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iNTRODUCTION

Background & Significance

The Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) was convened after the 9/11/2011 terrorist attacks to increase coordination and collaboration concerning the National Capital Region’s unique risk and threat profile. The EPC actively engages governmental officials (state, local, and federal) and participants from the business community/private sector, local nonprofit organizations, and voluntary organizations active in disaster (VOAD), who have deep insight into diverse mechanisms for coping with emergencies in different communities within the region.

The EPC incorporates an all-hazards approach to disasters into the mission to ensure regional stakeholders are comprehensively addressing gaps in current preparedness efforts.

Mission

To empower the Whole Community of the National Capital Region (NCR) to effectively prepare for and recover from all hazards.

Work Plan Development & Overview

The EPC members contributed to the development of this document at their meetings on \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_. The final draft for this version of the document was published to stakeholders on \_\_\_\_.

This work plan is a living document and will be updated as goals and objectives are met.

Resources & Constraints

The EPC has a vast number of technical, tactical, and knowledge-based resources readily available due to the geography of the region and the highly communicative relationship between stakeholders. However, the EPC is cognizant that each group member has various other duties, both to their jurisdiction and the NCR.

Thus, the EPC proposes an organized and meticulous approach that incorporates input from relevant stakeholders to determine the best path forward. This approach will minimize the negative impact of any additional resource use, while maximizing the benefit to regional partners.

EPC wORK PLAN Focus Areas

Focus Area I:

Foster a whole community approach to emergency preparedness.

Objective 1:

Support private sector continuity of operations by hosting or promoting training and/or planning resources.

 Deliverables:

* Content

Focus Area II:

Provide regional public messaging and outreach.

Objective 1:

Develop a messaging campaign around individual or community preparedness actions.

Objective 2:

Facilitate a Cybersecurity and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) discussion series.

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Focus Area III:

Build community capacity to enhance resilience.

Objective 1:

Conduct tabletop exercises focused on the role of elected officials and the private sector.

Deliverables:

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Focus Area IV:

Leverage regional best practices to support private sector continuity of operations.

Objective 1:

Engage no-cost or low-cost resources, such as the National Preparedness Directorate (NPD).

Deliverables:

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