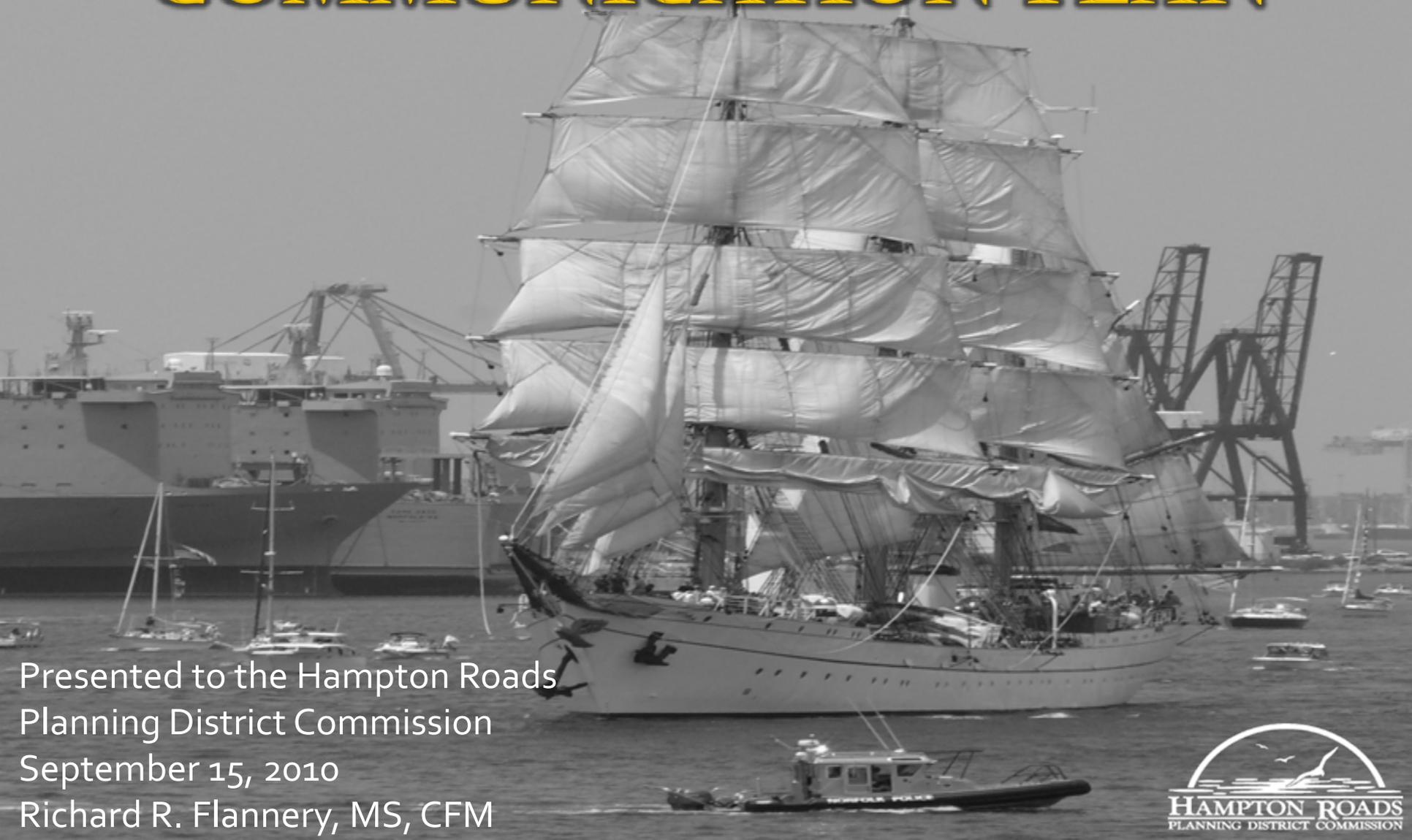


NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN



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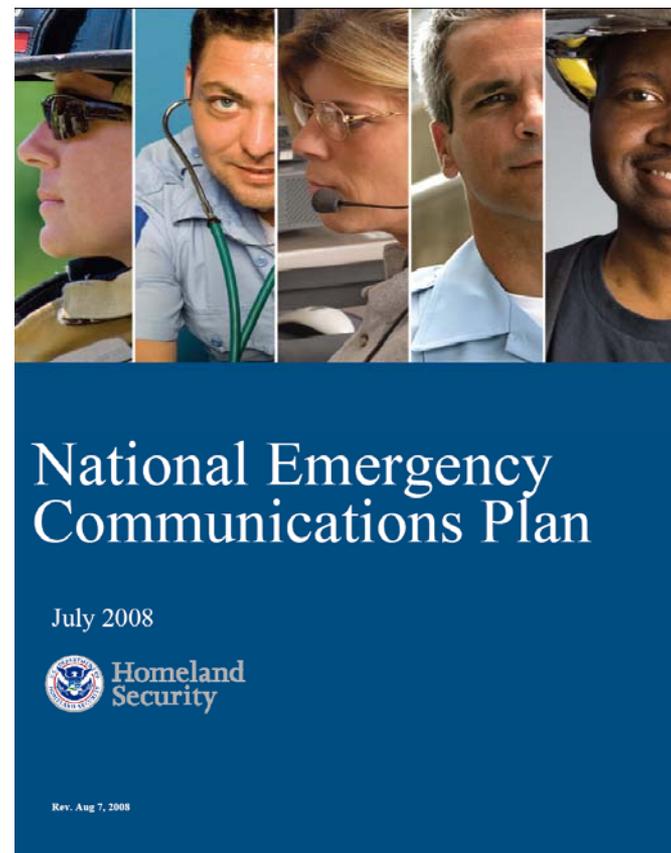


Homeland
Security

- Supports the Secretary of Homeland Security in developing, implementing, and coordinating interoperable and operable communications for the emergency response community at all levels of government.
- Mission:
 - Support and promote the ability of emergency responders and government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters, and work to ensure, accelerate, and attain interoperable and operable emergency communications nationwide

The National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)

- Identifies the capabilities needed by emergency responders
- Recommends both short- and long-term solutions
- Sets goals and timeframes for the deployment of interoperable emergency communications systems
- Sets dates by which Federal agencies and State, local, and tribal governments expect to achieve a baseline level of national interoperable communications



The National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)



- Goal 1: *"By 2010, 90 percent of all high-risk urban areas designated within the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies."*
- HR designated high-risk urban area in 2007.

Event Operations



- Shore and maritime operations under a single Unified Command structure.
- Located at two geographically advantageous locations:
 - Shore Based: Downtown Norfolk
 - Maritime Based: US Coast Guard Cutter Kennebec (WLIC-802)
- Public safety representatives from multiple Federal, State, and local public safety agencies and disciplines established and successfully executed the event.
- One representative from the US Coast Guard (USCG) and one from the Norfolk Police Department were designated as Operations Section Chiefs.

Participants



Jurisdiction	Agency	Discipline
City of Chesapeake	Chesapeake Police Department *	Law Enforcement
City of Hampton	Hampton Fire-Rescue	Fire
City of Newport News	Newport News Police Department *	Law Enforcement
	Newport News Fire Department *	Fire
City of Norfolk	Norfolk Police Department *†	Law Enforcement
	Norfolk FireRescue *†	Fire/Medical
City of Portsmouth	Portsmouth Police Department *	Law Enforcement
	Portsmouth Fire Department *	Fire
City of Suffolk	Suffolk Police Department *	Law Enforcement
City of Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach Fire Department	Fire
Commonwealth of Virginia	Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)*	Law Enforcement
	Virginia Maritime Resource Commission (VMRC) *	Law Enforcement
	Virginia Port Authority Maritime Incident Response Team (MIRT) *†	Fire
Federal	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Law Enforcement
	Naval Security Personnel	Security
	US Coast Guard *†	Law Enforcement
	US Coast Guard Auxiliary *	Volunteer/Support
	US Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) *	Law Enforcement
Fest Events	Fest Events Security *†	Support
Hampton Roads ORION	Hampton Roads ORION Steering Committee	Communications
James City County	James City County Police Department *	Law Enforcement
Town of Smithfield	Smithfield Police Department *	Law Enforcement

Key Findings



- Both Unified Command and field personnel collaborated well
- Successfully leveraged the legacy relationships established between individuals, jurisdictions, and agencies who have staffed previous Harborfest events
- Successfully utilized the region's new ORION P25 700/800 MHz regional overlay radio system and WebEOC®

Key Findings



- Excellent multi-agency collaborations between numerous local, state, and federal public safety organizations
 - **“A notable achievement on an event of this complexity”**
- DHS Reviewers were impressed with:
 - Regional cooperation
 - WebEOC and ORION network
 - Funded with UASI
 - Plain language used for entire event

Summary

- Participating jurisdictions and agencies provided interoperable communications
 - Demonstrated communications planning
 - Communications systems were utilized with few challenges
 - Operational leadership was able to manage resources and make timely decisions
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- **DHS OEC determined that the Norfolk Urban Area successfully demonstrated response-level emergency communications**



Questions?

