**COG Fire Chiefs Committee**

***2015 Accomplishments:***

* Executed an update to the Metrorail Transit Fire/Rescue Emergency Procedures Policy agreement to include:
  + Formalization of radio testing procedures for Fire/Rescue agencies in underground portions of the Metrorail system
  + A training plan outlining standard training requirements for fire/rescue first responders in the Metrorail system
  + Staffing a permanent fire/rescue officer at WMATA’s Rail Operation Control Center (ROCC) to coordinate response with responding fire/rescue agencies for incidents across the Metrorail system
* Coordinated with WMATA to develop a new situational awareness tool that displays known radio outages and other life safety system issues across the Metrorail system
* Collaborated with regional subject matter experts to initiate a comprehensive study of the WMATA underground communications systems to inform recommendations and future investments for improving the systems
* Completed a 2 year strategic work plan for the Fire Chiefs Committee highlighting priority areas of focus for the group over the next two years
* Coordinated a regional approach for bringing NCR fire/rescue agencies up to the new recommended standard for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
* Advanced discussions on regional consortium purchasing to bring cost savings to COG member jurisdictions on standard fire/rescue apparatus/equipment
* Collaborated with the Police Chiefs and Emergency Managers Committees in advancing the Securing the Cities program which provides funding to build upon the region’s capabilities to detect and protect against radiological and nuclear threats to the NCR
* Coordinated a regional approach for supporting Fairfax County in hosting the 2015 World Police and Fire Games
* Conducted a media day at which the Fire Chiefs informed the public about best practices for mitigating residential fire hazards and how to respond in cases of fire

***2016 Work Plan Priorities:***

* Continue to coordinate with WMATA to prioritize recommendations yielded by the WMATA Underground Communications Study
* Continue work on identifying and documenting regional capabilities in order to better inform strategy for addressing existing gaps
* Work with other public safety disciplines to design and implement a more comprehensive regional training program.