

APPENDIX B: CATALOG OF AGREEMENTS

The following is a list of mutual aid agreements developed among COG's member jurisdictions. These agreements have effectively guided communication, coordination, and activities of member jurisdictions to meet the needs of the Washington metropolitan region:

1. Public Safety

Police Mutual Aid Agreement (1971)—Provides guidance for the provision of inter-jurisdictional police aid when an emergency is declared.

The Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Police Mutual Aid Operations Plan (2001)—Provides guidance for cooperation among law enforcement agencies in the regional metropolitan area during a state of emergency.

2. Fire/Rescue

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and/or Rescue or Ambulance Services (1973)—Provides guidance for the provisions of inter-jurisdictional fire/rescue/ambulance aid during a state of emergency.

First Amendment to the Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and/or Rescue or Ambulance Services (1978)—Adds Fairfax City, VA, as a signatory to the mutual aid agreement.)

The Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Fire/Rescue Services Mutual Aid Operations Plan (2001)—Adopts the Incident Command System and makes local jurisdictions responsible for ensuring that their respective local incident management plans encompass the ICS in structure and terminology.

3. Energy

Regional Alert Plan for Short-term Natural Gas Supply Emergency Operations within the Washington Gas Light Service Area (1978)—Provides a regional alert plan for short-term natural gas supply emergency situations.

Metropolitan Washington Energy Conservation and Management Plan (1979)—Describes 13 energy conservation and community assistance measures for dealing with the current petroleum shortfalls within the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Metropolitan Washington Power Emergency Alert Plan (1988)—Establishes a coordinated procedure between electric utility companies and local governments to promptly alert and coordinate response with local governments when there is a potential or existing power outage.

Metropolitan Washington Natural Gas Supply Emergency Alert Plan (1985 and 1988)—Provides for timely and coordinated notification to local governments in the event of a natural gas supply deficiency or cutoff.

Points of Agreement on Emergency Motor Fuel Sales Restrictions for the Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. “Tri-State” Area (1988)—Provides for coordination of emergency energy policies at the state level in the Washington region.

4. Transportation/Metro

Fire Protection, Equipment, and Life Safety Agreement for the Metropolitan Washington Area Metro Rapid Rail Transit System (1976)—Provides measures and guidance specifically dealing with incidents involving the regional rapid rail system.

Transportation Contingency Plan for the Metropolitan Washington Area (1980)—Addresses area-wide response to a total stoppage of public transit service in the event Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is unable to provide such service.

Addendum to Metropolitan Washington COG Mutual Aid Operations Plan Woodrow Wilson Bridge Operational Plan (1987)—Provides for coordinated emergency response to incidents involving the inter-jurisdictional, Federally-owned Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Metro Rapid Rail Transit Fire/Rescue Operations Procedures Guidelines (1993)—Provides basic guidance and direction to fire and rescue service personnel responding to incidents occurring on the Metro rapid rail transit system.

Metro Rail Transit Fire/Rescue Emergency Procedures Policy (1997)—Provides procedures for the coordination and performance of specific duties to safely mitigate rail emergencies in the WMATA system.

Memorandum of Understanding for the Development and Coordination of a Transport Emergency Preparedness Plan and communications system for the national capital region (2002.)

5. Weather

Memorandum of Agreement between the National Weather Service Washington Forecast Office and Local Jurisdictions of the Metropolitan Washington Area for the Dissemination of Severe Weather Information (1976 and 1988)—Delineates emergency-related responsibilities of the National Weather Service (NOAA) and FEMA.

COG Notification Procedure for the Early Release of Government Employees In Response to Severe Weather Conditions in the Metropolitan Washington Area (1982 and 1984)—Provides procedures for effective notification of other governmental authorities of early federal employee release actions.

Unified Regional Snow Emergency Plan for the Washington Metropolitan Area (1997)—Provides a regional response to snow and ice emergencies in the metropolitan Washington region.

6. Emergency Alert System

DRAFT Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area Emergency Alert System (EAS) Area Plan (1996)—Outlines the organization and implementation of the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area Emergency Alert System.

7. Water

Potomac River Low Flow Allocation Agreement (1978)—Provides for the equitable allocation of Potomac River water for public water supply in the metropolitan area during low flow conditions.

Metropolitan Washington Water Supply Emergency Agreement (1979)—Provides inter-jurisdictional assistance and coordination to conserve water and provide for necessary curtailment of water use during critical water supply situations.

Metropolitan Washington Water Supply Emergency Plan including Washington Aqueduct Water Emergency Plan, Region-wide Potomac River Emergency Plan, the Drought Plan, and Public Information Response Plan (1994)—COG's Drinking Water Emergency Agreement Task Force recommendations coordinating the actions to be taken by local, state, and federal government agencies and water supply utilities in the event of a regional water emergency.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Potomac River Public Safety Agreement (1985 and 1998)—Provides for cooperation between the National Park Service and other parties in the enhancement of Potomac River safety through public education.

Metropolitan Washington Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan: Potomac River System (2000)—Calls for updates of existing agreements to increase cooperation, communication, and coordination among responsible regional entities and requests the development of a system of response for future droughts in the Potomac River Basin.

8. Health

Planning Guidance for the Health System Response to a Bioevent in the National Capital Region (2001)—Improves the capability of the jurisdictions within the National Capital Region to cooperatively manage the health consequences associated with a bioevent.

Metropolitan Medical Strike Team—Defines the Medical Strike Team and its scope/concept of operations.

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