

# NCR TRANSPORTATION MUTUAL AID OPERATIONS PLAN (TMAOP)

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## Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF) #1 – Transportation Emergency Preparedness Committee

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# RESF-1: Transportation Emergency Preparedness Committee

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- Re-established in 2006, meets monthly to build relationships, exchange knowledge, and coordinate and enhance transportation emergency preparedness and response efforts and programs across the NCR.
- Representation from around 30 public sector agencies and organizations (Appendix slide), including the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program.
- Facilitates coordination and communication among NCR entities concerning regional transportation issues and activities before, during, and after a regional incident or emergency.



# RESF-1: NCR Traffic Incident Management (TIM)

Building off recommendations from the COG 2018 Traffic Incident Management Task Force (TIM), a regional TIM component has been incorporated into the RESF-1 work plan that focuses on:

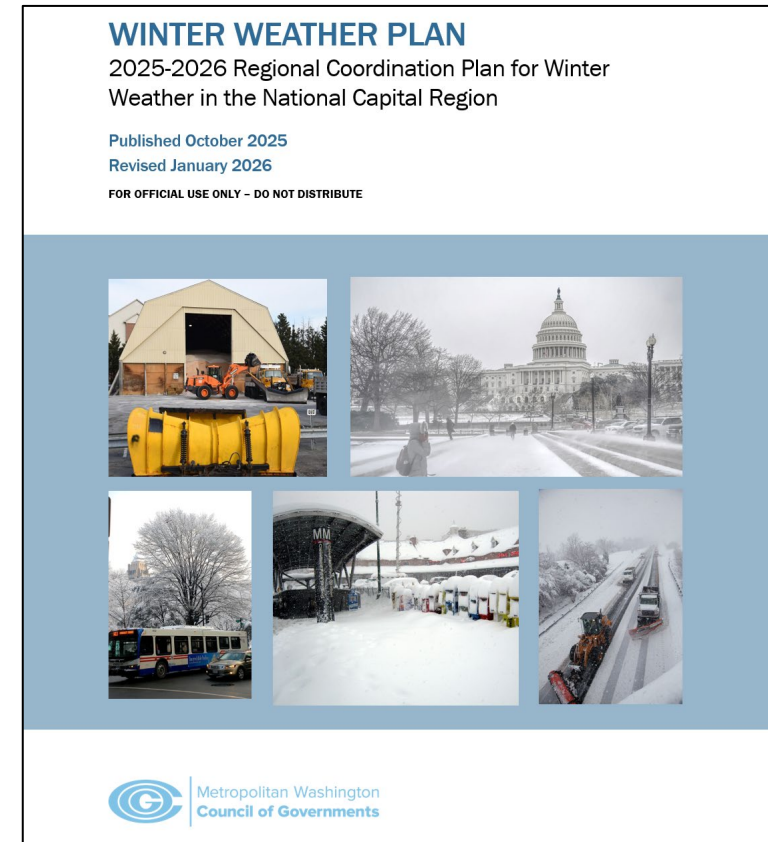
- Coordinating regional TIM self-assessments using the FHWA tool.
- Encouraging and coordinating TIM trainings to promote best practices.
- Including presentations on TIM topics that are relevant to members.
- Promoting discussion on TIM among members with a regional focus.

According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), *“TIM is a planned and coordinated program process to detect, respond to, and remove traffic incidents and restore traffic capacity as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents; improves the safety of motorists, crash victims, and emergency responders; and reduces the frequency of secondary crashes.”*



# Severe Winter Weather Coordination Program

- Originating in 1987, the NCR Winter Weather Plan's purpose is to regionally coordinate and share information among a range of government and strategic stakeholders to minimize severe winter weather-related disruptions.
- The Plan commences primarily with issued winter weather products that will impact weekday commuting.
- In collaboration with MATOC, COG coordination calls capstone a multi-agency severe winter weather regional coordination process focused on transportation and roadway maintenance.



# 2005 NCR Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA)

Mutual aid is the provision of law enforcement, fire, rescue, emergency health/medical services, transportation, communications, public works and engineering, mass care, and resource support.

- Authorized by the National Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (2004), the MAA provides liability protection when public safety and other services cross jurisdictional boundaries, increasing the ability to preserve the safety and welfare of the entire NCR.
- The Act allows for mutual aid in the following situations:
  - A public service event (e.g., single or repeating public gathering)
  - An emergency (e.g., declared or undeclared state of emergency, or local day-to-day emergency responses across state lines)
  - Training or exercises for either situation



# MAA: Liability Provisions and Protections

- Mutual aid participation is **voluntary**. Responses to requests for assistance should be timely and through the MAOP protocol to ensure liability protections for personnel.
- Responding Agencies remain governed by the liability laws of their home state/jurisdiction.
- The Affected Jurisdiction includes the property under federal or state jurisdiction AND the underlying political jurisdiction.
- Other agency-to-agency memorandums, agreements, assistance compacts, or Requests for Federal Assistance processes may not include the Act/MAA’s liability protection provisions.

MAA Signatories		
DC	Bowie, Charles Co., College Park, Frederick, Frederick Co., Gaithersburg,	Alexandria, Arlington Co., Fairfax, Fairfax Co., Falls Church, Loudoun Co., Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William Co.; Virginia Commonwealth
MWAA	Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Montgomery Co., Prince George’s Co., Rockville, Seat Pleasant, Takoma Park; Anne Arundel Co.	
WMATA		
[All Federal entities]		

# Mutual Aid Operations Plans (MAOP)

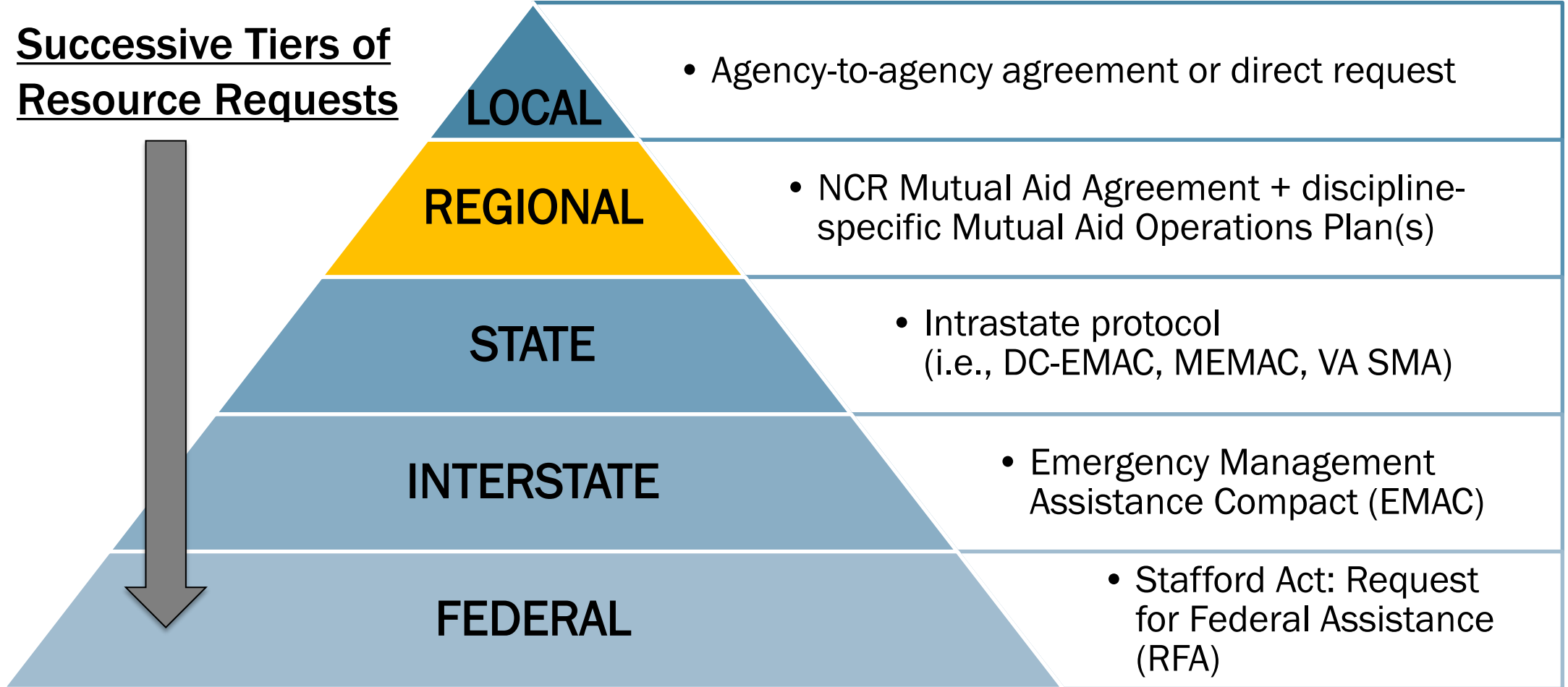
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- Operational agreements between jurisdictions to provide mutual aid.
- Agreed upon methods and procedures among the signatories for their respective jurisdictional response to a request for mutual aid.
- Contain the “nuts and bolts” of how a discipline puts the MAA into action.
- COG MAOPs of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area / NCR:
  - Fire/Rescue
  - Law Enforcement
  - Corrections
  - Debris Removal
  - Water & Wastewater Utilities (NCRWARN)
  - *Unsigned:* Transportation (TMAOP)
  - *Draft:* Cybersecurity
  - *Draft:* Emergency Management



# Mutual Aid in the NCR

## Successive Tiers of Resource Requests



*Escalating Levels of Support as Resources are Exhausted*



# RESF-1 TMAOP Overview

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- Produced in 2022 to provide transportation/transit mutual aid across jurisdictions in the Greater Washington area, including the provision of traffic incident management, emergency infrastructure inspection, maintenance and repair, public safety, evacuation, and the protection of life, property, and environment.
- Sections:
  - Mutual aid request procedures
  - Notification
  - Coordination
  - Deployment
  - Command
  - Accountability
  - Demobilization
  - Training
  - Planning
  - Communication
  - References
  - Signatories



# TMAOP Process Overview

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- Following an existing or imminent Emergency, Public Service Event, or training, the Requesting Jurisdiction/Agency requests regional assistance.
  - To amplify and deconflict the mutual aid request, COG can disseminate a RICCS notification and convene a regional coordination conference call
- Responding Jurisdiction(s) coordinate with the Requesting Agency for deployment.
- Responding Jurisdiction is deployed to assist the Requesting Agency.
- Responding Jurisdiction conducts demobilization procedures to return home.

*Regular education, training, and exercising on TMAOP operational procedures is key.*



# TMAOP Resources

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## Planning, Operational Coordination, and Situational Awareness:

- COG Regional Conference Call
- RICCS (Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System)
- MView CCTV Sharing Program
- NCR Watch Desk - HSIN Chat Room
- RITIS (Regional Integrated Transportation Information System)
- NCR Geospatial Data Exchange (GDX)
- NCR Incident Management Team (IMT)
- NCR EOC Phone Book (rev: 6/2025)
- Regional AAR repository on [SharePoint](#)
- Regional task order [contract](#) for preparedness planning, after-action reporting, and training & exercise services
- Cooperative Purchasing Program and the NCR Contracts [Database](#)

## Interoperable Communications:

- NCR Radio Cache Program (CIG)
- MATOC's Transportation Mutual Aid Radio System (TMARS)
- Shared channels/talkgroups and gateways





## Benefits of Signing the MAA/TMAOP

- Resource sharing from nearby local, state, regional, and federal entities for rapid response to planned events or emergencies
- Provisions for liability and disputes
- Reimbursement guidelines that set clear expectations
- Reduced administrative red tape compared to the nation-wide Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request process
- Participation in a longstanding regional framework for mutual assistance strengthened by regular emergency planning and coordination



# Call to Action – Signing the TMAOP

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- All transportation/transit agencies in the NCR are strongly encouraged to become signatories to the MAA **and** the TMAOP.
- **No agencies have currently signed the TMAOP.**
  - Contact COG Staff for next steps to have your DOT/DPW department executive sign the TMAOP and your jurisdiction's CAO sign the MAA
  - COG can provide additional informational briefings to your agency leadership and jurisdiction's emergency manager
  - Entities that should sign the TMAOP include DDOT, MDOT, VDOT, NPS, WMATA, MWAA, Transurban, Express Mobility Partners, transit agencies, and local DOTs

**"When disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed"**

- Steve Cyros



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# APPENDIX: Active RESF-1 Committee Members

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

- DC DOT
- DC Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

## REGIONAL:

- Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program
- WMATA
- MWAA

## FEDERAL:

- U.S. DOT
- Transportation Security Administration
- National Park Service - NCR
- Amtrak and Amtrak Police
- FEMA Office of the NCR Coordination and Region 3 (HSEMA FIT)
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management

## MARYLAND:

- Maryland DOT; Maryland Transit Administration; State Highway Administration; Maryland Area Rail Commuter; Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)
- Maryland Coordination & Analysis Center
- Montgomery County DOT
- City of College Park Public Services
- Baltimore Metropolitan Council

## VIRGINIA:

- Virginia DOT NoVA
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management - Region 7
- Virginia State Police
- OmniRide PRTC
- Alexandria DASH
- Alexandria DOT and Environmental Services
- Express Mobility Partners
- Transurban
- Virginia Rail Express

