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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FULL-SCALE TERRORISM EXERCISE TESTS FIRST RESPONDERS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

(Washington, DC) – District first responders will participate in a multi-location, full-scale emergency preparedness exercise on Sunday, October 19, 2014, from 8:00 p.m. through Monday, October 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The exercise will take place at the Washington Navy Yard at 1411 Parsons Avenue, SE; the former Walter Reed site at 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW; Georgetown University Hospital at 3800 Reservoir Road, NW; and the D.C. Emergency Operations Center at 2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE.

This terrorism exercise is designed to test and evaluate District emergency operations, techniques, procedures, and command and control relationships among first responders and District federal partners and stakeholders as they deal with a scenario of multiple simultaneous domestic terrorist attacks. The goal of the exercise is to ensure that government agencies at every level 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.

“This exercise is crucial in ensuring that all of our public-safety personnel are working efficiently and effectively together and with the many local, regional and federal agencies that keep us safe when any emergency happens in our city,” Mayor Vincent C. Gray said.

Residents and business near the exercise site will see an increased first responder (fire and police) presence and should **not** be alarmed by this during the exercise time. There will be no street closures associated with this event.

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