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City of Alexandria

*2009 Presidential Inauguration
Briefing*

Planning Assumptions

- Opening Ceremony January 18, 2009
 - ◆ Lincoln Memorial concert and speeches
 - ◆ 12 noon until 4:00 P.M.
 - ◆ Attendees: 15,000 ticketed, 300,000 in security zone and up to 1,000,000 allowed in mall area served by Jumbo Trons
 - ◆ Some inaugural balls in the region
- Swearing in and parade events are January 20, 2009
 - ◆ Swearing-in ceremony at 10 A.M. until 12 noon.
 - ◆ Parade (2:30-5:30 PM)
 - ◆ The number of attendees is evolving (estimates up to 2.5 million)
 - ◆ Many inaugural balls throughout the region.
- Events in the City
 - ◆ Jumbo Tron at Market Square
 - ◆ Ball at Torpedo Factory



Key Issues

- Transportation
 - ◆ Current bridge and road restrictions being updated daily on the City's website
 - ◆ City Marina closed to all but Coast Guard approved commercial vessels
- Communications
 - ◆ Regional PIOs coordinating messages
- Mass Care
 - ◆ Shelters and supplies ready if needed
- Health
 - ◆ Regional hospitals and Health Departments working closely together
- Continued Provision of City Services
 - ◆ EOC will ensure City services are maintained
- Funding for Inaugural Activities
 - ◆ Regional congressional delegation is working to secure funding
 - ◆ Maryland and Virginia have made Emergency Declarations
 - ◆ The President has declared that a state of emergency exists in the District of Columbia for the Inaugural event from January 17th to the 21st

Date: 1/13/2009



Alexandria Actions

Emergency Management

- ◆ EOC set up on Friday 1/16/2009 ready to occupy
- ◆ EOC activated 1/20/2009
- ◆ Call Center activated on 1/20/2009 for people in Alexandria; linked to ACVA and DASH

Law Enforcement

- ◆ Providing staff to support DC PD
- ◆ Providing staff to support Park Police
- ◆ Providing Security for the hospital, water taxi, Market Square Jumbo Tron, metro stations, Amtrak
- ◆ Traffic control on roads and at street closures
- ◆ Police staff in the Multi-Agency Coordination Center in DC
- ◆ Additional staffing to handle increased call processing in Police communications



Alexandria Actions

□ Fire and Rescue

- ◆ Staffing additional units including extra medic units to meet call demand
- ◆ Additional staffing to handle increased call processing in Fire communications.
- ◆ Staffing specialty units, marine operations, hazardous materials, and technical rescue
- ◆ Fire staff in the Multi-Agency Coordination Center in DC

□ PIO

- ◆ Coordinating with regional PIOs to:
 - provide common messages
 - refer requests for information to the appropriate agency to avoid conflicts
 - communicate information to people outside the area who may be planning to come to DC
- ◆ Preparing general messages



Alexandria Actions

□ **Transportation**

- ◆ DASH operating an enhanced Saturday Schedule
- ◆ DASH supplementing Metro with buses from King Street and Braddock Road Metro Stations
- ◆ 20 School buses available for emergencies and to shuttle hospital employees to Alexandria Hospital
- ◆ North Bound G.W. Parkway detoured to Route 1 at Montgomery Street

□ **Mass Care**

- ◆ Identified two facilities that can be used for public sheltering
- ◆ Pre-positioning Red Cross shelter trailers with equipment at both facilities
- ◆ Identified Recreation and Red Cross staff for both facilities
- ◆ City staff sleeping facilities have also been identified



Alexandria Actions

□ Health

- ◆ Public Health and hospitals preparing for additional patient transports and potential Emergency Department impacts.
- ◆ Increased disease surveillance and food inspections at inaugural events
- ◆ Hospitals increasing supplies of food, fuel and equipment
- ◆ Regional patient tracking and distribution system put into place
- ◆ Family reunification system has been established



Next Steps

- Continue regional meetings for status updates
- Complete City Incident Action Plans
- Continue working with regional partners to maintain situational awareness especially changes in road closures
- Continued messaging to the Public on street closures, transportation options and events
- Monitor weather

