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## TRANSFORMATION OF FEMA'S OFFICE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COORDINATION (ONCRC)

### Background

The ONCRC continues its transformation in accordance with the recommendations laid out in the ONCRC Mission Review and Recommendations Report, which was approved by Congress in July 2014. As briefed at the last NCR Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) meeting, the ONCRC has already completed several of the key elements of the approved plan and continues to develop capability through staffing, training, exercises, and operations. The ONCRC continues to foster a close working relationship with FEMA Region III, and relies on the Region for response capabilities and support as the Office works towards full staffing. The NCR Watch Desk continues to operate with the regional IC3 at the DC HSEMA Joint All-Hazards Operations Center.

### Issues/Implications

The ONCRC is working towards enhancing its coordination efforts with its Federal partners. The Office plans to leverage the Joint Federal Committee (JFC) (once it is again active) as a forum for this Federal coordination both on a general, operations level, and within the context of the Office's new response role. The JFC is currently being reorganized to better and more efficiently facilitate this interagency coordination.

### Discussion

Noteworthy events / milestones:

- Staffing / New Hires
  - Planning and Preparedness Section Chief - Mr. Joe Burchette
  - Operations Section Chief - Mr. Woodrow Goins
  
- "Thunderbolt" Exercise - April 6, 2015
  - No-notice, evaluated exercise to test the activation and mobilization of the ONCRC to meet its mission of deploying to assist NCR state/local partners in responding to emergencies and developing situations that might require federal assistance
  - Tier I (Blue Sky) Team successfully deployed to DC HSEMA's Joint All-Hazards Operations Center
  
- ONCRC Mobilization Plan
  - Based on the lessons learned from this exercise, and leveraging well-established FEMA IMAT guidance