

NCR RESF-1 (Transportation) March 2007 Meeting

Tuesday March 27, 2007

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments – Rooms 4/5

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 17th – 1pm to 3pm – COG Rooms 4/5

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1. Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
Send list of potential participants of Operators Subcommittee. This group will meet quarterly at a rotating site (regional transportation/transit operations facility) and the membership should include both operations center and field personnel	RESF-1 Members	April 12 th
Send suggestions regarding the scope, purpose, and participation for Operation Fast Forward III to Joe Kammerman (Joseph.Kammerman@dc.gov)	RESF-1 Members	April 12 th
Report back on Transit Operators Emergency Preparedness Working Group position on CapWIN following March 28 th meeting	Pete Buckley (Montgomery County)	April 17 th
Reach out to MWAA Contact regarding RESF-1 Participation	Jana Lynott (NVTDC)	ASAP
Follow up with Tom Lockwood regarding United State Coast Guard participation at future RESF-1 Meetings	Col. Freddie Sherman (DHS-ONCR)	April 17 th
Provide template from NCR Operations Center Committee to Robert Young to disseminate to RESF-1 Committee	Col. Freddie Sherman (DHS-ONCR)	ASAP
Provide information regarding upcoming April Hurricane Exercise communications drill which will take place on April 13 th	Col. Freddie Sherman (DHS-ONCR)	ASAP
Coordinate with Earl Lewis to allow for MDOT Traffic Monitoring and Evacuation Tools Project Presentation to be on April 17 th RESF-1 Agenda	RESF-1 Chairs	Next Chairs Meeting
Reach out to Emergency Managers Committee to identify who has been identified as the ESF-1 Member/Agency at each jurisdictional EOC and ensure they are participating in RESF-1 Committee. Identify the role and responsibility for each of these individuals	RESF-1 Chairs	Next Chairs Meeting
Explore the development of ConOps at the local jurisdiction ESF-1 operational level	RESF-1 Chairs	Next Chairs Meeting
Continue discussion on regional transportation agency NIMS compliance	RESF-1 Chairs	Next Chairs Meeting
Send TRB Subcommittee One-Pager to Committee	Robert Young (COG)	March 27 th

2. RESF-1 Operators Subcommittee Mission and Membership

- Goals:
 - Opportunities to meet others in similar roles and capacities
 - Visiting and touring different operations centers – visit and see applications
 - Each meeting would take place at a different site
 - Disseminate information to co-workers
 - Develop “Visit Summaries” – work product of subcommittee meetings
 - Contacts
 - What is available
 - Emergency Focused
 - An opportunity for RESF-1 members to hear feedback from operations personnel – allows the RESF-1 Committee will have a better understanding of the “on-the-street” experiences
 - What went right / What went wrong
 - Driven by lessons learned from the TTX
- Alignment with NCR Operations Center Initiative
 - Purpose of the NCR Operations Center Initiative
 - Profile and questionnaire – informs committee about the operations centers
 - Eventually, an Executive Summary will be produced
 - Situational awareness, data collecting and sharing tools, command and control in all directions
- Potential Participation
 - TTX Participants
 - Each agency submits a list of positions that should participate
 - Anyone in the transportation community who would benefit from meeting others in similar positions (on highway, in buses, on rail, in TMCs)
 - Concerns
 - WMATA has a lot of people who would be eligible for this group – what is the process for disseminating information learned from this group
- Relationship with MATOC Operators Group
 - Background:
 - MATOC has commissioned a technical and operations subcommittee
 - Operations Subcommittee will have representation from DC, MD, VA, and WMATA at state level, but no local jurisdiction participation
 - This group will guide the development of MATOC and how it will operate
 - This group is planning to get its operational personnel together on April 19th to review ConOps for Communications and Coordination Program and to review other aspects of the MATOC Program including RITIS and Volpe Study
 - Potential Interaction with RESF-1 Operations Subcommittee
 - Control room personnel do not know or see each other
 - Facilitate a high-level communications and coordination
 - Each of the centers is going to be a regional operations desk (conceptually)

3. Transportation's Role in the Incident Command Structure

- Background: This comes out of RESF-1's desire to understand the role they play during major incidents – how to resolve and solve issues
- RESF-1 Framework During a Major Incident – “Quick Clearance”
 - Removing the injured – clear pathway
 - VDOT Commissioner is pressing quicker clearance, but transportation operators do not have jurisdiction during an incident since on-site Incident Command usually resides within the Fire and Rescue Community
 - Coordination between Fire Service, Transportation, and Towing Companies
- Examples of transportation representation at Command Posts
 - VDOT: ***Incident Management Specialist (VDOT Employee)***
 - Deployed during a “Level III Incident”
 - A liaison with the control room, facilitating other VDOT resources (traffic control, debris removal), getting feedback from Fire on estimated time to clear, considering regional impact and noting nature of ensuring backup, determining regional coordination required
 - Example: March 27th Fuel Spill at I-95 and VA 123
 - Set up by-pass around incident
 - Road was re-opened in phases – in concert to incident command on site
 - Information was pushed to TMC by VA State Police – supported by information from camera
 - Safety Service Supervisor was sent on scene
 - Incident Management manuals show appropriate detours and signal timing
 - There is a need beyond the immediate scene to address the consequences larger than on-scene problems
 - Need to understand how this is happening
 - How is it pushed up to the regional transportation decision makers
 - The graphic developed by MDOT/John Contestable can frame how to resolve this issue
 - WMATA
 - During a rail incident, the Command Post liaison is a WMATA Police Officer
 - Trained in different disciplines, can give information to Incident Commander
 - Generally a direct phone link between incident commander and OCC
- Regional Incident – Does RESF-1 Act as a Committee?
 - There is a need to manage expectations of Transportation's Role at the EOC
 - DOT vs. State Police Responsibilities (for closing roads, detouring)
 - The larger the scope, the more the transportation resources are involved
 - Local Emergency Managers would task local ESF-1 representative to reach out to the NCR RESF-1 Committee for regional coordination
 - Are there conference calls? Do individuals in the EOCs know how to initiate via RICCS?
 - Eventually, the MATOC framework will support this structure
- Local Jurisdiction Example
 - ESF Rep in EOC is on RESF-1 Committee
 - Knows how to access jurisdictional assets
 - Can access outside assets in an informal manner
 - The coordination is happening between county executives, not transportation officials
- Gaps in Transportation's Role in the Incident Command Structure
 - Development of MOUs and Formalization of ConOps
 - Relationships between jurisdictional ESF reps
 - QUESTION: Can the Operators Subcommittee be the jurisdictional ESF-1 representatives?

4. Transportation NIMS Compliance in the NCR and Best Practices

- Background:
 - Maryland MTA has a training database tracking employee compliance
 - Maryland SHA
 - Identified 600 people who needed training – all have received 700, 100, and some 400 training
 - Has developed training materials and shared them with counties
 - VDOT
 - Operations and maintenance personnel (debris removal)
 - Richmond is leading charge for any person who may be an emergency responder (construction inspectors, etc.)
 - Expected Completion: Early 2008
 - NCR Operations Center Committee is surveying status of local NIMS
- Issues:
 - NIMS Integration Center is not providing clear guidance
 - Each agency is interpreting it differently
 - Agencies do not know what positions need to be trained upon and different jurisdictions do it differently
- NCR RESF-1 may explore NIMS standards for personnel
 - No consensus on whether to do this
 - What is the committee's role in the process?
 - May be based on how detailed incident and emergency coordination requires NIMS compliance
 - Local View – provide training down to the lowest supervisor level
 - There may be a need to train higher level people on advanced NIMS for long-term emergency operations and recovery
 - Need understanding of each agency's hierarchy – what are they holding themselves up to do
- NCI at Rutgers is coming up with a 000 level course on introductory NIMS for transit agencies
 - WMATA plans on providing this type of training when available
- ACTION: Follow-up at next meeting

5. Operation Fast Forward III – Scope and Outcomes

- Setting up common talk-groups on agency radio – do not rely on caches
 - This will require pre-work with radio managers
- ACTION: Provide additional suggestions to Joe Kammerman at DDOT

6. TRB Presentation Recap

- On March 13th, Joe Kammerman (DDOT) and Robert Young (COG) presented to the Transportation Research Board Public Transportation's Role in an Evacuation Subcommittee regarding District of Columbia and Regional Evacuation Planning Efforts
 - Joe gave an overview of the DDOT Emergency Transportation Annex
 - Robert gave an overview of regional coordination through RESF-1
 - This subcommittee is doing 5 case studies (Houston is one) over the next two years and produce a report with best practices in developing evacuation plan with a focus on transit
 - NCR is not one of the primary study surveys
 - Outcome: What city plans should include and how transit can play
 - Note: TRB is a research arm/organization for all transportation agencies in country

7. RESF-1 Liaisons Updates and Project Updates

- **NEED:** Coordination with aviation and maritime (Port Authorities)
- **Regional Transit Operators Group**
 - Looking at CapWIN – interested in a communications tool they can use (familiarity, works with program) – meeting on 3/28
- **Operation Centers Subcommittee**
 - Primary Tools: WAWAS, RICCS, and WebEOC
 - Setting up training for each of these systems
 - Proposed training dates
 - Rotational visits to each jurisdictions to see how the tools are used real-time
 - Joshua Jack (DC) is the lead, John Snarr (COG) support
- **April 26th Hurricane Exercise**
 - Information is not being disseminated down to players
- **Project Updates**
 - MDOT: Real Time Monitoring and Evacuation Tools
 - Looking for additional UASI Funds for FY07
 - Coordinating with Baltimore UASI
 - Functionality
 - Run scenarios
 - I-495 and all Arteries
 - Will provide briefing during April RESF-1 Meeting
 - MTA Police and Command Vehicle has just arrived
 - Need to understand capabilities
 - Need report back

8. Meeting Attendees

Note: **Bold** indicates a RESF-1 Committee Chair or Vice-Chair

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