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MAYOR

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Gary Peters
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Chairman
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Mark Warner
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Vice Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman
Senate Committee on Armed Services

The Honorable James Inhofe
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Armed Services

Dear Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Ranking Members:

On behalf of the District of Columbia, please find attached responses to your February 8, 2021 inquiry regarding my Administration's response to the January 6, 2021 attack on the United States Capitol. The DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency coordinated the responses of District agencies.

These responses reflect the District's assessment of intelligence gathered related to the January 5-6 demonstrations; how the District adjusted its posture to protect our streets, businesses and residents based on threats of violence; how the District coordinated with regional and federal law enforcement partners to share intelligence, plan and provide police, fire and human services support for planned first amendment demonstrations; limits on DC's law enforcement powers on Capitol grounds and authority over the DC National Guard; and the lack of federal command and control to plan for or execute for public safety among the federal branches and failure to adjust their operational posture prior to the demonstrations on January 5-6, or to quickly pivot during the insurrection itself.

In law enforcement sensitive briefings beginning on December 31, 2020 outlined in the following timeline and responses, the District shared intelligence locally collected. That intelligence documented the social media chatter and actual movements of white supremacist organizations, including their plans to come to Washington, DC in response to President Trump's call to stop the certification of the Electoral College. For local purposes, the threat assessment identified the potential for people bringing firearms to Washington, DC and engage in street fights between opposing sides. The collected intelligence also identified, for federal purposes, threats to disrupt the proceedings at the US Capitol.

While we cannot comment on the adjustments to the operational posture of other law enforcement or first responder agencies, the District made the following changes to our security posture:

- Requested the assistance of DC National Guard to support MPD on December 31. Our request highlighted the potential for violence; 340 National Guardsmen were approved by the President with limits on the gear that could be used, the posts they could be deployed to, and their ability to be moved without the consent of the Department of Defense
- Issued Mayoral Advisory to DC residents and residents of the National Capital Region on January 3 to avoid downtown DC on January 5-6
- Provided Press Briefing on preparations for demonstrations, invited United States Park Police and United States Capitol Police. Park Police participated in the press briefing and responded to questions
- Enhanced local police staffing. The Metropolitan Police Department cancelled all leave and days off and assigned all MPD to 12-hour shifts to enhance the number of officers available for work on January 5-6, including the deployment of all Civil Disturbance Unit members
- Alerted regional governments and police agencies that we needed to invoke regional mutual aid on January 4, 2021 and activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) on January 6. This put hundreds of officers from Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland, and Arlington County in Virginia, nearby the Capitol and ready to respond on January 6 within minutes, instead of hours. MPD also discussed the potential need for assistance with the Virginia State Police and the Maryland State Police
- Established street closures to facilitate safety and police management of crowds related to permitted activities at the Ellipse and Freedom Plaza on January 5-6
- The District activated and staffed its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and MPD's Joint Operations Command Center (JOCC-MPD) on January 4-6

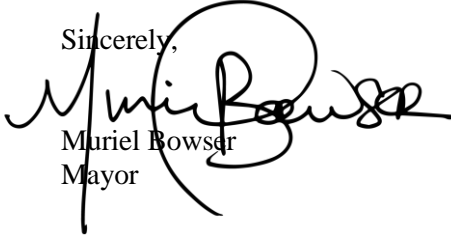
During the attack on January 6, District agencies responded aggressively to assist the Capitol Police, who were largely protecting members, regain control of the Capitol, including:

- Deployed MPD to the Capitol within 5 minutes of Capitol Police request for assistance
- Deployed DC Fire and EMS for injuries and established incident command
- Deployed MPD Assistant Chief to Capitol Police HQ to assist with response
- Deployed MPD Inspector to Capitol Complex to direct MPD operations
- Helped secure additional law enforcement resources to the Capitol by activating EMAC to assist MPD, including Baltimore City
- Requested immediate movement of DC National Guard already on DC Streets to Capitol and deployment of additional Guard
- Issued EMAC requests to MD, VA, and NJ state police departments.
- Regained control of the United States Capitol with assistance from regional law enforcement partners, secured perimeter so that lawmakers could reenter the building, and began to make arrests once building secured

- Briefed the DC City Hall press corps and national media

We responded timely to the call of duty and remain available to assist with the immediate Capitol Complex Security Assessment of General Honore, participate in any upcoming Joint Commission, and of course to answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name. It is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

1. ***A detailed “tick-tock” timeline of your agency’s or department’s actions prior to the January 6, 2021, Joint Session of Congress, through the attack, and until the Capitol Complex was declared secure.***

Please see attached timeline.

2. ***What intelligence about potential demonstrations or violence on January 6, 2021 was generated or received by your agency or department in advance of the Capitol attack? Please also provide an accounting on how and when intelligence was disseminated by or to your agency or department; who the intelligence was shared with, both internally and externally; and what actions were taken in response to the intelligence. Please provide copies of all documents supporting these statements.***

The District’s Fusion Center and MPD identified open source information indicating that violence was possible, and indeed likely, on January 6, 2021. After several notable politicians and political influencers identified January 6 as a significant date and encouraged supporters to come to the District to demonstrate, the Fusion Center observed an increase in online mentions highlighting that date. A number of known extremist groups with a history of carrying out criminal activity and violence in the District began publicizing their intent to come to DC on the 6th.

In the weeks leading up to January 6, MPD’s Intelligence Branch coordinated with the management and/or security directors of the major hotel chains and bus parking lots in the National Capital Region (NCR) to monitor hotel and bus parking reservation rates to assist in projecting attendance for the events.

Violent activity attributable to right-wing accelerationist groups was observed during events held in the District on November 14, 2020, and December 12, 2020, and a number of the same organizations advised they would return on January 6. Of note, many previously unassociated extremist organizations appeared to be coordinating and encouraging increasingly violent rhetoric targeted at carrying out activity on January 6. This type of anomalous collaboration, or potential for collaboration, led the District’s Fusion Center to assess while there was intent to disrupt the proceedings relating to the certification of the Electoral College votes, there were no specific or credible threats to target or gain access to the US Capitol.

MPD and HSEMA coordinated regularly with their law enforcement partners, including the USCP, USPP, USSS, FBI, Federal Protective Service, Metro Transit Police, Supreme Court Police, and FEMS, to share information regarding potential demonstrations or violence leading up to January 6. This included multiple planning conference calls where each agency had the opportunity to provide any information or intelligence regarding potential demonstrations and their agencies’ posture. Additionally, MPD’s Intelligence Branch and the District’s Fusion Center coordinated with the other fusion centers located in the National Capital Region, the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, and the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center to share information and intelligence regarding January 6, 2021.

Based on the assessment that there was an intent to disrupt the Congressional proceedings for acceptance of the Electoral College votes, the DC Fusion Center provided a verbal briefing of its findings along with requests to support intelligence gaps, on a video conference with 250 representatives the National Network of Fusion Centers on January 4. On that same date, the

DC Fusion Center provided briefings to our local, state, and national law enforcement agency partners, DC hospitals and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The DC Fusion Center began operating in an enhanced posture on January 2 and was fully activated on January 4. Analysts operated split shifts from 0600 – 2400 from January 4 through January 7. These shifts included regular brief outs to the EOC, hourly internal check-ins to brief each other on the changing threat environment, conducting open source collection for threats against the District, fielding information requests from stakeholders, hosting ongoing information sharing between 168 law enforcement sensitive partners, managing mis/disinformation, responding to requests for information (RFIs) and requests for requests for analysis (RFAs) pertaining to threats against January 6, as well as supporting the JOCC, and deploying analysts to the USCP to assist with their efforts.

Based on the available information and intelligence, MPD implemented a full departmental activation with all officers working 12-hour shifts, no days off, and all Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) trained members deployed. MPD activated its high-volume arrest, transportation, and processing center in the event that large numbers of arrests were made. MPD also requested the assistance of the D.C. National Guard, Arlington County Police Department, Prince George's County Police Department, and Montgomery County Police Department for both January 5 and January 6. Additionally, MPD had discussions with the Maryland State Police and the Virginia State Police regarding their ability to provide assistance to MPD on January 5 and January 6 in the event MPD required additional assistance above what was already being staged in the city.

Although it has been reported that the FBI shared intelligence with area law enforcement about possible violence, it is important to understand the context of this communication. Around 7:30 p.m. on January 5, 2021, the FBI emailed its Joint Terrorism Task Force distribution list an FBI Situation Information Report. The document was labeled with a warning that cautioned it did not contain vetted or actionable intelligence. If this email had contained urgent or actionable intelligence, traditionally this email would have been followed by a call or briefing, this did not occur in this instance.

- 3. What protocols does your agency or department follow for a planned demonstration at the Capitol? Were any deviations made from those standard protocols before, on, or shortly after January 6, 2021, including whether certain equipment and rules of engagement should be used, a perimeter should be established, or if additional personnel should be on hand? If so, please describe who approved such deviations and when. Please provide copies of all such protocols, as well as documents supporting deviations from those protocols.***

The Government of the District of Columbia does not have protocols specific to planned demonstrations at the US Capitol. Indeed, MPD is prohibited from entering the Capitol or its Grounds to patrol, make arrests, or serve warrants without the consent or request of the Capitol Police Board (2 U.S. Code § 1961). However, when large demonstrations occur on federal lands, MPD coordinates with the other law enforcement agencies and develops a response plan for areas under MPD's primary jurisdiction.

- 4. Within the past ten years, has your agency or department participated in any planning, including but not limited to joint training exercises, threat assessments, or tabletop exercises, relating to large-scale demonstrations or violence at the Capitol? If yes, please describe the date, scope, participants, and results of the planning, including any recommendations made. Please provide all supporting documents, including all reports, summaries, and analyses.***

Yes. Over the past ten years MPD and HSEMA have participated in tabletop exercises that involved incidents that could occur at the U.S. Capitol. These tabletop exercises were held in preparation with National Special Security Events (NSSE) that occur on USCP jurisdiction, including Presidential Inaugurations, State of the Union Addresses, and Presidential Addresses to Joint Sessions of Congress. The United States Secret Service and USCP led these exercises and would have additional information related to the specific scenarios discussed, participants, and any recommendations that may have been made.

- 5. What, if any, planning for large-scale demonstrations or potential violence, including but not limited to joint training exercises, threat assessments, and intelligence sharing, occurred in advance of January 6, 2021? Where planning occurred, please describe when it occurred, what Federal, state, or local entities or task forces were involved, and all security recommendations made. Please also provide all supporting documents.***

Between October and December 2020, the DC Fusion Center sponsored three structured analytic technique (SAT) driven exercises for internal and external stakeholders. The purpose of these exercises was to explore and identify potential triggers for violence targeting the US Capitol and other federal facilities following the 2020 Presidential Election. As a matter of routine operations, the Fusion Center conducts weekly internal exercises to challenge traditional analytical thinking and posit alternative scenarios that may influence our operations.

Prior to the demonstrations that occurred on January 5 and January 6, MPD hosted at least two First Amendment planning calls to discuss the posture of agencies impacted by the demonstrations and to share any information or intelligence each agency had. Additionally, MPD regularly hosts a law enforcement partners call every two weeks, where upcoming demonstrations and special events are discussed. The demonstrations scheduled for January 5 and January 6 were discussed on at least two of these calls. The National Park Service Permits Office also hosted several permitting calls with the organizers of the demonstrations held on January 5 and January 6, which MPD participated in.

- 6. Did your agency or department stand up an operations center for the January 6, 2021 Joint Session of Congress? If yes, when was it activated, for what purposes, and what agencies and departments participated? If not, did your agency or department participate in an operations center led by another agency? What was the chain of command should a catastrophic event occur? Were plans discussed with your agency or department on the possibility of handling arrests of multiple individuals, including the transportation, housing, and processing of arrestees?***

In response to the First Amendment demonstrations planned for January 6, the District of Columbia activated several aspects of its response infrastructure, including the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC), the DC Fusion Center which operates as part of HSEMA, and the Joint Operations Command Center (JOCC), which

operates as part of MPD.

The District's EOC and JIC were activated on Monday, January 4, to provide a common operating picture, resource support, operational coordination, situation awareness and public information. The EOC is responsible for providing consequence management recommendations to Mayor Bowser as well as providing her and her senior leadership team situational awareness from a whole of community perspective; while the JIC is responsible for coordinating public information related to EOC activities. As part of the EOC activation, the DC Fusion Center was fully activated, with 24 analysts working over the course of the day. One Fusion Center analyst was deployed to the USCP intelligence center.

MPD activated JOCC on January 5 and January 6, 2021. The purpose of this activation was to enhance coordination and response between MPD, and the other agencies involved in the security response for the demonstrations scheduled to occur on National Park Service jurisdiction both days. When MPD responded to the Capitol on January 6, an MPD Assistant Chief and Commander responded to the USCP Command Center to establish direct communications with the USCP Command Staff for a coordinated response to the insurrection.

MPD utilizes the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System (ICS) for command and control of any incident. The Chief of Police oversees the overall response of the police department, while the Incident Commander directs the tactical level response to an incident.

MPD also activated its high-volume arrest processing center and transportation plan in the event of a large number of arrests on January 5 or January 6, 2021.

7. *What role did your agency or department play during the January 6 attack? Please include an accounting of the number of personnel on duty on January 6 in connection with the Joint Session of Congress, including where these personnel were located. Please also explain how these figures changed throughout the day.*

During the height of the incident, approximately 850 MPD members were at the Capitol, and by dawn on January 7, an additional estimate of 250 had been in the area to directly support the response and aftermath. These officers assisted on the outside and inside of the Capitol building to regain control and stop the insurrection at the Capitol. MPD was able to direct these resources to the Capitol because the Department was prepared for a significant event on January 6. Based on previous experiences with First Amendment assemblies with these groups in November and December 2020, MPD was concerned that there may be violence on city streets after the event. As a result, all leave and days off were canceled the week of January 4th, and all members were working 12-hour shifts.

In addition to MPD's direct efforts at the US Capitol, at the request of USCP, HSEMA facilitated an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request with Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia, which provided additional law enforcement personnel. The EOC provided operational coordination, administrative support, and resources to the incoming EMAC resources on January 6 and 7, 2021.

Through the EOC, HSEMA Director Rodriguez began coordinating directly with the executive command staff at the USCP Command Center to coordinate the DCNG response. At 2:55PM

and 8:00PM EOC Staff participated in calls hosted by FEMA Region III with the state emergency management directors of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to provide updates on the situation at the Capitol, confirm the receipt of the EMAC requests, and evaluate options for additional support. EOC staff also participated in a call at 3:45PM with neighboring local jurisdictions hosted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). During this call, per a request from USCP, HSEMA requested and received updates from each participating jurisdiction on their support to the USCP.

As with standard practice, the EOC initiated consequence management coordination calls with chief operating officers/senior emergency managers from partners within the region to brief them on the situation, share information, fill unmet needs, and adjust the District's operating posture. These calls occurred at 3:30PM and 9:30PM and follow up calls occurred at 4:30PM and 10:30PM respectively.

On January 6, the EOC/JIC also sent a series of updates through the District's public notification platform, AlertDC, and issued two Wireless Emergency Alert messages to notify the community of Mayor Bowser's curfew and later as a reminder that the curfew was in effect.

8. *Does your agency or department have any mutual aid agreements with other law enforcement entities in the National Capital Region? If yes, please list those entities and provide all supporting documentation.*

Yes. The District of Columbia has provided support for National Special Security Events for several decades. As a result, the District is a participating jurisdiction in several mutual aid agreements including:

1. The National Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). HSEMA is the District's authorized coordinating agency.
2. The National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement, which is coordinated by MWCOG.
3. The Police Mutual Aid Operations Plan, which is coordinated by MWCOG. MPD is the participating agency.

9. *Did your agency or department receive requests for assistance? If yes, please describe the nature of the request, who made it and when, what assistance your agency or department provided, when it provided such assistance, who made the decision to provide such assistance, and how and when the assistance decision was conveyed to the requestor. Please provide all supporting documentation.*

Yes. MPD officers responded to the request for assistance from then USCP Chief Steven Sund shortly before 1 pm on January 6, 2021. Chief Sund requested via telephone that MPD send Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) trained members to protect the Capitol, and he was immediately advised that MPD would send officers to assist. Within minutes of Chief Sund's request, MPD officers were on Capitol grounds assisting USCP.

In addition, due to then-Chief Sund's request, the EOC established the EMAC request to Maryland and Virginia, as described in the response to Question 7.

- 10. *If your agency or department protects Federal facilities and/or individuals, what advanced training, including training with other law enforcement partners, threat assessments, and perimeter security assessments are typically done in advance of large-scale special events or protest activities? What modifications are typically made to perimeter security for Federal properties in advance of these kinds of events?***

The District of Columbia Government is charged with the preservation of the peace and protection of all persons and property within the purview of the local government. DC does not develop specific plans for federal facilities or individuals. Those plans are developed by the federal law enforcement agencies that have the primary jurisdiction to protect federal properties and individuals. MPD coordinates with federal law enforcement agencies and provides support, if requested, during large scale special events under federal jurisdiction.

- 11. *If your agency or department leads law enforcement or intelligence task forces, is the U.S. Capitol Police a participant? If so, please list those task forces.***

Other than the efforts described in the previous responses, the District of Columbia did not lead any other law enforcement or intelligence task forces.

- 12. *What directives or orders were given to frontline officers from your agency or department and how were those communicated? Did your agency or department experience any radio outages or difficulty communicating? Please provide all recordings and documentation of these directives and describe your agency's or department's policy for retaining records after a large-scale incident.***

The MPD Incident Commander gave direction to MPD officers to respond to the US Capitol and assist Capitol Police in defending the Capitol. Numerous directives were issued over the MPD radio system and verbally on the ground by MPD officials. MPD did not experience any radio outages. All of these directives were issued towards MPD's overall goals:

1. Stop rioters from entering the Capitol building and remove those that were already inside,
2. Secure a perimeter, so that the Capitol could be cleared for lawmakers,
3. Enable Congress to resume their sessions to demonstrate to our country and the world that our democracy and process for the orderly transition of power was still intact, and
4. Lastly, only once the third objective had been accomplished, begin making arrests of anyone violating the law.

- 13. *Does your agency or department monitor and track potential demonstration activity on open source, public, or private social media platforms? What information did your agency or department obtain regarding how social media was used to organize and promote events leading to the Capitol attack? Did any social media company proactively communicate to your agency or department about potential suspicious or criminal conduct identified on its platform? If yes, please describe which company, the nature of the conduct, and all actions taken in response to the information. Please provide all reports, summaries, or analyses regarding social media developed by your agency or department.***

MPD and the District's Fusion Center only monitor open source, public social media platforms for potential First Amendment demonstration activity. MPD captures this information in the form of a Daily Demonstration Report that is distributed internally within MPD as well as to a

list of external law enforcement partners every business day. The District is are not aware of any social media company proactively communicating or attempting to communicate with the District regarding suspicious or criminal activity identified on its platform.

14. *Did your agency or department alter or change its planning for the Joint Session of Congress because of statements or input from any local, state, or Federal elected official? If so, please describe those changes and provide all relevant documentation.*

The District did not alter or change its planning.

15. *What coordination occurred between your agency or department and the D.C. Mayor's office or private businesses in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia in advance of January 6, 2021?*

The District's Interfaith Preparedness & Advisory Group (IPAG) hosted a call on January 4, 2021 at 1PM for businesses and faith-based organizations to provide an update on preparations and answer questions from these organizations. IPAG is a joint effort between HSEMA, MPD, and the Mayor's Office of Religious Affairs (MORA). IPAG's mission is to provide a platform for faith-based organizations (FBOs) to exchange information collectively and with professions concerning vulnerabilities, best practices, and preparedness measures related to their congregations and facilities. Private businesses and local industry organizations were invited to this call as well, through HSEMA's Business Emergency Management Operations Center (BEMOC).

Following the IPAG call, BEMOC sent a situational update through its email list to businesses and organizations on January 4, 2021 at 3 p.m. to assist the private sector in preparations for January 6. This information was consolidated from multiple District agencies, and included a reminder of District firearm restrictions; points of contact for reporting building damages or requesting board-up assistance; parking restrictions; and details on a suspension of construction work in public space that was issued previously by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

16. *Has your agency or department begun any investigation related to the events of January 6? If so, please describe who is leading the investigation, the scope of the investigation, and all investigative steps taken to-date.*

MPD's Investigative Services Bureau is collaborating with the FBI's Investigative Taskforce in investigating the crimes committed during the Insurrection at the Capitol. In addition, MPD's Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) is working with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia and the U.S. Capitol Police to investigate the officer-involved shooting by the U.S. Capitol Police Officer. In addition, IAB is conducting the routine investigation into any force used by MPD officers on January 6 to stop the assault and regain control of the U.S. Capitol.



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Muriel Bowser
Mayor
Dr. Christopher Rodriguez
Director

This memorandum is intended to memorialize the timeline of preparations for, and the response to, the large-scale demonstrations in Washington, DC on January 5-6, 2021. This information was collected from various District agencies.

Monday, December 14, 2020

- 12PM: MPD holds Law Enforcement Briefing with Metro Transit Police, USSS, FBI, USPP, HSEMA/NTIC, US Postal Inspectors.

Sunday, December 19, 2020

- President Trump tweets about election results and mentions: “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!”

Monday, December 28, 2020

- 12PM: MPD holds bi-monthly Law Enforcement Partners Briefing with USSS, FBI, USPP, HSEMA/NTIC, and US Postal Inspectors.

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

- 10AM: MPD holds a First Amendment Coordination Call with Partners (FBI, USCP, Supreme Court Police, United States Park Police, Metro Transit Police, HSEMA, USSS, DCFEMS)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

- Mayor Bowser convenes public safety and senior staff for a briefing on pending applications before the National Park Service for “Public Gathering Permits.”
- Mayor Bowser sends letter to DC National Guard (DCNG) Major General requesting DCNG support for Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) for downtown DC. The letter cites concern about the potential for violence, given previous large-scale demonstrations in the District of Columbia after the Presidential Election.

- MPD issues press release on street closures and parking restrictions (traffic box) for January 5-7, 2021, in downtown DC during potential First Amendment activities. The press release highlights that no one shall bring illegal weapons into the District because it violates District law. MPD hangs signs across the District asserting that no one illegal firearms are allowed in the city. Media is invited to watch MPD hang the signs.
- 8:30AM: HSEMA convenes the Chief Operations Officers/Senior Emergency Managers Group from all District agencies to plan and prepare for the demonstrations.
- 9AM: MPD participates in the National Park Service call on Freedom Plaza demonstration.
- 11AM: MPD participates in the National Park Service call on Ellipse demonstration.
- 12PM: DC fusion center sets up a call with US Capitol Police (USCP) and provides a threat brief indicating the potential for violence in the city during January 5-6.

Friday, January 1, 2021

- NPS grants a “Public Gathering Permit” on the Ellipse to Women For America First on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, with 5,000 as an anticipated number of participants. Permit allows move in beginning on January 2, 2021, and for the event date, gates opening at 7:00 am and the program occurring between 9:00am to 3:30pm. Since June 2020, the NPS has granted “Public Gathering Permits” despite DC restrictions on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- 8:10PM: Chief Contee speaks with USCP Chief Sund.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

- Mayor Bowser issues press release urging “Washingtonians and those who live in the region to stay out of the downtown area on Tuesday and Wednesday and not to engage with demonstrators who come to our city seeking confrontation.”
- 12PM: MPD holds internal CDU Briefing in preparation for First Amendment Demonstrations.

Monday, January 4, 2021

- Mayor Bowser provides situational update to the public and members of the media and reiterates request for residents to avoid the area.
- HSEMA stands up the District’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- 8AM: MPD participates in the National Park Service call on Rally to Revival demonstration.

- 9AM: MPD participates in the National Park Service call on Freedom Plaza demonstration.
- 9AM: Director Rodriguez and Chief Contee brief the Council of the District of Columbia in closed session on DC government preparations for the January 5-6 protests.
- 10:40AM: Chief Contee receives verbal confirmation from SecArmy via a conference call that DCNG members will be provided for traffic posts and crowd management. Also on the call: DC National Guard Commanding General and the Chief of Staff of the Army. SecArmy stated that the DCNG members may only be re-tasked or moved with his permission and under his authority. He also stated that NG members could not be posted east of 9th Street.
- 11AM: MPD participates in the National Park Service call on Ellipse demonstration. 11:30AM: DC fusion center meets with MPD to discuss threat assessment and operational posture for the 5th and 6th.
- 12:30PM: DC fusion center provides threat briefing to the US Department of Health and Human Services, which requested information on the protests on the 5th and 6th.
- 1PM: DC fusion center conducts meeting with regional and state fusion centers in Virginia and Maryland to discuss the District's readiness and outreach to the National Network of Fusion Centers.
- 1:30PM: DC fusion center convenes the National Network of Fusion Centers for an emergency call to discuss the potential for violence in Washington, DC on the 5th and 6th. DC fusion center requests enhanced intelligence sharing and possibly mutual aid.
- 2:30PM: DC fusion center conducts coordinating call with the US Department of Homeland Security's Intelligence and Analysis liaison.
- 3PM: MPD holds a First Amendment Coordination Call with Partners (FBI, USCP, Supreme Court Police, United States Park Police, Metro Transit Police, HSEMA, USSS, DCFEMS)
- 3PM: DC City Administrator Donahue briefs regional counterparts on mutual assistance need and potential Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests from the District of Columbia. This puts state and local law enforcement in the region on alert to support MPD.
- 3:30PM: Chief Contee participates in a coordination call led by the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia; included heads of the Washington Field Offices of the FBI and ATF.
- 3:30PM: DC fusion center provides threat briefing, on behalf of DC Health, to the DC Healthcare Coalition and discusses potential impacts from violence to the District's healthcare system.
- 4PM: DC fusion center conducts a coordination call with USCP.
- 5PM: HSEMA convenes the Consequence Management Team (CMT)—a group of all District department Directors—to discuss and move towards finalizing planning and preparation for the demonstrations.
- National Park Service grants a "Public Gathering Permit" on Freedom Plaza to Rally for Revival on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, with 5,000 as an anticipated number of participants. Permit is for 5:00 AM to 11:59 PM with program occurring between 1:00pm and 8:30pm.
- Evening of January 4, through media inquiries, Mayor's Chief of Staff Falcicchio learns that federal law enforcement from CBP and Bureau of Prisons have been activated for the demonstrations without notification to District Government. It is not clear what mission they will serve or where they will be deployed.

- National Park Service increases permit from 5,000 participants to 30,000 participants for January 6th Women For America First event on the Ellipse.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

- Mayor Bowser is cc'd on a letter from Senator Murphy (D-CT) to Acting AG Rosen, SecArmy McCarthy, A/SecDef Miller that "calls on officials to adhere to new law requiring all Armed Forces and federal law enforcement officers to visibly identify" This is based on a new law authored by Murphy and Senate Minority Leader Schumer and passed as the National Defense Authorization Act.
- Mayor Bowser sends letter to AG, A/SecDef, and ArmySec asserting that federal law enforcement deployments on city-owned streets—without notification or coordination—can cause confusion and threaten national security, and per new federal law, must be identifiable when responding to civil disturbance.
- 12PM: Chief Contee participates in a law enforcement partners' inauguration briefing hosted by US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund. The demonstrations were discussed as well.
- 4:30PM: DC fusion center initiates intelligence coordination calls with law enforcement partners.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

- 9AM: DC fusion center leads intelligence coordinating call with fusion centers in Maryland and Virginia; MPD; US Park Police; USCP; and the US Department of Homeland Security.
- 12:58PM: USCP requests MPD assistance at the US Capitol. MPD immediately authorizes deployment of two platoons to the west front of the US Capitol and puts third platoon on standby at Third Street SW and Maryland Avenue SW.
- 1:01PM: USCP requests FEMS assistance at the US Capitol.
- 1:03PM: MPD advises USCP they have arrived on the scene.
- 1:16PM: Contee calls Mayor Bowser to provide situational update.
- 1:18PM: FEMS arrives at US Capitol.
- 1:29PM: Contee calls Donahue to provide situational update from US Capitol.
- 1:30PM: FEMS Engine 18 establishes Incident Command at US Capitol.
- 1:35PM: Mayor Bowser joins call with Contee and Donahue and approves citywide curfew.
- 1:49PM: MPD declares a riot at the US Capitol. Following this declaration, Mayor Bowser speaks with SecArmy.
- 1:56PM: Media reports large crowds aggressively probing barricade lines on east side of US Capitol.
- 1:59PM: FEMS representative arrives at US Capitol Police Headquarters.
- 2:03PM: Media reports barricade has been breached.

- 2:10PM: Director Rodriguez calls USCP Chief Sund asking what support is needed immediately; Sund replies he needs anything that can be provided. With MPD and FEMS already at the Capitol under the Mayor's authority, Rodriguez offers to set up a call with DCNG and MPD to outline USCP's specific needs for DCNG support. This can only be approved by SecArmy and A/SecDef, and DCNG includes staff of SecArmy on the call.
- 2:22PM: Rodriguez convenes a call for USCP with MPD, FEMS, DCNG, and staff of SecArmy to ensure coordination; other DC government officials listen in, including Mayor Bowser. On the call, USCP requests immediate DCNG support from General Walker and staff of SecArmy. Contee directly asks Sund if he is requesting DCNG at the US Capitol. Sund says yes. In response, staff of SecArmy says they are not comfortable sending DCNG to the Capitol to confront peaceful protestors without a comprehensive plan. MPD has already been on scene at the US Capitol for over an hour.
- 2:25PM: On behalf of USCP, the District EOC issues EMAC requests to Virginia and Maryland for 200 State Troopers from each state (400 total).
- 2:28PM: Curfew announced effective 6 pm to 6 am citywide.
- 2:31PM: Mayor's Office contacts the White House Executive Office of the President and staff-level conversations commence.
- 2:39PM: Falcicchio calls counterparts in Maryland and Virginia to confirm formal requests have been made, and both confirm Governors are approving resources to DC.
- 2:40PM: Mayor Bowser declares a State of Emergency.
- 2:53PM: EOC convenes a call with Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia emergency management officials, as well as FEMA Region III, to discuss resource needs for USCP.
- 2:54PM: HSEMA issues citywide Wireless Emergency Alert declaring a citywide curfew will be in effect from 6PM to 7AM the next day.
- 2:54PM: Dozens of House members and staff are escorted from the floor.
- 2:56PM: Mayor Bowser speaks with Mark Meadows, Chief of Staff to President Trump.
- 2:59PM: HSEMA confirms Virginia State Police is in contact with USCP.
- 3:05PM: New Jersey counterpart contacts Falcicchio offering resources.
- 3:10PM: EOC releases additional EMAC request to New Jersey for 75 State Troopers.
- 3:26PM: Mayor Bowser speaks with Secretary of the Army, who confirms USCP request for DCNG support has been approved.
- 3:30PM: Mayor Bowser calls Speaker Pelosi and House leaders.
- 3:30PM: HSEMA convenes the Chief Operations Officers/Senior Emergency Managers from all District agencies to discuss consequence management.
- 3:35PM: Mayor Bowser and Chief Contee brief the Council.
- 4:30PM: HSEMA convenes the CMT.
- 4:31PM: Meadows calls to confirm National Guard approval.
- 4:45PM: Mayor Bowser holds news conference with Contee, McCarthy, Rodriguez and Donnelly.
- 6PM: USCP begin fully searching each room inside of the Capitol and sweeping with K-9s.

- 6:29PM: MPD was notified that the US Capitol has been secured with no rioters visible inside.
- 7:15PM: MPD begins arresting individuals breaking the Mayor's curfew order.
- 10:49PM: Mayor Bowser holds news conference with Contee, Rodriguez and Donnelly.

Thursday, January 7, 2021

- Mayor Bowser provides situational update with Contee, McCarthy, Mitchell, Rodriguez and Donnelly.

Friday, January 8, 2021

- On behalf of Mayor Bowser, Director Rodriguez requests an extension of DCNG support for MPD and FEMS through January 25, 2021.

Respectfully,



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