Northern Virginia Evacuation Plan

-Arlington County
-City of Alexandria
-City of Fairfax
-Fairfax County
-City of Falls Church

-Loudoun County
-City of Manassas
-City of Manassas Park
-Prince William County
-Stafford County
Briefing Purpose

Describe the Northern Virginia (NoVA) Evacuation Plan
Planning Team

• Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
• Virginia State Police (VSP)
• Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
• Northern Virginia Regional Commission
• OEM, Arlington
• OEM, Fairfax
• National Park Service (NPS) /U. S. Park Police
Plan Scope

- Broad guidance
  - not detailed
- Orients on NoVA but supports NCR
- First 72 hours
- Includes:
  - Road movement
  - Law enforcement and traffic control
  - Public transportation
  - Walkouts
  - Public information
The National Capital Region

- Multi-jurisdictional: two States, the District of Columbia, 3 Branches of Federal Government, 231 Federal Dept & Agencies; 340,000 Federal Workers, and 12 local jurisdictions
- The NCR encompasses 2,500 square miles, has over 5 million Americans, and over 20 million visitors annually
- Political and military “center of gravity” ~ Senior Civ & Mil Leadership
- High density of political and military officials ~ target rich environment
- Host to huge foreign gov’t, cultural, media and business contingent
- Two major airports (More than 1,000 daily domestic non stop flight and over 500 international flight weekly); 2nd largest rail transit system; 4th Largest metro area; Gross Regional Product of 288.3 billion (4th Nationally)
The National Capital Region

The NCR -- as described in the National Capital Planning Act of 1952 (Title 40, U.S. Code, Sec. 8702) – is the Joint Operations Area

- 2500 square miles
- 5 million Americans
- 20 million tourists annually

... “and all cities in MD and VA in the geographic area bounded by the outer boundaries of the NCR counties”
VDEM Region VII

- Highest terrorism threat in Virginia and in the United States
- 40% of Virginia’s population and 70% of the tax base
- 2 Million people in NOVA / 4 Million in the National Capital Region
- Threats = Pentagon, CIA, FDIC, Installations, Airports, Railroads (VRE & Metro)
Plan Purposes

• Provide the basic framework for operational plan

• Plan that can be implemented now

• Synchronizes VDEM Region VII state agency support

• Synchronizes local plan in support of regional effort

• Can be incorporated into the National Capital Region (NCR) Evacuation Plan
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Key Concepts

• KISS – Keep it Simple
• Flexible
• All Hazards
• No Notice Event
• Multiple Events
• Immediate & Spontaneous Evacuation
• Large number of commuters use Public Transportation
• Federal Plans will remain unknown and will likely disrupt movements
• No Contra flow
Key Concepts (continued)

- Incident Command at Local Levels
- Quick decision needed
- Public Information is Critical
- NoVA localities overwhelmed with:
  - Movement of people
  - Mutual support/sheltering for NoVA localities
- Use of State Shelters first
- Shelter-in-place
Concept of Operations

• Flexible response…change

• All hazards approach

• Execution of the Plan approved by the Governor
  • request to execute to VEOC

• Will occur is stages
Concept of Operations
(continued)

• Assembly Areas / Transfer Points (AA / TP)
• Re-route inbound traffic
• Close:
  • I-395 inbound (Beltway to DC)
  • I-66 inbound (Beltway to DC)
  • GWMP & Memorial Bridge
• Normal public transportation routes in effect
• Airports closed initially
• Airports/Water = follow-on responders, equipment, logistics
• U. S. Coast Guard close waterways
Enhancements to Evacuation

- No HOV restrictions
- No tolls
- Traffic Signal Plan
- Express trains
- Buses for Walkouts
- In-bound First Responder & bus routes
- Divert Interstate traffic around NoVA/DC
Limited Access Corridors

VSP & VDOT = Primary Responsibility

- Rail lines
- I-95 / I-395
- I-66
- State Route 267 (Dulles Toll Road)
- I-495 (Beltway)
- George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)
  - *National Park Service/U. S. Park Police*
# Traffic Signal Corridors

**Local jurisdictions = Primary Responsibility**

**VDOT = Support**

**• Routes:**

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- Routes continue beyond Region VII
- Routes run through several local jurisdictions
- Neighborhood Roads
Regional Transportation Group ESF #1 Organization

- Incident Commander
  - Local EOC
    - Reg. Trans. Group ESF #1
      - Arlington
        - Mass Transit Bus Assets
        - Arlington School Buses
      - Fairfax County
        - Mass Transit Bus Assets
        - Fairfax County School Buses
      - Loudoun County
        - Mass Transit Bus Assets
        - Loudoun County School Buses
      - WMATA
    - Alexandria
      - Mass Transit Bus Assets
      - Alexandria School Bus Assets
    - Prince William County
      - Mass Transit Bus Assets
      - PWC School Bus Assets
    - VRE
      - Other State Bus Assets
Relationships with Other Plans

- Federal
  - Shelter-in-place
  - Staggered release of Federal employees
  - One Federal agency providing direction & control of all other Federal agencies
- State
- Regional (VA & DC)
  - Shelters filled to capacity
  - Requests for shelter support
  - Provision of support:
    - Staffing, administration, funding, logistics
- Local
Roles & Responsibilities
(Local Jurisdictions)

• Support NoVA and NCR Evacuations
• Develop/implement local plans
• Incident Command/EOC
• Manage/support Traffic Signal Plan
• Provide comfort
• Support to First Responders
• Provide local buses for evacuee movement
• Operate Assembly Areas & Transfer Points
• Provide representatives to ESF’s (Transportation/JIC)
• Provide mutual support to other NoVA jurisdictions
Sequence of Plans

NoVA Evac Plan

Local Evac Plans
- Manassas
- Fairfax
- Loudoun
- Arlington
- Pr William
- Alexandria

NCR Evac Plan

Synchronized !!!