



2015 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN

EMS personnel will provide medical care to ill and/or injured visitors appropriate to their level of training and in compliance with NPS medical protocols. The park will supply each tent with medical, logistical, and communication equipment. Arlington County Fire/Rescue will provide advanced medical care and transport patients if needed to hospitals.

MEDICAL STATION LOCATIONS

NPS TENTS

- Arlington Ridge- 1st Aid (BLS)
- Gravelly Point- 1st Aid (BLS)
- Memorial Circle (includes Red Cross staff relief tent/canteen)- 1st Aid (BLS)
- Navy Marine Memorial- 1st Aid (BLS)

Mt. Vernon Trail

- Bike/Foot teams- BLS, 1st Aid

Arlington County Ambulance

- Gravelly Point- ALS
- Meade St- near Arlington Ridge- ALS
- Memorial Ave near WIMSA- ALS
- Roving ATV teams
- Roving Bike teams
- Back up units are at Longbridge

EMS PERSONNEL

George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP): Park Rangers/ VUAs/ Park Guides/ NPS Volunteers – EMT-B, First Responder, and 1st Aid/CPR cert.

Arlington County Fire/Rescue: EMT-Ps, ambulance, bike patrol, and ATVs

American Red Cross: Volunteers (3 two person teams, no medical care). If needed for a mass casualty event, they are 1st aid/ CPR certified. Red Cross water tents located at Memorial Circle and Arlington Ridge. They will bring their own communications.

OPERATIONAL PERIOD

1300	Personnel report to Maintenance Yard (2700 GWMP)
0300 – 0315	Operational Briefing
1400 – 2230	All Assets in Place & Operational. Fireworks at 2110.
2230 – 2300	Personnel Relieved/Check-Out at Maintenance

LEVEL OF CARE

NPS Staff and volunteers will operate at the level of care they are trained for. All NPS staff and volunteers will follow NPS EMS Protocols. Arlington FD will follow Arlington's protocols.

All patient care will be provided under the "treat and release" system. Patients requiring advanced medical care will be transported by Arlington Fire & EMS or the USPP helicopter to local hospitals.

ASSIGNED DUTIES

Tent Leaders: NPS personnel will work as EMS unit leaders at each of the medical tents. They will be responsible for compliance with NPS protocols, patient care, rules and regulations; and completing patient care reports for all patients treated.

Arlington County Liaison: Arlington County will have one person at the MACC we will and Peter McCallum will be the GWMP representative.

EMS Coordinator: Karl Gallo will be assigned to the Memorial Circle tent. He will be responsible for monitoring all medical communications via radio and for passing on information to Arlington about ongoing incidents.

BLS/ 1st Aid Volunteers: EMT-Bs & First Responders will report to their assigned tent. Roving teams will be located along the Mt. Vernon Trail and will be the first responders for any medical incidents. These teams will contact Incident Command directly to report cases that need additional EMS support or transport.

ASSETS

GWMP will provide supplies to NPS staff and volunteers. Each tent and station will be supplied with a first aid kit, an AED, ice, and other medical supplies.

GWMP will provide all logistical supplies, including tent, cots, chairs, tables, portable toilet, etc.

In the event that personnel are directed to safe havens, all supplies will be stored in locked vehicles.

TRANSPORT

Arlington Fire & EMS is responsible for dispatch of **ALL** ambulance calls within the public area. Ambulances will be stationed at Gravelly Point, Arlington Ridge, and Memorial Ave.

Arlington County has a gator to help with transports along the Mt. Vernon Trail.

United States Park Police have set up the following helicopter landing zones for transport by Eagle One: Gravelly Point and Memorial Circle. A third may be located at Daingerfield Island. Fort Meyer is able to clear an additional LZ if it is needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Each medical tent and surge station will be able to communicate with Incident Command:

1. RADIOS:

- **Roving:** Each staff/volunteer will have a radio while roving. All staff bringing their own radios will bring an extra charged battery.
- **Arlington County/ Red Cross-** NPS liaison with each location will have a radio. Red Cross will be issued an NPS radio.

2. CELL PHONES:

Tent leaders will utilize their government issued cell phones as a back-up to the radios and land lines, or for informal communications. A phone list is available.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES:

Each volunteer group is encouraged to bring their own communication devices in order to maintain contact with their internal operations center.

Each tent will have safety vests, strobe lights, glow sticks, and orange flags to be used by staff and volunteers to help alert other providers to their location in the crowds. Also, each tent will have a bull horn to make announcements to the public. The Red Cross will bring whistles and light sticks for their volunteers to help them be located if needed.

SAFETY MESSAGE

In order to ensure for the safety of all EMS personnel during the Festival, all personnel must factor security awareness into all facets of their activities. Constant vigilance at the organizational and individual levels will help ensure protection for all personnel. EMS providers will use the buddy system while roving, and will report back to the tents on a consistent basis.

In the event that there is an incident that threatens public safety, all EMS personnel will report back to their tent and hold in place at their location until such time as directed to treatment sites by the Incident Commander.

All EMS personnel will seek to prevent or reduce patient and bystander blood-borne pathogen exposure risks associated with first aid duties by using appropriate BSI precautions (gloves and face shields will be located at each tent).

All EMS personnel will stay aware of the heat and will seek medical attention if they need it. All sites will have vehicles to be used as cooling locations. Tents will have ice and water for staff use.

MASS CASUALTY EVENT

GWMP will utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) for all Mass Casualty (MCI) events. EMS personnel will take direction from the Incident Commander and operate within their scope of practice.

All EMS volunteer personnel will respond to emergencies or move when requested by the NPS Tent Leader. **All medical teams will hold in place at their location until such time as directed to casualty collection points or treatment sites by the NPS Incident Commander or NPS Tent Leader.**

SAFE HAVEN PLAN

In the event that there is an incident that threatens public safety, the Unified Command will implement the "Safe Haven" strategy. This will be relayed to affected agencies through the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC). NPS Tent Leaders will be responsible for accounting for all staff and patients, as well as reporting back to EMS Dispatch or the EMS Coordinator any issues during the incident. All staff will remain at their Safe Haven location until they are directed to leave by the Incident Commander.

Each tent will be assigned a Safe Haven location:

Arlington Ridge- WIMSA	South Memorial Circle- WIMSA	Daingerfield Island- Maintenance
North Memorial Circle- WIMSA	Gravelly Point- Maintenance	

In the event of a Safe Haven Incident, EMS personnel will:

- Help USPP direct visitors to the nearest Safe Haven location.
- Report to the nearest Safe Haven location.
- Contact their supervisor or tent leader to report their location.
- Minimize the use of radios and Nextel's to allow critical communications to proceed.
- Provide public information, assist with the deployment of resources, and assist visitors with injuries and/or illnesses.
- Await further instructions from the EMS Coordinator or Incident Commander.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) will be located in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in Anacostia.

- The National Mall will operate seven medical tents and three parade surge stations. NPS Staff, Public Health Services, and volunteers will provide their staffing. Transports in DC will be provided by American Medical Response (AMR).
- The preferred hospital is INOVA Fairfax (703-876-0522), due to traffic on the 4th. 3300 Gallows Rd. Falls Church, VA.

Other nearby hospitals:

GW Hospital- 23rd St. NW Wash. D.C. 202-715-4911

Virginia Hospital Center- 1701 North George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 703-558-6200

Northern VA Community Hospital- 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington VA 703-671-7666

Medstar- Irving St. NW Wash, D.C. 202-877-7234

Urgent Care is available at:

Virginia Hospital Center- 1701 North George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 703-558-6200

Old Dominion Urgent Care- 6262 Old Dominion Drive, McLean VA 703-893-2505

INOVA Emergency Care: 11901 Baron Cameron Ave # A, Reston VA 703-668-8333