

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2004
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: COG Board Room-Third Floor
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes (2:00-2:05)**

Bruce Williams, EPC Vice Chair

Recommended Action: Approve January 8, 2004 Minutes.

2. **Program Administration Update (2:05-2:15)**

David Robertson, COG

- EPC Leadership Appointments
- Mutual Aid Legislation
- Solid Waste/Debris Annex
- Electric Power Summit – March 31, 2004
- Quarterly Meeting Calendar

Recommended Action: COG staff will provide updates on key program administration issues.

3. **Urban Area Work Group/FY 2003 UASI Projects (2:15-2:30)**

Tony Griffin, CAOs Committee Chair

Approximately \$60 million in UASI funds for the National Capital Region was approved in FY 2003. The Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) Committee met jointly with the Senior Policy Group (SPG) on February 25 to review and act on pending FY 2003 UASI projects. The EPC will be briefed on the UASI review and approval process and implementation status and plans.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

4. **Report on Regional Transportation Evacuation/Protective Actions Annex (2:30-3:00)**

Councilmember David Snyder

City of Falls Church

Chairman, ESF-1/Transportation Work Group

In 2003, the EPC recommended that COG update and significantly expand the Regional Emergency Evacuation Transportation Coordination Annex of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP). A broad-based group of transportation, emergency management, federal, and other stakeholders was convened to provide advice, and a series of scenario-based workshops was held, providing input for an expanded and improved annex, under the guidance of ESF-1/Transportation Work Group. The revised Annex addresses in detail the coordination of responses to a wide range of emergency situations impacting regional transportation systems, is supported by expanded and improved background technical information, and

includes recommendations for follow-on actions addressing continued and enhanced public education and outreach development, emergency management coordination, and transportation coordination. The EPC will be briefed on significant changes and recommendations.

Recommended Action: Review Annex and Approve for Dissemination.

5. Presentation on Citizen Education Campaign Issues (3:00-3:20)

*Merni Fitzgerald
Fairfax County Public Information Officer
Chair, ESF-14/Public Information Officers Committee*

One of the earliest goals of the EPC was the development of a broad based, public information campaign to educate citizens on preparedness concerns and motivate citizens to take specific actions to strengthen their personal preparedness. Federal, state and local governments and many community-based and business groups have developed citizen-focused information products. In addition, a wealth of information is available on READY.GOV and other web sites. ESF-14/PIOs Committee has been charged by the CAOs Committee/SPG with assisting in the development of a work scope/solicitation for a broad citizen education campaign.

Recommended Action: Discussion and Recommendations on Citizen Education Campaign.

6. Public Safety Communications (3:20-3:40)

*Mark Penn, Director
Alexandria Emergency Management
Eddie Reyes, Captain
Alexandria Police Department*

The EPC will be briefed on two public safety communication issues identified at the previous meeting:

- Public Safety Communications Interoperability
- Public Warning Sirens and Alternative Public Alert Technologies

Recommended Action: Discussion and Recommendations on Communications Interoperability and Public Alert Systems.

7. EPC Roundtable/New Business (3:40-4:00)

EPC Members

Recommended Action: Discussion.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment (4:00)

The EPC will meet next on May 6, 2004 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.