

# 2014 Command and Control Exercise

In 2014, the District of Columbia conducted a terrorism exercise series that included a tabletop and full scale exercise. The 2014 Command and Control Exercise, a multi-location, full-scale emergency preparedness exercise took place on October 19 and 20.

The exercise was designed to establish a learning environment for players to exercise emergency response plans, policies, procedures, and identified core capabilities as they pertain to multiple simultaneous domestic terrorist attacks. An exercise such as this is a complex event that requires detailed planning. To ensure an effective exercise, subject matter experts and local representatives from numerous agencies took part in the planning process and participated in exercise conduct and evaluation. The storyline required response and coordination various District agencies. Actors and special effects were used during the Full-Scale Exercise to enhance the scenario realism. Exercise play went on for over seven hours at which point the Exercise Director determined that the exercise objectives have been met at each venue.

The purpose of this full-scale exercise was to enhance the District's preparedness and safety by testing new procedures, validating current plans and evaluating public safety agency's capabilities to respond to and recover from a terrorist attack scenario involving multiple locations throughout the District of Columbia.

Specifically, the exercise was designed to test the following public safety agency capabilities selected by the Exercise Planning Team:

- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Interdiction and Disruption
- Critical Transportation
- Fatality Management
- Mass Care Services
- On-scene Security and Protection
- Operational Communications
- Public Health and Medical Services

