in the preparedness of the general public for a major emergency, including natural disasters, terrorist attacks or public health emergencies. The EPC will be briefed on the PRI and how it can serve as one of several tools by local communities to determine how well their emergency preparedness strategies are working.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and refer to R-ESF 15 for follow-up.

**5. RECAP OF REGIONAL LESSONS LEARNED – SNIPER SHOOTINGS
(3:25-3:40)**

*Chief Tom Manger
Montgomery County Dept. of Police*

In late 2006, the EPC requested that it receive a recap of the regional lessons learned from the sniper shootings of 2004. This region-wide emergency incident illustrated how the region could work together during an ongoing emergency and still respect the principles of incident command. The EPC will be briefed on how the lessons learned from the sniper shootings have been incorporated into ongoing regional efforts.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

6. NON-GOVERNMENTAL 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: Receive briefing.

7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT
(4:15)

Chairman Connolly

The EPC is scheduled to meet quarterly, with additional meetings on an as needed basis. The next scheduled meeting is **April 11, 2007**, 2:00 to 4:15 p.m.