

CITY OF BOSTON LEPC

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

BOSTON LEPC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next City of Boston LEPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 9:00AM at Florian Hall located at 55 Hallet Street in Dorchester.

We are pleased to have as our featured speaker Mr. John O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Security Officer for Fidelity Investments, a leading provider of investment management, retirement planning, portfolio guidance, brokerage, benefits outsourcing and other financial products and services to more than 20 million individuals, institutions and financial intermediaries.



Mr. O'Connor has overall responsibility for both the Procurement and Security functions within Fidelity. With respect to Procurement, he is ultimately responsible for vendor sourcing, contracts and management, along with purchasing analytics and risk management. For Security, he is responsible for all aspects of corporate security for the firm and its employees, which includes internal and external investigations, physical security and emergency response, employee vetting and security education.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact LEPC Coordinator Jennifer Ryan as listed below:

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Special points of interest:

- * Tier II Reports were due on March 1st.
- * Title III Facility Inspections are ongoing.

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Operation Ready 2007

BOSTON URBAN SHIELD 2011 MAY 20-22, 2011.. ARE WE READY?

Urban Shield is a national model, full-scale exercise, designed to assess and validate the speed, effectiveness and efficiency of capabilities, as well as test the adequacy of regional policies, plans, procedures and protocols. Urban Shield incorporates regional critical infrastructure, emergency operation centers, regional communication systems, equipment and assets, as well as personnel representing all aspects of emergency response including intelligence, law enforcement, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units, Fire, EMS, etc. The Urban Shield Exercise is unique because of its focus on training during the exercise. This training provides first responders, homeland security officials, emergency management officials, private and non-governmental partners, and other personnel with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform key tasks required in large-scale disasters.

Planning Team: Regional first responders are involved in the planning, coordination and/or management of this training event. Participating command and support personnel will benefit from the experience, which is designated to strengthen abilities in the following areas:

- Implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Implementation of the National Response Plan (NRP)
- Emergency Operations Planning
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management
- Incident Management and Teamwork

Objectives: Based on the exercise planning team's deliberations, the following objectives were developed for Boston Urban Shield 2011:

1. Test communication and management capabilities with a focus on Emergency Operation Centers within the Region.
2. Integrate critical infrastructure and their onsite private security personnel to test public/private sector emergency plans and unified response.
3. Evaluate regional fire, search and rescue, response capabilities with a focus on core competencies.
4. Evaluate regional explosive ordnance disposal team's response capabilities with a focus on core competencies.
5. Evaluate regional tactical capabilities related to a variety of terrorist threats.

THANK YOU

The Boston LEPC wishes to thank Chief Robert Donahue of Massport Fire and Rescue for his excellent presentation regarding Operation Ready. Operation Ready is a simulated runway collision this morning involving two passenger aircraft at Boston Logan International Airport kicked off the world's largest airport-based mass casualty exercise.

Some 400 volunteer "victims", triaged in color-coded t-shirts, were the main players in the exercise which mobilized 60 different agencies including 13 area hospitals, 1,000 emergency personnel, about 50 ambulances, 35 fire vehicles, two helicopters, eight boats, and about 20 buses.

Code-named *Operation Ready 2007*, the drill was designed to test the emergency response capabilities of the airport, local, state and federal agencies and the ability of those agencies to communicate effectively with each other during a crisis. In addition, the exercise challenged emergency medical teams to transport hundreds of casualties from the airfield to area hospitals and those hospitals to process the victims quickly.

Objectives of *Operation Ready 2007* included:

- Evaluating mass casualty operations, transport capabilities, and surge impacts to area hospitals.
- Reviewing regional traffic plans of law enforcement and state transportation agencies to optimize the flow of emergency vehicles.
- Evaluating the interoperability of public and private emergency operation centers (EOCs), and the interaction of emergency plans of public agencies, corporate partners, hospitals and foreign consulates.