9/11—A Defining Moment

- 9/11 - a defining moment
- All jurisdictions within the Council of Governments rendered mutual aid
Natural Disaster’s

September 8, 2011 from 1500 hrs to 2400 hrs

1,771 9-1-1 calls received (215% increase *)

3,168 Total calls received - Emergency & Non-Emergency (181% increase *)

1,191 Police dispatches (3% increase **) 

336 Fire-Rescue dispatches (257% increase **) 

104 EMS Dispatches (32% increase **) 

1,669 Overall CAD Events (30% increase **) 

*= % of increase over that experienced in the same period in the previous week. 

**=% of increase over that experienced in the same period for the previous 3 weeks.
Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

- Ambulance Bus
- Mass-Casualty Unit
- Mass Decontamination Trailer
- NCR Communications Interoperability Group (CIG) Radio Cache
- Chemical Protective clothing for HAZMAT units
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- Detection monitoring equipment
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Total USAI COG region funding $47.5 M to date
Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (NVHA)

• Developed in 2002
• Mission
• Committees
Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS)

• Developed in 2005
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Interoperability
Urban Search & Rescue Team

Two Federal Government agencies sponsor the team. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- 2 Teams
  - Fairfax County (USA-1)
  - Los Angeles County (USA-2)

- 28 Teams
  - Fairfax County (VA-TF1)
  - Montgomery County (MD-TF1)
  - Virginia Beach (VA-TF2)
Deployments

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How Ready Is the Public Should a Disaster Occur?

- General Public Preparedness
- September National Preparedness month, established in 2004
- 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey revealed only 57% of Americans having emergency supplies for disasters; only 44% had household emergency plans
- Public apathetic until it hits them or family members personally
Lessons Learned?

- Strengthen information sharing and collaboration
- Strengthen interoperability training
- Strengthen communications
- Upgrade unit and personal equipment
- Strengthen staffing
Challenges Ahead?

- Resources
- Strained budgets
- Communications
- Public Safety Radio Band
- Industry
- “New Age” of Terrorism
  - Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)
  - Improvised Chemical Reaction Devices (ICRDs)
  - Hydrogen Sulfide
The Next Decade?

- Situational Awareness
- Joint Coordination and Collaboration
- Pushed to the lowest level, residents, first responders

Ten years later we’re better prepared and equipped, but overall readiness must be paramount for everyone.