

Georgia State Fire and Rescue Response Plan Mobilization
Exercise “2012”

FIREFIGHTER’S APPRECIATION DAY 2012

0600-1500 hours Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Operational period:

1. Overview:

The GMAG has been asked to assist with the staging and convoy preparations for Firefighter Appreciation Day activities occurring on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Subsequent staging and convoy activities, beginning early on February 7, 2012, will be in concert with the assembly of 80+ pieces of fire and rescue equipment at Turner Field, Green or Gold Lot Staging, in downtown Atlanta with subsequent convoy drop points around the State Capitol. Please note the following items in your plans to accommodate the units which will be participating. It is anticipated that approximately 80+ vehicles will be arriving at Gold Lot Staging, located just east of I-75 on Capitol Avenue, between Fulton Street and Georgia Ave. (map #1). A Staging Area Manager [STAM] will be established by 0800 hours, Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

2. Notes:

- ***Inbound Convoys to Gold Lot Staging:*** Units will need to be staged in Gold Lot Staging at staggered time frames:

North 75th – South 85th (with West 20th attached)–Central–by 0830 hours

South 75th (with GPSTC attached) - East 20th (with North 85th attached)-
By 0845 hours

If GPSTC Staging and convoy are established they will need to depart for Atlanta before 0600 hours, February 7, 2012. They have been attached to the South 75th Branch.

Units will need to remain in convoy array when checking in at Gold Lot Staging. Units who self-deploy from base stations or local facilities, with no assignment, will be collected at Gold Lot Staging into a task force designated “Maverick”. “Maverick” units will be assigned to the tail of the convoy and may not be able to park close to the Capitol.

- **Gold Lot Staging to Capitol Staging: Convoy will depart Gold Lot staging by 0945 hours** so as to allow at the least 55+ units in the convoy to be staged and secured at the Capitol by 1000 hours. Excess units will remain at Gold Lot Staging with the dismounted crews being bussed in to the Capitol South Wing by 1015 hours if needed. **Capitol proceedings will begin promptly at 1030 hours!**

Assigned staging at Capitol staging is as follows:

East 20th (with North 85th attached): South curb line, South Capitol Square, facing east

South 75th: West curb line, Washington Avenue, facing south from MLK, Jr Drive to Memorial Drive

South 85th: (with West 20th attached): parallel to South 75th on Washington Ave. facing south between MLK, Jr and Memorial Drive

North 75th: North curb line on MLK, Jr Drive facing west

Central: Parallel; to North 75th on MLK, Jr. Drive facing west (map#2)

- **NOTE: DUE TO THE HEIGHTENED NATIONAL ALERT - NO AUDIBLE DEVICES WILL BE SOUNDED DURING CONVOY ACTIVITIES. ONLY YELLOW WARNING FLASHERS AND HEADLIGHTS ARE AUTHORIZED.**
- A luncheon, sponsored by the GFBF, will begin at approximately 1230 hours and last approximately 1 ½ hours. The luncheon will take place in the Georgia State Student Center, a 10-minute walk north, on Courtland Street, from the State Capitol.
- ***Crews will need to be back on-board their respective units, engines running, by 1345 hours for return to the Staging Area to be demobilized.*** Units not manned will be left behind or towed from Capitol Staging to Gold Lot Staging at owner's expense.
- Staging signage should be a circled "S" with an arrow pointing to check-in and staging name under the "S". Suggest at least a 24"x24" sign at least 8' above grade, the "S" in contrast with the background.
- Multiple radio frequencies are anticipated during convoy movement. It is strongly recommended that the first and last units of any convoy be on the same frequency using either statewide mutual aid frequencies (154.280 MHz or ITAC 1 - 800 MHz) or two units from the same department on their frequency. Exchange of cellular phone numbers between convoy Task Force Leaders

(TFLD) and Strike Team Leaders (STLR) should be accomplished with Gold Lot Staging Communication's Unit not later than 0930 hours.

- Convoys will need to observe all applicable traffic laws. Crews will be seated with seat belt use mandatory, doors locked and headlights on low beam.

THE USE OF EMERGENCY WARNING DEVICES TO "PART" TRAFFIC IS NOT AUTHORIZED--SO START EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH!!! The procession from Gold Lot Staging to the Capitol will be **SILENT**,

USING VISUAL WARNING DEVICES ONLY.

- Maps and informational packets will be available via the websites of GMAG, GSFA, GAFC, SFM, GFBB and GEMA and at Gold Lot Staging area. A record of units passing through Branch Staging must be kept so as to insure accurate tracking. The roster of units checked in from Home Bases will be collected at Gold Lot Staging for after action reports which have been requested by local, State and Federal officials. Units not checked in cannot be verified as having participated in the day's events. Unit logs (214's on GMAG.org) will be completed by all single resources, task forces and strike teams passing through Gold Lot Staging.
- All personnel should bring sufficient drinking water, snacks and provisions for themselves as these items may not be readily available. The Metropolitan Firefighter's Association Canteen should be operational. Portal-Potties will be provided at Gold Lot Staging only, so make the necessary arrangements before leaving home bases. Arrangements are being made to secure vehicles should mechanical breakdowns occur at Staging. Tuesday, February 7, 2012, by 1700 hours all participating units are requested to report their time of arrival at their home destination to their respective TFLD's/STLD or County EMA Director.

Lets all have a safe, enjoyable and successful MOBEX-2012