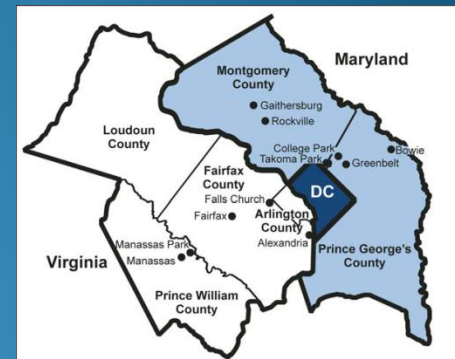




# Endorsement of Office of National Capital Region Coordination Reorganization Plan

Presentation to:  
COG Board of Directors  
March 12, 2014



# FEMA

# Background

- Attacks on 9/11/2001 illustrated a need for a high level federal office focused on oversight and coordination of federal government with state/local/regional/private entities
- COG and partners strongly advocated for its creation
- Section 882 of Homeland Security Act of 2002 established Office of National Capital Region Coordination (ONCRC) within Department of Homeland Security
  - 7 statutory responsibilities
- ONCRC stood up in March, 2003; moved into FEMA in 2007



# 2012-2013 Developments

- GAO Assessment recommends enhancements for ONCRC – primarily related to better metrics and tools for measuring progress
- Congress considers funding reductions and organizational changes;
  - COG advocates for fully funded ONCRC within highest levels of DHS
- Reorganization plan proposed:
  - ONCRC reports to FEMA Region III in Philadelphia
  - Some critical functions would also be relocated



# 2014 ONCRC Appropriation

- Provides full ONCRC appropriation subject to:
  - Submission of plan to insure that ONCRC meets “unique statutory responsibilities”
  - Plan must have *concurrence* of stakeholders
  - Report due to Congress in April, 2014
- ONCRC Acting Director recently completed new organization plan with active stakeholder engagement.
  - State homeland security advisors, COG Emergency Managers, COG CAOs, EPC all support plan



# ONCRC Reorganization Plan

- **Focus**
  - Preparedness; PLUS response & recovery
- **ONCRC Structure/organization**
  - Reports to FEMA Administrator in Washington DC
  - Enhanced staff structure; staff meet FEMA qualification standards; operates as FEMA National Incident Management Team
  - 24/7 Watch Desk integrated with DC Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency
  - 3-tier organization – blue sky, grey sky, black sky
    - normal daily operations → training/exercises & emergency event response
    - Integrated/coordinated access to federal assets during emergencies
- **Procedures**
  - Formalized procedures, integration with DHS, FEMA, federal agencies
- **Entire plan to be exercised**



# Advantages of Plan

- Office Located here (in NCR)
- Reports to FEMA Administrator – high level visibility
- Enhanced federal coordination and leveraging of federal assets
- Improves NCR situational awareness (24/7)
- Designed for seamless transition from daily operations to crisis response
- Aligns with NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan and interests of NCR local, state, regional and private partners



# Resolution R28-2014

1. **Endorse ONCRC Reorganization Plan**
2. Transmit letter with endorsement to:
  - Congressional homeland security committees
  - Regional congressional delegation,
  - FEMA Administrator
  - DHS Secretary
3. NCR EPC and other committees engage ONCRC and assist plan execution
4. Progress reports to COG Board periodically

