



COG SNOW CONFERENCE CALL PROCEDURES



FALL 2016 – WINTER 2017



(Note: COG Regional Snow Emergency Plan - To be sent out at the beginning of the Snow Season)

1. National Weather Service (NWS) notifies COG of an expectation anywhere in the NCR of:
 - ❖ **1 INCH OF SNOW** (for Rush-Hour Impact inside the beltway)
 - ❖ **2 INCHES OF SNOW** (for outside Capital Beltway during Rush Hour and for all areas during Non-Rush Hour),
 - ❖ **ANY ACCUMULATION OF ICE** or
 - ❖ **(Other Weather Concern(s) requiring regional coordination)**
2. COG Sends RICCS Notification to Snow Core Group, Emergency Managers AND others – Advising of PM or AM Conference Call, Date, Time & Call-in information.

(IF PM CALL Required)

COG convenes 3:00 PM / 4:00 PM OR 9:00 PM Conference Call

- ❖ Limited Roll Call – (taken by COG)
- ❖ NWS Provides Weather Briefing
- ❖ Receive information from:
 - a. DDOT, MDOT & VDOT
 - b. Local Jurisdictions - provide road conditions
 - c. Maryland State Police (MSP) & Virginia State Police (VSP) provide interstate travel conditions
 - d. Metro: Rail & Bus
 - e. Amtrak, MARC, and VRE
 - f. Bus Systems – Local Jurisdictions
 - g. Utilities
 - h. Local Governments - Any (Jurisdictional or School) Open/Close decisions

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snow!*

- ❖ Further discussion if needed.
- ❖ Any additional comments from OPM.
- ❖ COG makes the Determination as to whether there will be a 3:00 AM Conference Call
 - [If PM OPM Open/Close Determination is Pending] –
COG will send a Notification of OPM's Decision upon receipt [of decision]! OR
 - [If 3:00 AM Conference Call is required] -
COG will send a RICCS Notification to the Snow Core Group, Emergency Managers AND others, advising of 3:00 AM conference call information.

❖ **COG ENDS THE CONFERENCE CALL**
THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

3. **(IF 3:00 AM Call Required)** - COG Sends a RICCS Notification to Snow Core Group, Emergency Managers AND others, advising of conference call date, time & call-in information.
4. COG convenes 3:00 AM Conference call
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5. **OPM DECISION** - After 3:00 AM Call, COG's DPSS Director (David McMillion) contacts OPM Deputy Associate Director, Dean Hunter, regarding OPM Status (Decision) and Advises Public Safety Planner (Dennis Bailey) as to OPM's Decision and to Send RICCS Notification of decision to Snow Core, Emergency Managers and other Groups accordingly.

IMPORTANT REGIONAL LINKS

1. **OPM** Dismissal and Closure Procedures – 2014: www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/dismissal.pdf
2. **VJIC** Virtual Joint Information Center: www.CapitalRegionUpdates.gov
3. **MATOC**
Access real-time traffic information: www.MATOC.org – *Traveler Information* or www.Trafficview.org
4. **EMERGENCY ALERTS**
Sign-up: www.capitalert.gov
5. **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**
Site for NWS real-time local snow & ice information <http://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter>

