

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

**Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008**  
**Time: 2:00 p.m. – Arrival/Networking**  
**2:15 p.m. – Convene Meeting**  
**4:15 p.m. – Adjourn Meeting**  
**Location: Training Center, Lobby Level**  
**777 North Capitol Street NE**  
**Washington, DC 20002**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2:15-2:20)**  
*Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County, Board of Supervisors; Chair, Emergency Preparedness Council*

Announcements

- EPC Senior Leader Seminar – 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 21, 2008
- Region received a \$11.5M Catastrophic Preparedness Grant from DHS (November agenda item)
- Last meeting this calendar year will be on November 12, 2008

**Recommended Action: Approve June 11, 2008 minutes.**

- 2. UPDATE ON PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2008 EPC SENIOR LEADER SEMINAR FROM THE PLANNING TEAM (2:20 -2:30)**

*Joe Henderson, Chair*  
*Exercise and Training Operation Panel (ETOP)*

Participants were extremely pleased with the EPC Senior Leaders Seminar conducted in 2007 and so the EPC requested that ETOP develop and conduct another seminar in 2008 with emphasis on the private sector and emergency messaging. Joe Henderson will provide an update on the planning being done for the EPC Senior Leaders Seminar 2008 that will include the objectives of the seminar, highlights from the scenario, and a timeline for insuring a successful exercise when it is held here at COG on October 21, 2008.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing on the planning being done for the EPC Senior Leaders Seminar 2008 and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.**

**3. FUNDING UPDATES FOR FY06 AND FY07 AND A BRIEF REVIEW OF PROJECTS THAT WERE APPROVED FOR FY08 UASI FUNDING**

**(2:30-3:00)**

*Tony Griffin, Chair  
CAO Homeland Security Executive Committee  
Senior Policy Group Representative  
Charles Madden, Acting Chief  
DC HSEMA Grants Management Office*

- a. The EPC has requested that Mr. Charles Madden provide a quarterly update on all current and prior year Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. He will provide an update on current and projected expenditures associated with FY06 and 07 UASI grants.
- b. Tony Griffin and a Senior Policy Group representative will briefly review projects that were approved for FY08 UASI funding. The NCR received \$59,800,500 in FY08 UASI funds, a 3% reduction from last year.

**Recommended Action: Receive funding update on FY06 and FY07 UASI grants and a review of projects that were approved for FY08 UASI funding.**

**4. REGIONAL HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS TO INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA HOSPITAL ALLIANCE AND REGIONAL HOSPITAL COORDINATING CENTER**

**(3:00-3:20)**

*Zachary Corrigan, Executive Director  
Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance*

The goal of the presentation is to provide an overview of the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance's regional emergency preparedness and response program. Further, the presentation will specifically highlight the governance of the organization, major accomplishments to date and future initiatives and goals.

**Recommended Action: Receive a briefing on Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance's regional emergency preparedness and response program.**

**5. UPDATE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**(3:20-3:35)**

*Chris Geldart, Director  
Office of National Capital Region Coordination*

An update of the NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan is included in the 2008 EPC Work Plan. Based on approval of the EPC in June 2008, the region has identified the key outcomes, a basic timeline, and a Rough Order of Magnitude cost estimate. Mr. Geldart will provide an update on progress against the desired outcomes.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing on the update of NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan.**

**6. ANTHRAX PUBLIC EDUCATION VIDEO (3:35 -3:45)**

*Steve Church  
Bio-Emergency Planner  
Fairfax County Health Department*

As part of the on-going planning for response to a terrorist attack using aerosolized anthrax, it is important for the public to understand the process of mass distribution of medication. In cooperation with R-ESF 8, Fairfax County has produced a video for use across the region on cable channels. Mr. Church will share the video and discuss the importance of recruiting volunteers to staff dispensing sites gaining public cooperation in the mass distribution process.

**Recommended Action: View new Anthrax Public Education Video that has been developed for and will be used in the National Capital Region.**

**7. NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2008 – COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH (3:45-4:00)**

*Merni Fitzgerald, Chair, R-ESF 15 – External Affairs  
Fairfax County Director of Public Affairs.*

The fifth annual observation of National Preparedness Month will proceed with aggressive efforts to educate and involve residents in the National Capital Region in making emergency plans and supply kits for their homes and offices. The government public information officers and organizations that are part of R-ESF 15 – External Affairs are sponsoring a variety of community activities. R-ESF 15 also conducted research to measure the current preparedness of the NCR's residents; research results will be shared.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing on National Preparedness Month 2008 (September) activities in the National Capital Region.**

**8. NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION META-LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FOR PREPAREDNESS (4:00-4:10)**

*Eric Nankervis, Manger Meta-Leadership Summit  
CDC Foundation*

The Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness is a ground-breaking program that prepares high-level decision makers from the business, government and non-profit sectors to work together more effectively during a public health or safety emergency. The Meta-Leadership Summit is designed to provide leaders with critical problem-solving skills and build better organizational connectivity to strengthen community and state-wide readiness for a disaster. The Summit is an initiative of the CDC Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Harvard School of Public Health, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing on National Capital Region Meta-Leadership Summit and consider encouraging the region leaders to participate.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**(4:10-4:15)**

*Chairman Connolly*

Chairman Connolly will invite members to share information or recommend topics for the next meeting.

**Recommended Action: Discussion.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**(4:15)**

*Chairman Connolly*

The EPC is scheduled to meet quarterly, with additional meetings on an as needed basis. The next scheduled meeting is November 12, 2008, 2:00 to 4:15 p.m.