

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Vincent C. Gray
Mayor



Chris T. Geldart
Director

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT:

District first responders will participate in a multi-location, full-scale emergency preparedness exercise from Sunday, October 19, 2014 through Monday, October 20, 2014. The exercise will simulate multiple terrorist attacks occurring at various locations within the District and is designed to establish a learning environment for players to exercise emergency response plans, policies, procedures, and identified core capabilities as they pertain to multiple simultaneous domestic terrorist attacks. The goal of the exercise is to ensure that government agencies are prepared to take coordinated action to protect the public in the event of an actual emergency caused by an act of terrorism in the District.

WHO:

Mayor Vincent C. Gray
Public Safety and Justice Deputy Mayor Paul Quander
Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Chris Geldart
Additional Agency Directors and Chiefs as available

WHEN:

Sunday, October 19, 2014
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

WHERE:

Former Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue
Washington, DC 20012

BACKGROUND:

The District of Columbia will be providing interviews and a media viewing area on Sunday, October 19, 2014, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Former Walter Reed Army Medical Center located at 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Please enter the site through the Butternut Street Gate, located at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Butternut Street and follow the signs and directions given by volunteers to the appropriate parking area. We ask that you arrive **no later than 7:30 p.m.** Please ensure you have your press credentials, as you will be asked to show them upon arrival at the site.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Nicole Chapple, HSEMA's Assistant Director, External Affairs and Policy, at (202) 481-3049 or Nicole.Chapple@dc.gov by **Saturday, October 18, 2014.**

