



National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leader Seminar 2010

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Briefing to Emergency Preparedness Council

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RECP Revisions

- **Minor edit to base plan**
- **Major revisions to RESFs and annexes**
- **Develop process for updating document and maintaining current version electronically**



Senior Leader Seminar Goal

- Demonstrate that the region is prepared to respond to all hazards and able to effectively coordinate to minimize the impacts of a disaster





Senior Leader Seminar Objectives

- **Increase senior leader knowledge and awareness of the complexities and unique challenges of regional interagency and intergovernmental coordination and collaboration in the National Capital Region (NCR)**
- **Increase senior leader knowledge and awareness of the value and importance of effective planning to the region and the nation**
- **Inform senior leaders about the revised Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) through a scenario-based discussion**
- **Examine the coordination and development of public messaging during an event**
- **Enhance private sector coordination during a regional event(s)**
- **Inform senior leaders on the capabilities of bomb squads in the NCR**

SLS Format

■ Structure

- Morning: Training and Breakout Group Meetings
- Afternoon: Briefings and Senior Leader Discussion

■ Scenario

- Multiple Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks starting outside the region and moving into the National Capital Region
- Game Period 1: Threat (Atlanta, Las Vegas and Baltimore)
- Game Period 2: Response (NCR jurisdictions)



Attendance

- There were 107 participants
- 58 different agencies were represented





Special Topic Briefings

- **Regional Emergency Coordination Plan**
 - Jack Brown, Arlington County OEM
- **First hour checklist and RICCS**
 - Anthony Griffin and Jim Hartmann
- **Fusion Centers and Information Sharing**
 - Lehew Miller, Virginia State Police and Fusion Center
- **Bomb Squad Capabilities**
 - Dale Ednock, Prince George's County Bomb Squad
- **Coordination of Public Messaging**
 - Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County
- **Federal Agency Coordination**
 - Robert Welch, FEMA Region III, and Steward Beckham, FEMA NCRC



SLS Overarching Themes

- Communication among CAOs is effective
- Maintaining Situational Awareness is important
- Initiation of mutual aid agreements is imperative for infrastructure support
- There is a tendency for R-ESFs to become insular regarding individual jurisdictional issues, while the focus needs to be on regional coordination
- It is unclear whether the right clearances and accesses are in place for communication channels to share sensitive information
- Regional communication mechanisms vary across disciplines and by event

Operations Support Group



R-ESF 5 – Emergency Management
R-ESF 7 – Resource Support
R-ESF 15 – External Affairs
Interoperability RPWG

■ Issues

- Continuity and speed of services will be impacted during an event
- Up-staffing of resources needed to protect people and infrastructure will depend upon cost, potential declaration, mutual aid agreements and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
- Access to intelligence information varies across disciplines
- There may be unintentional messaging



Community Services Group



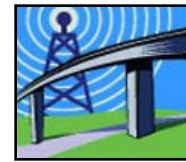
R-ESF 6 – Mass Care
R-ESF 11 – Agriculture
(Food)
R-ESF 16 – Donations
and Volunteer
Management

■ Issues

- **Need directive to activate; will never self-deploy, this can slow down response times**
- **Community Service capabilities are not well known and need to be understood and communicated clearly**
- **An influx of calls and increase in in-kind donations can slow ability to respond**
- **Local governments should be forward leaning and determine locations for sheltering and put on standby in case of need to activate.**
- **Local governments and agencies should communicate types of personnel and volunteers needed**
- **Ensuring proper credentialing of volunteers is an ongoing issue**



Infrastructure Support Group



R-ESF 1 – Transportation
R-ESF 2 – Communications
Infrastructure
R-ESF 3 – Public Works and
Engineering
R-ESF 12 – Energy
R-ESF 14 – Long-Term
Community Recovery
CIP RPWG

■ Issues

- The impacts of personal evacuation on transportation plans have not been reviewed
- Transportation plans should include safe ingress and egress for first responders and outbound rescue and support vehicles
- Alternate channels for communication should be identified in case of communication failures
- Increased security at critical infrastructure facilities needs to be prioritized and linked to credible threat
- There is a void in ability to communicate within the NCR via classified means



Emergency Services Group



R-ESF 4 – Fire, Tech. Rescue, and HAZMAT Operations

R-ESF 8 – Health, Mental Health, and Medical Services

R-ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

R-ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

R-ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security (Law Enforcement)

Health and Medical RPWG

■ Issues

- **Hyper vigilance (re: 9-1-1 calls) will cause an increased reliance and strain on specialty teams during this event**
- **Hospitals should expect the impact of cross-jurisdictional activity on hospital operations and transportation ability**
- **In explosive events, early debris management will be important to response**
- **It is unknown who and how prioritization decisions will be made for scarce resources in the region**

