

## John A. Donnelly, Sr.

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Fire and EMS Chief John A. Donnelly, Sr. was nominated by Mayor Muriel Bowser on September 4, 2020 to serve as the next Fire and Emergency Medical Services Chief and to lead the 2,100 member DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. He was confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia on December 15, 2020.

Fire and EMS Chief John A. Donnelly, Sr. started his career with DC Fire and EMS in 1992 at Truck 16. Over the course of his career he has served at Rescue Squad 3, Tower 3, Battalion Fire Chief 2; as the Division Commander of Special Operations, Homeland Security, and Apparatus Division; and as a member of the Command Staff in Special Projects and Executive Officer Roles.

In 2018, Chief Donnelly was promoted to the newly established Professional Development Bureau which includes the Human Resources Division which includes the Payroll and Compliance Offices, Professional Standards Division, Training Division, the Medical Services Division, and the Grants Office.

Chief Donnelly serves on numerous committees supporting regional and national preparedness, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs Terrorism and Homeland Security Committee and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Fire Chief's Committee.

Chief Donnelly is a long-time Ward 4 resident of the District of Columbia and lives in Manor Park. He spends his free time working with the Boy Scouts of Troop 98 in Brookland.

***John Andrew Donnelly Sr.***

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Forty four years of progressively responsible Fire and Emergency Medical Service experience and graduate education in the Homeland Security Field serving at ranks up to and including Fire and EMS Chief in the Washington, D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Leads a Department of 2,349 employees and a 365 million dollar budget derived from tax dollars and revenue generation. Qualifications include: executive leadership and management of all phases of fire and Emergency Medical Service operations and administration; public and community relations leadership; decades of working with partners from other disciplines and branches of government to build and strengthen local and regional preparedness and response plans for first responders and the community; leadership role in the District of Columbia's homeland security programs; subject matter expert on homeland security issues for National Capital Region Council of Government leaders; and, experience providing assistance and advocacy to national fire service leaders and organizations in EMS, hazardous materials, incident command, weapons of mass destruction and intelligence issues as they relate to the fire service. Unequalled experience performing catastrophic preparedness planning for the Fire and EMS Services and managing National Special Security Events. Experienced commander who led and coordinated agency and District response to the January 6th Insurrection as part of Mayor's Consequence Management Team. Maintained safety of employees during response to COVID-19 pandemic without reducing services to the community. Provides opportunity for professional growth and inclusion of all employees, promoting women to all ranks of the, including the first female Assistant Fire Chief.

## **Education**

**Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)**, Naval Postgraduate School, September 2007. 3.92 Grade Point Average, Thesis: *Effect of Assessment Processes on Measuring Homeland Security Capability*  
<https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=479353>

**Bachelor of Science, Fire Science**, University of the District of Columbia, July 2005. 4.0 Grade Point Average

## **Work Experience**

**District of Columbia Fire Department (06/1992 – present)**

**Fire and Emergency Medical Service Chief, 09/18/2020 - present, Responsibilities:**

As a member of the Mayor's Cabinet and through leadership assure the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department is prepared and able to preserve life and promote health and safety through excellent pre-hospital treatment and transportation, fire prevention, fire suppression and rescue activities and homeland security awareness. Implemented visionary goals to adopt and implement NFPA 1500, improve patient outcomes (NAMSEQ Measures) and focus on DEI, resulting in promotion of women to all ranks and promotion of first woman Assistant Fire Chief.

- Led response of 200 organizations and 2,300 personnel to the January 2025 Potomac River Plane Crash as the Incident Commander and primary media spokesperson on behalf of the city. To keep families informed and support the NTSB investigation, met with the victims' families daily until all victims were recovered and identified and families were officially notified of their loved one's death.
- Developing internal and external messaging to highlight Fire and EMS as the 3rd largest Healthcare provider in the City, emphasizing our role's importance to the community and our employees.
- Answering the Mayor's challenge to address opioid fatalities, expanded the role of our mobile integrated health team by adding a behavioral specialist for the Department of Health. This initiative significantly enhanced our response to health emergencies and underscored our commitment to public health. Additionally, the scope of work for paramedics was expanded to include administering buprenorphine.
- To address substance abuse and emergency department overcrowding, we have partnered with the Department of Health to open a sobering center, which is now taking 4% of the Department's ambulance transports. This strategic move not only addressed a pressing community issue but also optimized our department's resources.
- Expanded the use of Private BLS service to 24 hours and put them on equal footing with Department BLS units to more efficiently use department resources. Results included lower response times for BLS units and more rapid patient transfer of care at emergency departments.
- Negotiated the first labor contract with IAFF Local #36 in 33 years that did not go to arbitration.
- Negotiated the first working conditions labor contract with AFGE Local 3721 in over 20 years.

- Led the Department's response to COVID, most notably by never reducing services to the community and expanding services through the creation of Fire Station COVID Testing and the performance of IMT functions as part of the City's Incident Management Team. This role involved engaging the community and department on topics such as COVID, Vaccines, Masks, Safety, and Response.
- Led the Department through ten National Special Security Events, including the past two Presidential Inaugurals, four State of the Union Addresses, President Jimmy Carter's Funeral, January 6th Counting and Certification of Ballots, Republican National Convention 2020, NATO Summit 2024, and the Army's 250th Anniversary Parade.
- As part of my commitment to the safety and well-being of our community, I adopted and implemented NFPA 1500 as the Department's Safety Standard. I also completed a Department Assessment to chart a strategic path forward.
- Led the Department as we became one of 242 Departments certified as ISO Class 1 (Out of approximately 44,000 departments across the country).
- Led the department as it dealt with 2 line of duty deaths due to cancer.
- Facing an increasing need for paramedics, the Department established its first paramedic program (will be accepting students in January 2026). This program closes a gap that had existed for 30 years.
- When faced with hiring challenges, updated our hiring process from a traditional civil service register to a rolling register and expanded the recruiting office to fill our vacancies and maintain our highly skilled workforce.
- To add a diversity of viewpoints to our Executive Team's decision-making processes, expanded membership to include the Public Information Officer, General Counsel, and Deputy Chief of Staff.
- Led the Department's response to the January 6th Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. As part of the Mayor's Consequence Management Team, communicating with regional and national partners for mutual aid, coordinating support for military assistance with the Secretary of the Army, coordinating with the US Capitol Police Chief, and meeting with national media concerning our response. In the aftermath of the response, an oral history documentary was produced, detailing the Department's experience and lessons learned.
- As Departmental call volume increased to historically high levels, which have created new demands for information, coordination, and command and control, added Sergeant Aides to support the EMS Battalion Chief and Safety Battalion Chiefs, added twenty-four-hour staffing to the Fire Operations Center, and assumed staffing for the WMATA ROCC Liaison.
- Active leadership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Fire Chiefs Committee, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, and the IAFC

Terrorism and Homeland Security Committee on local and national policy issues affecting the Fire Service.

- To improve EMS Quality and save lives in underserved communities, a Low-Titer Type-O Whole Blood Program - Between April 10 and December 31, 2024 (CY24), 146 patients suffering from hemorrhagic shock due to penetrating trauma (gunshot or stab wounds) were transfused. Based on an analysis of injury patterns and clinical severity scores, we conservatively estimate that at least 50% of these patients (73 patients) would probably have died before reaching the hospital without prehospital blood transfusion. The program costs the Department \$350,000, with a return on investment based on 73 estimated lives saved in CY24, multiplied by the \$1,530,000 (NICRJ) cost per homicide, resulting in \$111,690,000 in savings to the city.

**Assistant Fire Chief, Professional Development, 06/2018 -09/2020, Responsibilities:**

As the first Chief of the new Professional Development Bureau created a vision for the Bureau, which comprises the Human Resources Division which includes the Payroll and Compliance Offices, Professional Standards Division, Training Division and the Grants Office. As a member of the Department's Executive Leadership team provided strategic and operational leadership to the Department. Major accomplishments included leading and implementing a project to identify the Department's Core Values (BASICS – Bravery, Accountability, Safety, Integrity, Compassion and Service); updated the hiring process to focus on the candidates potential and aptitude, and implemented Fire Officer III and IV(Supervisor Training) for rising Chief Officers.

**Deputy Fire Chief, Special Operations 03/2015 – 06/2018, Responsibilities:** Manage and lead 153 employees over four platoons with twenty million dollar annual budget to provides specialized rescue, evacuation, and pre-emergency planning services for those in danger during hazardous material incidents, Metro and rail emergencies, mass casualty incidents, and technical rescue incidents. Directs the Apparatus Specification Committee, Grants Management Office and the Special Operations Battalion. Represents the Fire Chief on COG Fire Chief's Committee, at Emergency Response System Working Groups and at Community Events . Serves as Executive Director of the Securing the Cities Program. Additionally, responds to and manages large or complex emergencies within the District of Columbia - \$20.1 million operating budget/153 Full Time Employees/Grants Budget/\$15 million Apparatus Capital Budget

**Battalion Fire Chief, Battalion 2, 12/2013 – 3/2015**

**Responsibilities:** Manage day to day operations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion which includes 86 employees across 6 stations, 8 companies and 8 EMS units. Respond to and command emergency incidents. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion is the Department's largest and most diverse assignment, covering an area that includes the US Capitol, Supreme Court, Union Station, Nationals Park, Navy Yard, Anacostia River, National Parks, RFK Stadium, D.C.

Armory, D.C. Jail CSX and Passenger Rail Lines, METRO, and some of the city's most economically challenged neighborhoods. In the absence of the Operations Deputy Fire Chief, serve as the city wide Operations Commander for all Fire and EMS Operations. Serve as Chairperson of the Apparatus Specification Committee specifying, acquiring and placing in service new apparatus for the Department.

**Deputy Fire Chief, Special Projects Officer, 4/2013 – 8/2013**

**Responsibilities:** Support projects as assigned by the Assistant Chief. Projects included answering FOIA requests; assist in the development of the State Safety Office to comply with Federal Railway Administration requirements for rail oversight, assist in the development and implementation of Operational Procedures for Department regarding the opening of new Streetcar system in the community and support Training Division by writing policy for the Department to deploy resources during active shooter incidents. Responded to and led Fire and EMS Entry Team into Navy Yard Active Shooter Event.

**Deputy Fire Chief, Apparatus Division, 4/2013 – 8/2013**

**Responsibilities:** Manages a Fire and Emergency Medical Services fleet operation of 354 vehicles, 39 personnel and 12 million dollar budget; to include vehicle acquisition and replacement, and equipment repair and maintenance programs and managing the planning, procurement and vehicle buildup processes to provide emergency and support vehicles for all Department operations.

Commissioned and Led Audit and Strategic Plan for Fire and EMS Department Fleet Operations.

<https://fems.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/fems/publication/attachments/FEMS%20Apparatus%20Division%20-%20Audit%20and%20Assessment%20Report%20FINAL%20112513%20--%20Double-sided%20>

**Deputy Fire Chief, Executive Officer, 12/2012 – 4/2013**

**Responsibilities:** The Executive Officer reports directly to Fire Chief and is responsible for the agency promotional process, labor relations and union contract negotiations. The Executive Officer manages all activities between management and the Firefighters Union (International Association of Firefighters) and civilian uniformed employees (American Federation Government Employees). Drawing on knowledge of applicable laws, agency rules and contracts the Executive Officer, in consultation with General Counsel, manages and decides on all grievances. The Executive Officer supports the city's Public Employee Review Board and Office of Labor Relations in arbitration cases by presenting the agency case and supporting documentation and records.

**Deputy Fire Chief, Homeland Security and Special Operations 09/2011 – 06/2013,**

**Responsibilities:** Manage and lead 154 employees over four platoons with twenty four million dollar annual budget to perform all agency operations related to homeland security, special events, emergency preparedness activities; and responses to hazardous materials, technical rescue and marine operations. The Deputy Fire Chief of Homeland

Security directs the Office of Special Events, Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Special Operations Battalion. Additionally, the Deputy Fire Chief responds to and manages large or complex emergencies within the District of Columbia.

**Deputy Fire Chief, Operations Division 05/2012 – 07/2012, Responsibilities:** This additional duty assignment involved managing one of the four operational platoons of the department. Managed 434 employees across seven battalions and thirty four stations as they provided emergency services, fire prevention and education, and preparedness activities. Maintained training program to assure all employees certification and competencies were current. Maintained and scheduled fire inspection program and Community Risk Reduction (Vision 20/20) program across all wards.

**Battalion Fire Chief, Emergency Preparedness (Homeland Security) 04/2008 – 09/2011**

**Responsibilities:** Direct all homeland security programs and related interactions for the District of Columbia Fire Department; oversee planning, activities of full- and part-time staff members who administer projects and programs designed to improve operations, plan for special events, and/or coordinate relationships with partners; oversee budget development, evaluation, and management of eight million dollars in federal grant projects and programs; develop training; direct the specification, selection, purchase, and procurement of information technology, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue equipment; serve as the Intelligence Officer and agency representative to the Washington Regional Threat and Analysis Center; publish a weekly intelligence briefing for the fire service; and, provide response operations support to Incident Commanders by serving in Operations, Finance, Logistics, or Planning Sections of the Incident Command System and by serving as a Weapons of Mass Destruction Technical Expert

**Acting Deputy Fire Chief of Homeland Security and Special Operations 11/2010 – 01/2012 and 07/2011 -09/2011**

**Responsibilities:** Manage and lead 154 employees over four shifts with twenty million dollar annual budget to perform all agency operations related to homeland security, special events and emergency preparedness activities; and responses to hazardous materials, technical rescue and marine operations. Respond to and manage large or complex emergencies within the District of Columbia.

**Battalion Fire Chief, Executive Officer 10/2009 – 05/2010**

**Responsibilities:** Detailed to the Office of the Fire Chief to define and develop the position of Executive Officer. Developed and institutionalized a program to manage Executive Level task assignments from inception to completion.

**Operations Director WRTAC Fusion Center – 6/2010 – 10/2010**

**Responsibilities/Accomplishments:** Assigned this position by the Governance Board, to manage the day to day operations of the analysts in the Washington Regional Threat and

Analysis Center. Selected specifically for this additional duty assignment in response to a series of EEO problems that eliminated the existing management team. Led a team of nineteen full and part time analysts to answer requests for information, collect intelligence, develop intelligence products, and provide threat briefings to officials. These efforts worked within National Fusion Center guidance to enhance the District's ability to detect, analyze, prevent, mitigate, and recover from all threats and all crimes. Improved team morale and work output by restoring working conditions and safe work environment.

**Captain, Emergency Preparedness, Special Operations Division (12/2006 – 04/2008)**

**Accomplishments:** Responsible for developing a system to identify emergency preparedness gaps. Then worked with a multidisciplinary planning group to prioritize and fill preparedness needs, utilizing agency, local government, and regional funding opportunities. From the prioritized list developed grant applications to address resource shortfalls. Once grants were awarded developed process to manage the grants and associated improvement programs.

**Lieutenant, Special Operations Division (11/2003 – 12/2006)**

**Accomplishments:** Responsible for managing the specification and procurement of hazardous materials and technical rescue equipment, improved training records. Assigned or appointed to serve on interagency committees, including District of Columbia regional response and planning committees, and national committees focused on issues related to Weapons of Mass Destruction response.

**Sergeant, Battalion Aide (1/2000 – 11/2003)**

**Accomplishments:** Managed the day-to-day personnel operations of a battalion, including scheduling leave, training, meetings and community events across five stations and 70 personnel. During emergency responses assisted the incident commander. Upon assignment to the Special Operations Headquarters developed and implemented a tracking system for the hazardous materials detection equipment owned by the agency, to assure the equipment was properly serviced, ready to function and that all maintenance and repair records were up to date.

**Firefighter (06/1992 – 1/2000)**

**General Responsibilities:** Served as firefighter to the citizens of an inner city community; earning an appointment to one of the agency's elite Rescue Squads.

**Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department - 05/1982 to 01/2008**

**Volunteer Fire Chief**

**General Responsibilities:** Elected by members of the department to serve as a Chief Officer for 17 years, providing management and supervision of my community's volunteer fire department. This experience provided insight and practical experience in community preparedness, coordination of volunteers, and managing community service

needs on a shoestring budget.

### **Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority - 06/1987 to 06/1992**

#### **Firefighter Paramedic**

**General Responsibilities:** Served as a paramedic firefighter and rescue diver at Reagan National Airport. Promotion to supervisory paramedic, added responsibility for training and certification record keeping. Obtained experience in airport and airline security operations, planning for mass casualty events and exotic fuel problems.

### **Prince George's County Fire Department - 06/1986 to 06/1987**

#### **Paramedic**

**General Responsibilities:** Paramedic in a busy urban environment. Experience in this job provided knowledge of the operation of hospitals, the health care system and the role of the first responder.

### **Federal Aviation Administration - 11/1985 to 06/1986**

#### **Firefighter**

**General Responsibilities:** Airport Firefighting and Emergency Medical Service.

### **Bureau of Land Management - 06/1984 to 09/1984**

#### **Range Aide Firefighter**

**General Responsibilities:** Served as a wildland firefighter, traveling the western United States extinguishing forest fires, gaining experience in large scale mobilization for response to natural disaster. Gained experience with early versions of FireScope, the basis of the National Incident Management System.

### **Media Presence**

Twitter = @FD\_Observer

LinkedIn = <https://www.linkedin.com/in/john-donnely-2016a214/>

DC Fire & EMS YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCFireandEMS>

DC Fire & EMS Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/DCFireAndEMS>

*Fox 5, Zip Trip to The Wharf: First Responder Friday, 8/1/2025,*  
<https://www.fox5dc.com/video/1685588>

*Washingtonian*, **What's It Like to Be DC's Fire Chief?** 7/22/2022, McNamara, Sylvie <https://www.washingtonian.com/2022/07/22/whats-it-like-to-be-dcs-fire-chief/> John A. Donnelly Sr. talks January 6, Covid, and memorable rescues.

*Tennessean*, **Dickson marine honored for saving civilian man's life**, 6/7/2022 <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/dickson/2022/06/07/dickson-marine-honored-saving-civilian-mans-life/7530226001/> "This unfortunate incident highlights the value of trained citizens, in this case, the United States Marines, helping someone in need before the arrival of 911 first responders," Donnelly said. "D.C. Fire and EMS is proud to work with the United States Marines. Our partnership over the years has saved lives and made the community safer."

*WTOP*, **DC Fire and EMS wants more bystanders to learn CPR**, Luke Lukert, 5/31/2022 <https://wtop.com/dc/2022/05/dc-fire-and-ems-wants-more-bystanders-to-learn-cpr/> "I am very concerned about the drop we are seeing in the use of bystander CPR," said D.C. Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly.

*WTOP*, **DC Fire and EMS to hold historic parade and tribute to fallen firefighters Saturday**, Will Vitka, 5/11/2022 <https://wtop.com/dc/2022/05/dc-fire-and-ems-to-hold-historic-parade-and-tribute-to-fallen-firefighters-saturday/>

*WJLA*, **Fire Chief beefs up school safety oversight following 7News investigation**, Mitch Blacher, 4/4/2022 <https://wjla.com/features/i-team/dc-fire-department-school-dcps-safety-7news-investigation-i-team-fire-chief-john-donnelly-schools> "Each of the 31 citations sent to schools in March 2022 stated fire drills must be done monthly and fire hazards fixed or fines may follow. Chief Donnelly said his goal is safety, not fining schools."

*Washington Informer*, **Queen Anunay Becomes D.C.'s First Female Assistant Fire Chief**, 3/30/2022 <https://www.washingtoninformer.com/queen-anunay-becomes-d-c-s-first-female-assistant-fire-chief/> "The Fire Service can be like a slow-moving train when it comes to changing culture," Donnelly said in a statement. "At DC Fire and EMS, we are always working to diversify our ranks ensuring this is a place for all, no matter one's gender, background, race, religion, or sexual orientation. But make no mistake: I made this decision entirely on the fact that she was the best person for the job."

*Washington City Paper*, **An Increasing Role for D.C.'s Firefighters: Picking Seniors Up Off the Floor**, 3/17/2022 <https://washingtoncitypaper.com/article/551472/an-increasing-role-for-d-c-s-firefighters-picking-seniors-up-off-the-floor/> John Donnelly, Chief of the DC FEMS, noted, "They're not calling us because they have other options. We're the front line of health care for a lot of people."

*ABC*, **2 dead, 8 injured after car plows into DC restaurant at lunchtime**, police say,

3/12/2022 <https://abcnews.go.com/US/dead-hospitalized-car-plows-dc-restaurant-lunchtime-police/story?id=83394597> "This is rare. ... We haven't had an incident like this in many years," Donnelly told reporters during a press briefing Friday. "A car hitting a crowd of people is a very serious event. Obviously, which we see, it's a tragedy that results in a lot of injuries -- serious injuries -- so that's what we're dealing with right now."

**WTOP, Heartwarming reunion between dog, DC fire officials who rescued Miss Charlie**, 3/8/2022 <https://wtop.com/dc/2022/03/heartwarming-reunion-between-dog-dc-fire-officials-who-rescued-her/> D.C. Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly said when firefighters entered the house, they "encountered a limp and unresponsive Miss Charlie overcome by smoke."  
He praised the team on the scene and said it was a successful example of how the fire department works with other community organizations and businesses to help animals during emergencies.

*Washington Informer, D.C. Remembers Fire Chief Kenneth Ellerbe*, James Wright Jr., 3/1/2022 <https://www.washingtoninformer.com/d-c-remembers-former-fire-chief-kenneth-ellerbe/> "It is so tragic," Donnelly told the Informer. "He was a Washingtonian. He grew up in Washington, attended school in Washington, joined the fire department and was a leader in the fire department. He stayed in the city after he retired. This is devastating."

**The GW Hatchet, D.C. FEMS commemorates campus firehouse reopening with ribbon-cutting ceremony**, Zach Blackburn, 2/17/2022 <https://www.gwhatchet.com/2022/02/17/d-c-fems-commemorates-campus-firehouse-reopening-with-ribbon-cutting-ceremony/> "This firehouse was built about the same time that Foggy Bottom became home to George Washington University," Donnelly said during the ceremony. "It was clearly a commitment to safety in this community. That commitment remains in place with this renovation."

**Washington Post, Two D.C. fire and EMS employees charged with bribery and conspiracy**, Clarence Williams, 2/10/2022 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/02/10/dc-fire-employees-bribery-conspiracy/> "We are extremely disappointed about these allegations as we have zero tolerance for criminal conduct," D.C. Fire Chief John Donnelly said in the statement. "I applaud our employees who uncovered the suspicious activity and immediately notified law enforcement. That swift action was deserving of the trust our residents place in our Department."

**WTOP, DC officials spread the word about Narcan treatment after rash of overdoses**, 1/31/2022 <https://wtop.com/dc/2022/01/dc-officials-spread-the-word-about-narcan-treatment-after-rash-of-overdoses/> Donnelly said that if you see someone overdosing, no matter what situation you're in, "Let us come help you. Nothing bad's gonna happen. We

may save your life. Let us help.”

**ABC7, 'A very chaotic, emotional day': inside the DC Fire and EMS response on Jan. 6, 2021**, 1/6/2022 <https://wjla.com/news/local/a-very-chaotic-emotional-day-inside-the-dc-fire-and-ems-response-on-jan-6-2021> "For our members who responded, they were in a way different spot than they'd ever been in," Donnelly said. "It is an honor to lead these people, and they deserve every bit of thanks that we can give them. I'm very proud of them."

**DCist, More Than 360 D.C. Fire And EMS Staff Reported Out As COVID Cases Spike**, 12/28/2021 <https://dcist.com/story/21/12/28/covid-uptick-dc-fire-ems-staff-shortages/> Chief John Donnelly tweeted a statement on Sunday thanking the off-duty officers who have filled in shifts. The department has had to fill more than 100 vacancies over the past week, he said.

**News4, DC First Responders Test Positive for COVID at Increasing Rate**, 12/23/2021 <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/dc-first-responders-test-positive-for-covid-at-increasing-rate/2918417/> "D.C. Fire and EMS is here. Our people are showing up every day doing their job. They're going to be here through the holidays. I'm very proud of our workforce," he said. While Donnelly said he's confident public safety isn't compromised, he's worried about the lasting impacts of the pandemic on firefighters. "This has been going on 20 months. Our workforce has been working extremely hard so I am worried, and it's over Christmas right now," Donnelly said.

**ABC7, 'You are my heroes': DC mom thanks officers who saved her life after she collapsed jogging**, Sam Ford, 12/15/2021 <https://wjla.com/news/local/washington-dc-mom-thanks-capitol-police-officers-dispatchers-who-saved-her-life-collapsed-jogging-cpr> "Minutes count, seconds count and thanks in great part to the Capitol Police officers, this mother is now back home," said DC Fire and EMS Chief John A. Donnelly, Sr. "She has her whole life ahead of her thanks to the critical and quick actions taken while our crews were en route to the scene."

**WTOP, 'Bronze Bar for Valor' awarded to DC firefighter**, 12/2/2021 <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/12/dc-firefighter-given-award-for-valor/> "Cunningham came to the assistance of his injured officer, helping him to dress down and radioing for assistance, while at the same time manning the pump and securing additional water supply needed to battle the expanding blaze," Donnelly said. "He also provided direction to the shaken crew."

**News4, DC Sees Uptick in Fire Calls to Encampments Impacting Homeless People**, 11/17/2021 <https://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/dc-sees-uptick-in-fire-calls-to-encampments-impacting-homeless-people/2885972/>

**WDVM, Fallen D.C. Firefighter to be honored among others at National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Memorial**, 10/1/2021 <https://www.localdvm.com/news/local-news/washington-dc/fallen-d-c-firefighter-to-be-honored-among-others-at-national-fallen-firefighter-foundation-memorial/> D.C. Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly explained, “He took on our small tools and ladders program. The ladders have to be tested all the time, and he took that on. It’s a safety thing. That’s what Alex was about.”

**WUSA, Thousands of first responders nationwide are refusing the COVID-19 vaccination**, 10/4/2021 <https://www.wusa9.com/article/features/producers-picks/police-and-firefighters-refusing-vaccinations-in-dc-and-virginia/65-95661ac4-1a8f-4c7b-93ec-e8db76fbc02b> Fire Chief John Donnelly says 85% of firefighters and paramedics are now either fully or partially vaccinated. “I think it says our members care about their community and they care about each other, and they want to be safe,” he said.

**News4, Hundreds of DC Firefighters Seek Religious Exemption From COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate**, 9/23/2021, <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-in-dc/hundreds-of-dc-firefighters-seek-religious-exemption-from-covid-19-vaccine-mandate/2811577/> “The real question isn’t how many people it is, but you gotta really think about why people aren’t getting the vaccine, and that’s what we’re focused on,” Donnelly said. “We want to alleviate people’s fears; we want to educate them. The vaccine’s safe, it’s good, it’s effective. We know it works.”

**News4, 7-Year-Old Girl Who Died After DC Row House Fire Identified**, 9/15/2021 <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/7-year-old-girl-who-died-after-dc-row-house-fire-identified/2802233/> “Donnelly said the tragedy could have been worse had it not been for the working smoke detectors and fire alarms. There were adults inside the home at the time who helped children get out before the fire department arrived, Donnelly said.”

**Washington Post, Quiet remembrance at the Pentagon 20 years after its west side fell**, Marissa J. Lang, Lola Fadulu and Emily Davies, 9/11/2021 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/9-11-pentagon-dc-memorials/2021/09/11/bda7517c-130d-11ec-9cb6-bf9351a25799\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/9-11-pentagon-dc-memorials/2021/09/11/bda7517c-130d-11ec-9cb6-bf9351a25799_story.html) Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly Sr. vowed to teach the new generation of first responders lessons their industry gleaned from that dark day: about building construction, how to shield from toxic debris that can cause cancer and the importance of mental health.

**WTOP, ‘I do remember the bodies’: DC-area firefighters reflect on 9/11, 20 years later**, 9/7/2021 <https://wtop.com/local/2021/09/area-firefighters-reflect-on-9-11-20-years-later/> D.C. Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly was a sergeant with the department that day. He was also off-duty and heard of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center on WTOP. As the situation unfolded, he went home, packed five days’ worth of clothes,

dropped his daughter off at a neighbor's house and went into work, helping to send a rescue squad to the Pentagon and then running logistics for the department. Donnelly said that day shifted first responders' mindsets: "Understanding that the terrorist attack brings other things to us and other hazards, like a bigger fire, or at an unexpected place. We shouldn't have big fires in high-rises in this country, or at the Pentagon, but we did."

**Fox5, DC fire chief discusses film recapping department's response to Capitol riot,** 9/2/2021 <https://www.fox5dc.com/video/973836>

**FIREFIGHTERNATION, MD Firefighter Dies of COVID-19,** 8/30/2021

<https://www.firefighternation.com/leadership/md-firefighter-dies-of-covid-19/#gref>

"Investigator Taylor will be sorely missed across the District and the DC Fire and EMS Department. DC Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly expresses deepest heartfelt sympathy on behalf of the entire Department to the family and loved ones of Investigator Taylor."

**WTOP, Woman honors DC Fire and EMS, 911 operator who saved her life after heart attack,** Valerie Bonk, 8/27/2021, <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/08/woman-honors-dc-fire-and-ems-911-operator-who-saved-her-life-after-heart-attack/> John A. Donnelly Sr., chief of D.C. Fire and EMS, said he's proud of the team at Engine Company 16 and of Bailey with the Office of Unified Communications.

"This incident is an excellent demonstration of our emergency medical services systems in the District of Columbia," Donnelly said. "We are so grateful to have Debra with us."

**NBC4, Another Firefighter's Car Stolen Outside a DC Firehouse — This Time at Gunpoint,** Jackie Benson, 7/23/2021

<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/another-firefighters-car-stolen-outside-a-dc-firehouse-this-time-at-gunpoint/2741015/> "It's extremely frustrating for people that are trying to help other people to have this happen to them," D.C. Fire Chief John Donnelly said. "I think the police chief said it the other day," Donnelly said. "I'm sick and tired of this, and I agree with him, but our people, we're still going to be serving, but is very disappointing."

**WTOP, DC firefighters put out long-running fire at Benning Road Transfer Station,** Anna Gawel and Abigail Constantino, 7/23/2021, <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/07/dc-firefighters-battle-blaze-at-benning-road-transfer-station/> For those who may be asthmatic, Assistant Fire Chief John Donnelly advised staying inside and keeping the windows closed. He said they are monitoring toxins, but "smoke is an annoyance to some people."

**WTOP, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad wants to end agreement to handle DC emergency calls,** Mike Murillo, 7/15/2021 <https://wtop.com/local/2021/07/montgomery-co-fire-station-wants-dc-emergency-calls-agreement-to-end/> "We extend our thanks to

the BCC Rescue Squad for their long service to the District of Columbia and support this transition, which both parties recognize is a reflection of the District's improvement in EMS service in recent years,"

**News4, Worker Rescued From Collapsed Building in Northwest DC, 4 Others Injured**, 7/2/2021 <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/reports-of-people-trapped-in-collapsed-building-in-northwest-dc/2717689/> Donnelly said the worker was trapped in what the department calls a "pancake collapse" underneath three floors of debris with only eight inches of space around him. A K-9 sniffed out the spot where the man was closed in, which helped firefighters get to work on his removal.

**Washington Post, D.C. motorcade celebrates role of Black fathers on Father's Day**, Jasmine Hilton, 6/20/21 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-motorcade-black-fathers/2021/06/20/d453b874-d204-11eb-9f29-e9e6c9e843c6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-motorcade-black-fathers/2021/06/20/d453b874-d204-11eb-9f29-e9e6c9e843c6_story.html) The end of the event brought together community members and leaders, including D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) and D.C. Fire Chief John A. Donnelly Sr., who spoke on the motorcade's significance in celebrating Black men.

**NBC4, DC Firefighter Who Contracted COVID-19 Fears Losing Job**, Paul Wagner, 4/23/2021, <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/dc-firefighter-struggling-a-year-after-contracting-covid-19/2650282/> D.C. Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly said that of the 1,100 firefighters who have taken the vaccine, none of them had been hospitalized. Of the two firefighters that are now in the hospital, neither of them took the vaccine. Donnelly said that there are others like Huebner who contracted COVID-19 earlier in the pandemic but are still struggling with symptoms. "We have five or six people that are what we call COVID long-haulers. And what their outcome is in terms of their health is going to be, is still being determined by the doctors," Donnelly said. "[...] We're not intending to retire anybody at this point. We still need to learn more about the medicine and what their outcomes are going to be."

**Washington City Paper, Food on the Stove to Test New App for Prince George's County Firefighters**, Gabriel Pietorazio, 4/23/2021, <https://washingtoncitypaper.com/article/515258/food-on-the-stove-to-test-new-app-for-prince-georges-county-firefighters/> "Not everybody across the fire service that is dying from sudden cardiac arrest or heart disease are people that fall outside the parameters, and that's the scary part," Donnelly says. "They don't fall into the parameters where we can't have them at work." "This is such a stressful job, not only on your mind, but on your body and how those two work together," Donnelly says. "We are all at risk, even if we pass the physicals and requirements."

**WTOP, 2 injured in mechanical explosion at Northeast DC hospital**, 1/28/2021 <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/01/1-injured-in-explosion-at-northeast-dc-hospital/>

**ABC7, DC Fire's newest members to serve first day on the job on Inauguration Day**, Tobias Rodriguez, 1/15/2021 <https://wjla.com/news/local/dc-fires-newest-members-to-serve-first-day-on-the-job-on-inauguration-day> “We had this recruit class quarantined once or twice at least because they were exposed to COVID through their actions in training,” Chief Donnelly said.

**WDMV, D.C. Council confirms new fire chief**, 12/20/2020  
<https://www.localdvm.com/news/local-news/washington-dc/d-c-council-confirms-new-fire-chief/>

**WTOP, Five members of DC Fire and EMS, including department’s chief, to receive city’s first doses of coronavirus vaccine**, 12/13/2020 <https://wtop.com/dc/2020/12/five-members-of-dc-fire-and-ems-including-departments-chief-to-receive-citys-first-doses-of-coronavirus-vaccine/>

**Firehouse, Video: DC, MD Firefighters Clash at Fiery Crash Scene**, 12/7/2020  
<https://www.firehouse.com/careers-education/news/21165535/video-dc-md-firefighters-clash-at-fiery-crash-scene> "Our core values speak to safety and accountability," Acting D.C. Fire Chief John A. Donnelly said in a joint press statement, according to WTTG. "The D.C. Fire and EMS Department's review will identify what happened and determine what actions need to be taken if those core values were not upheld."

**Firehouse, D.C. Firefighter Shot While Treating Shooting Victim**, 11/22/2020  
<https://www.firehouse.com/ems/news/21163777/dc-firefighter-shot-while-treating-shooting-victim>

**Washington Post, Chirping smoke detectors at students’ home were disrupting virtual classes. Now firefighters are helping to fix them.**, Perry Stien, 9/21/2020  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/chirping-smoke-detectors-at-students-home-were-disrupting-virtual-classes-now-firefighters-are-helping-to-fix-them/2020/09/21/eb3f37e4-f9f0-11ea-be57-d00bb9bc632d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/chirping-smoke-detectors-at-students-home-were-disrupting-virtual-classes-now-firefighters-are-helping-to-fix-them/2020/09/21/eb3f37e4-f9f0-11ea-be57-d00bb9bc632d_story.html) “There were smoke detectors going off and no one was paying attention to it, which meant that the kids weren’t safe,” John A. Donnelly Sr., acting fire chief, said during his appearance at the Whittier Education Campus PTA meeting Thursday. “We got that from a number of places.”

**WTOP, Bowser names her pick for DC’s new fire chief**, 9/4/2020  
<https://wtop.com/dc/2020/09/dc-mayor-names-her-pick-for-districts-new-fire-chief/> Of his predecessor, Donnelly said, “He has left big shoes to fill. I’m glad to say that I learned a lot about grace and courage from him.”

**Washington Post, D.C. fire chief Gregory Dean to retire, official says**, 9/3/2020  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/gregory-dean-dc-fire->

[retires/2020/09/03/95c3f6ac-ee23-11ea-b4bc-3a2098fc73d4\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/2020/09/03/95c3f6ac-ee23-11ea-b4bc-3a2098fc73d4_story.html) “I had no clue that one day I could become the fire and EMS chief,” he said. “I was just worried about messing up that first day.”

*Newsweek*, **pictured at St John’s Church Fire Floyd Protests**, 6/1/2020  
<https://www.newsweek.com/multiple-fires-white-house-george-floyd-protests-washington-dc-1507732>

*Washington Post*, **Coronavirus has infected 100,000 people in D.C., Maryland and Virginia**, Rebecca Tan and John Harden, Interview, 5/29/2020  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2020/05/29/coronavirus-has-infected-100000-people-dc-maryland-virginia/>

*Wolf Blitzer’s Situation Room*, Interview re: COVID, 5/1/2020  
Article- <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/02/us/paramedics-covid-19-recovery/index.html>  
Video - <http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/tv/2020/05/01/exp-tsr-todd-emts-paramedics-return-to-front-lines-after-recovering-from-covid.cnn.html>

*COVID Survivor Interview*, 4/24/2020  
Article <https://wjla.com/news/coronavirus/they-contracted-covid-19-survived-it-and-are-now-back-to-work-at-dc-fire-and-emts>  
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ABC7 also spoke with Assistant Fire Chief John Donnelly, who was the department's eighth confirmed coronavirus case. To date, he is the only member of DC Fire and EMS' executive team that's tested positive for the virus. "Well my first reaction was I don't feel that bad, and I have a lot of work to do, and this is not what I need right now," said Donnelly. "It isn't only that the case numbers are climbing, it's that you're fighting something that's unseen and the rules around it keep changing." As for his most severe symptom: fatigue. "I'm usually a person that sleeps four or five hours a day, and I was having to sleep ten or eleven hours a day," he said. "But compared to our other members you've talked to, my symptoms weren't bad. I worked every day, I just worked from home instead of in the office." Much of the work he was doing involved the implementation of an extensive, 24/7 contact tracing operation being done within the department. "What we learned right away was that our biggest exposure wasn't from patients, because our people can wear personal protective equipment when they go out on calls," he said. "We saw most of our exposure and transmission in our workforce was from the workforce."

*Washington Post*, **Why it feels like Metro is on fire, even when it isn’t**, Martine Powers and Faiz Saddiqui, 10/27/2018  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/why-it-feels-like-metro-is-on-fire-even-when-it-isnt/2018/10/27/ed88db10-d3cb-11e8-b2d2-f397227b43f0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/why-it-feels-like-metro-is-on-fire-even-when-it-isnt/2018/10/27/ed88db10-d3cb-11e8-b2d2-f397227b43f0_story.html) “Probably 9 out of 10 calls, we don’t go into the tunnel or even

the track bed,” Assistant Fire Chief John Donnelly said in the same interview. By September 2017, on the heels of the spike in calls from 2015, the fire department had rolled out a reduced assignment that required fewer resources: three engines, two trucks and two battalion chiefs, according to Donnelly. It’s a product, he said at the time, of increased reporting in an era when emergency calls come not just from Metro, but from Twitter-savvy riders and observers who have an awareness of potential risks. “With the advent of cellphones, with the advent of publicity and some of the new problems we faced, we had a lot of calls coming from outside of Metro that weren’t emergencies but were to investigate an odor of smoke,” he said.

**Fire Scene Update, 5/10/2018**

<http://wjla.com/news/local/warehouse-fire-in-dc-still-burning-after-more-than-13-hours> video

[https://pbs.twimg.com/ext\\_tw\\_video\\_thumb/994564317323448322/pu/img/JGoKvEUSk5-nEzo\\_?format=jpg&name=small](https://pbs.twimg.com/ext_tw_video_thumb/994564317323448322/pu/img/JGoKvEUSk5-nEzo_?format=jpg&name=small)

**Washington Post, Nurses will be in D.C.’s 911 center in latest attempt to cut emergency call volume**, Clarence Thomas and Marissa J. Lang, 4/18/2018,

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/nurses-will-be-in-dcs-911-center-in-latest-attempt-to-cut-emergency-call-volume/2018/04/18/6b40764c-4288-11e8-8569-26fda6b404c7\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/nurses-will-be-in-dcs-911-center-in-latest-attempt-to-cut-emergency-call-volume/2018/04/18/6b40764c-4288-11e8-8569-26fda6b404c7_story.html)

**Haz Mat Incident Update, 3/15/2018**

<http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/suspicious-package-reported-at-dc-jail-corrections-officers-transported>

**Storm Damage Update, 4/6/2017,**

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/weather/stories/Strong-Storms-Could-Move-in-for-Thursday-Morning-Rush-418418493.html>

**SIGMA Project, (DARPA) Press Release, 3/1/2017** <http://www.darpa.mil/news-events/2017-03-01>

“Historically, increases to detection capabilities came from improved individual detectors,” said John Donnelly, D.C. Fire and EMS deputy fire chief. “The most significant capability gain since 9/11 was spectroscopic detectors for first responders. D.C. Fire and EMS was interested in the SIGMA program because DARPA approached the problem differently. By not only putting more spectrometers into the field but also networking them so that the data is continuously collected and analyzed with other, and prior, information as a whole, SIGMA laid the groundwork for a monitoring system that can incorporate intelligence holistically into risk assessment. Incorporating more data will further improve the ability of the SIGMA system to differentiate between ‘safe’ and illicit radiation sources, and increase our capabilities to monitor wide-areas for radiological and nuclear threats.”

**Fatal Trench Collapse, (WRC) On Scene Update, 2/28/17**

[https://archive.org/details/WRC\\_20170228\\_160000\\_News4\\_Midday/start/60/end/120](https://archive.org/details/WRC_20170228_160000_News4_Midday/start/60/end/120)

The man was trapped "up to his waist, and shoulder on one side," Deputy Chief John Donnelly told News4's Pat Collins Tuesday morning. The worker was trapped when part of the foundation of the house he was working on collapsed, Donnelly said. The cause of the collapse was not immediately known. For every foot that someone is trapped, it generally takes about an hour to free him or her, Donnelly said. The trench was very unstable, the fire department said on Twitter Tuesday morning.

**Emcee Award Ceremony, (DC Fire & EMS 2015 Annual Awards Ceremony**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmCB0YvWKJk&feature=youtu.be&t=1h38m15s>

**CSX Haz Mat Derailment, (NBC) Mayor's Press Conference, 5/1/2016**

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/CSX-Train-Derails-Hazardous-Material-Leaking-377725691.html> ,

[https://archive.org/details/WRC\\_20160502\\_030000\\_News4\\_at\\_11/start/120/end/180](https://archive.org/details/WRC_20160502_030000_News4_at_11/start/120/end/180)

Sodium hydroxide, also known as corrosive lye, is a chemical that can irritate and burn the skin and eyes. DC Fire and EMS Deputy Chief John Donnelly said officials believe about half of the 15,500 gallon tanker leaked into the rail bed and ground before it was plugged, but no problems have been reported. "At this point all of the air monitoring has been good," Donnelly said.

Officials found that another derailed car had been leaking non-hazardous calcium chloride, CSX said. That leak has also been plugged, the company said.

**Metro Traction Power Station Fire, (NBC) On Scene Update, 9/21/2015**

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Stadium-Armory-Station-Closed-Due-to-Smoke-at-Power-Substation-in-RFK-Lot-328486851.html>

**Line of Duty Death, Lt. Kevin McRae Death, (WUSA) Interview, 5/5/2015**

[https://archive.org/details/WUSA\\_20150506\\_220000\\_wusa\\_9\\_News\\_at\\_6pm/start/135/end/195](https://archive.org/details/WUSA_20150506_220000_wusa_9_News_at_6pm/start/135/end/195)

**Watergate Hotel Structural Collapse, (WJLA, ABC) Mayor's Press Conference, 5/1/15**

[https://archive.org/details/WRC\\_20150501\\_200000\\_News4\\_at\\_4/start/960/end/1020](https://archive.org/details/WRC_20150501_200000_News4_at_4/start/960/end/1020) ,

[https://archive.org/details/WJLA\\_20150501\\_200000\\_ABC\\_7\\_News\\_at\\_400/start/911/end/971?q=Chief+Donnelly](https://archive.org/details/WJLA_20150501_200000_ABC_7_News_at_400/start/911/end/971?q=Chief+Donnelly)

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[https://archive.org/details/WTTG\\_20130606\\_020000\\_Fox\\_5\\_News\\_at\\_Ten/start/299/end/359](https://archive.org/details/WTTG_20130606_020000_Fox_5_News_at_Ten/start/299/end/359) ,

<https://youtu.be/5d8M4N-XNUw> , <http://wjla.com/ZPWYBn> ,

[https://archive.org/details/WTTG\\_20130606\\_110000\\_Fox\\_Morning\\_News/start/240/end/](https://archive.org/details/WTTG_20130606_110000_Fox_Morning_News/start/240/end/)

[300?q=Chief+Donnelly](https://archive.org/details/WTTG_20130606_110000_Fox_Morning_News/start/300/end/360) ,  
[https://archive.org/details/WTTG\\_20130606\\_110000\\_Fox\\_Morning\\_News/start/300/end/360](https://archive.org/details/WTTG_20130606_110000_Fox_Morning_News/start/300/end/360) , Acting Fire Chief John A. Donnelly said officials want to make sure that there are no more flare-ups in the debris and that the remaining walls aren't at risk of collapse. Only then, he said, will authorities begin assessing the damage and looking for a cause.

*Washington Post*, **Clogged fuel filter stalled ambulance transporting gunshot victim, officials say**, Peter Hermann, 6/7/2013 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/clogged-fuel-filter-stalled-ambulance-transporting-gunshot-victim-officials-say/2013/06/07/a1fb3078-cf92-11e2-8f6b-67f40e176f03\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/clogged-fuel-filter-stalled-ambulance-transporting-gunshot-victim-officials-say/2013/06/07/a1fb3078-cf92-11e2-8f6b-67f40e176f03_story.html) Acting D.C. Fire Chief John Donnelly said the manufacturer, Illinois-based Navistar, has agreed to remove the screens for free. The fire department has 94 ambulances in its fleet, but only 12 to 15 International-brand ambulances are affected.

**Ambulance Breakdown**, (NBC) Interview, 5/29/2013,  
<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/DC-Ambulance-Breaks-Down-Taking-Carjacking-Suspect-With-Gunshot-Wound-to-Hospital-209423921.html>

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**2 Alarm Warehouse Warehouse Fire**, (WTTG) On Scene Update, 11/01/2012  
[https://archive.org/details/WTTG\\_20121101\\_090000\\_Fox\\_Morning\\_News\\_at\\_5/start/2523/end/2583?q=Chief+Donnelly](https://archive.org/details/WTTG_20121101_090000_Fox_Morning_News_at_5/start/2523/end/2583?q=Chief+Donnelly)

*MarketWatch*, **How 9/11 terror altered job of firefighters, cops**, Ruth Mantell, 9/12/2011 <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/after-911-firefighters-cops-face-new-challenges-2011-09-10> “It’s not fair to say terrorism started on 9/11,” said John Donnelly Sr., who oversees the Washington D.C. Fire and EMS Department’s homeland security division and is being promoted to deputy fire chief of special operations. “We were thinking about this before 9/11, but it wasn’t fire-department-wide.” “Firefighters and EMTs are using their brains — their most important tool,” Donnelly said. “What we didn’t know before was that things around the world affected us here. If there are people upset with Saudi Arabia’s relationship with Israel, those problems could crop up here. We have to understand what an IED looks like in Iraq so we can recognize that here.”

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[http://www.iafc.org/onScene/article.cfm?ItemNumber=6278&utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=IAFC+Homepage](http://www.iafc.org/onScene/article.cfm?ItemNumber=6278&utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=IAFC+Homepage)

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### **Appointments**

10/2023 - US Fire Administration Summit on Fire Control and Prevention - (invited) Moderator for the panel State of Science EMS Innovation and leader of 2023 EMS Working Group to establish strategic goals for Fire Based EMS..

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 - Urban Fire Forum (invited) - As a selected Fire Chief worked with National Fire Protection Association., IAFC, and US Fire Administrator to recommend and endorse national policy recommendations for the Fire Service.  
<https://www.nfpa.org/membership/member-sections/metropolitan-fire-chiefs/urban-fire-forum>

09/2019 - Current **Member National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) Joint Counter Terrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) Director’s Advisory Panel** (appointed) - provide guidance, counsel and expertise to the Intelligence Community on how to tailor its products to satisfy the needs of state, local and tribal consumers of intelligence.  
<https://www.dni.gov/index.php/nctc-how-we-work/joint-ct-assessment-team>

09/ 2017 - 10/2020 - **Member - NCRP Scientific Committee 3-1P2** (appointed) - charged with preparing an NCRP Commentary on “Implementation of Guidance for Emergency Responder Dosimetry”. <https://ncrponline.org/program-areas/sc-3-1/>

08/2017 - Current **Member - Homeland Security Executive Council (HSEC) Advisory Committee** (appointed) - Represent the NCR Fire Chiefs in strategic planning and assignment of resources to initiatives that bolster the region’s preparedness and response efforts. <https://www.mwcog.org/committees/hsec-advisory-council/> (Co-Chair 2020-2022)

12/2014 – 08/2019 **Executive Director – National Capital Region Securing the Cities Program** (appointed) - Led the implementation of the Securing the Cities (STC) program. This five-year program with 31 partner agencies and 35 million dollars of funding through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear

Detection Office (DNDO). The program seeks to reduce the risk of a successful deployment of a radiological/nuclear terrorist weapon against a major metropolitan area in the United States by establishing sustainable capability within Global Nuclear Detection Architecture (GNDA) partner agencies to detect, analyze, and report nuclear and other radioactive materials out of regulatory control within their jurisdictions. <http://hsema.dc.gov/page/securing-cities-stc-program>

05/2014 - Current **Member - MWCOG Fire Chiefs Committee** (assigned) - Assigned by the Fire & EMS Chief to represent DC Fire and EMS on committee. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to address issues of regional importance regarding Fire and Rescue policies and practices in the region. Chairman of Committee for 2021. <https://www.mwcog.org/fire-chiefs/>

05/2014 - 9/2020 **Member - MWCOG Operations Chiefs Committee** (assigned) - Assigned by the Fire & EMS Chief to represent DC Fire and EMS on committee. The Senior Operations & Administrative Support Chiefs Subcommittee reviews operational response and preparedness coordinating committees. <https://www.mwcog.org/senior-operations-chiefs/>

03/2012 - 10/2020 **Member - National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, PAC 3: Nuclear and Radiological Security and Safety** (appointed) - Congressionally Chartered Committee to provide guidance and recommendations for response to nuclear and radiological incidents of both an accidental and deliberate nature. <http://ncrponline.org/program-areas/pac-3-nuclear-and-radiological-security-and-safety/>  
[http://ncrponline.org/?albdesign\\_popup\\_cpt=john-donnelly-sr](http://ncrponline.org/?albdesign_popup_cpt=john-donnelly-sr)

5/25/2010 - Current **Terrorism and Homeland Security Committee – International Association of Fire Chiefs** (appointed) - The Terrorism & Homeland Security Committee is composed of fire and emergency service leaders who provide guidance to the IAFC and policymakers about how to prepare for the next terrorist attack. Serving as Committee Vice-Chair since 08/2021. <https://www.iafc.org/about-iafc/committees/terrorism-and-homeland-security>  
Primary contributor to the concept and writing of *HOMELAND SECURITY: Intelligence Guide for Fire Chiefs* (2011). <https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/homeland-security-intelligence-guide-for-fire-chiefs>

5/19/2009 - 07/2021 **Inter-Agency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability – Member** (selected) – *Science and Technology Committee*, To identify interagency (local, state, and federal) first responder research and development requirements and innovative technologies (fieldable in the next six months to five years) that address CBRNE detection, individual protection, collective protection, medical support, decontamination, communications systems, information technology, and miscellaneous operational support. <https://www.interagencyboard.org/subgroups->

- 09/26-27/2012 **National Planning System Stakeholder Workshop** (invited). First in a series of outreach engagements to actively involve whole community partners in the decision-making process related to developing resources and tools to improve the Nation's planning capability. (Washington, D.C.) (AAR Document)
- 05/2012 - 11/2012 **Joint Committee Conducting a Technical Review of The Domestic Nuclear Detection Organization's Transformational and Applied Research Program** (invited). Joint Committee comprised of representatives from the American Physical Society (APS) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) investigated the existing Transformational and Applied Research Directorate R&D plan and portfolio, recommend changes to the existing plan, and recommend possible new R&D areas and opportunities. (Report) <https://www.aps.org/policy/reports/popa-reports/dndo.cfm>
- 04/19/2011 – 11/2011 **Chair NCR Improvised Nuclear (IND) Response Planning Committee** (selected). This committee assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the identification of goals, process, and workshop participants for IND response planning in the region. This process produced the NCR Key Response Planning Factors document and a complete training program for first responders, emergency managers and planning private sector partners. <https://fas.org/irp/agency/dhs/fema/ncr.pdf>  
Quote: "The modeling and analysis provided by this report could not have been possible without extensive interactions with the National Capital Region IND Response Planning Steering Committee chaired by DC Fire and EMS Battalion Chief John Donnelly ..."
- 03/08/2011 **Vice Chair Washington DC Local Emergency Planning Council**, appointed by Committee to assist the Chairperson and manage LEPC Programs.  
<http://hsema.dc.gov/page/district-columbia-local-emergency-planning-council>
- 03/04/2011 **Co-Chair Managing the Response Working Group** – FEMA IND Response Planning Group.
- 12/28/2010 Subject Matter Expert to review "**Mass Evacuation Reception Planning: Overview of Planning Issues after a Nuclear Incident**" best practice document for *Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov)*.  
<https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=765538>
- 11/28/2010 – 1/20/2011 **Lead Homeland Security, Emergency Management, and Emergency Communications Sub Group, 2010 Baker Transition Team, Public Safety**

**Committee** (appointed) – Invited by the newly elected Prince George’s County Executive to lead a working group of stakeholders and subject matter experts to analyze reports from the outgoing administration and identify national best practices in the areas of Homeland Security, Emergency Management, and Emergency Communications. The committee developed transition report providing specific policy recommendations to new County Executive.

6/20/2010      **Privacy Officer, Washington Regional Threat and Analysis Center** (appointed) – Selected by the Governance Board to receives reports regarding alleged errors and violations of the provisions of this policy, receives and coordinates complaint resolution under the center’s redress policy, and serves as the liaison for the Information Sharing Environment, ensuring that privacy protections are implemented through efforts such as training, business process changes, and system designs that incorporate privacy enhancing technologies.

6/8/2010      **Mass Human Decontamination Workgroup** (appointed) – Serve as a SME representing 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to a group researching the problems associated with Mass Decontamination of Humans for the Biomedical Advanced Research & Development Authority (BARDA), in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.  
[https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Patient%20Decon%20National%20Planning%20Guidance\\_Final\\_December%202014.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Patient%20Decon%20National%20Planning%20Guidance_Final_December%202014.pdf)

07/2009 – 12/2012 **Chair Preventative Radiation Nuclear Detection (PRND) Program Steering Committee** (selected) – Steering Committee sets path, manages resources and implements the National Capitol Region’s PRND Program. Managed approximately 150 participants from local, state, federal and private sector partners in multiple subcommittees and workshops. Identified, purchased, trained on and deployed regional detection assets to first response teams. Developed and published Strategy, Concept of Operations (FOUO), Equipment and Training Policies.

03/2009. **Technical Review Committee, First Responder Critical Incident Field Guide** (invited) Reviewed publication for accuracy and applicability. Author August Vernon, Red Hat Publishing 2009, ISBN 1-932235-23-X.

2/4/2009. **Regional Incident Survey Team (RIST) - Team Leader – Eastern Region, International Association of Fire Chiefs** (selected). Lead a team that will be deployed to survey hazmat incidents gathering data to develop and disseminate best practices, lessons learned, improve curricula and training materials for the hazardous materials response community. <http://www.hazmatfc.org/Incidents/Reporting-Analytics/Browse-RIST-Reports>

1/20/2009. **Planning Section Chief Inaugural Command, DC Fire and EMS** (assigned).

Held the lead planning role for the Agency Incident Management Team. Developed operational plans for all aspects of agency preparations and operations for the 56<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Festivities.

AAR Report:

<http://www.mwcog.org/file.aspx?A=IHCN6%2B8FGFD%2BPPOO%2FbMKFO8448F8sqhb9RRk5iQzoRo%3D>

Quote: “The early arrival of crowds to the National Mall on Inauguration Day prevented some aid station staff from reaching their assigned locations in a timely manner. In some cases, staff could not get through the crowds to their assigned location until much later in the day. Despite these challenges, the stations treated over 700 people. The NPS and DOH paramedic teams and HHS ALS/ACLS medical providers were pressed into service to keep pace with the patient load at the open aid stations and, thus, could not respond to calls from the crowd. Consequently, the EMS transport system had to expand its role to serve as both a first response and a transport system. EMS units located on the National Mall responded to reports of hypothermia, chest pain, diabetes, and seizures. **DC FEMS had anticipated this expansion and had placed a standby request for 110 ambulances from a FEMA contract.** DC FEMS requested the activation of these resources through HSEMA. Within two hours, these resources were in service assisting with response and transport activities throughout the city and surrounding jurisdictions. These proved critical for maintaining a tactical reserve in the event of a catastrophic incident.”

Quote: The public safety demands of the Inauguration did not diminish the delivery of routine public safety services to NCR citizens. Analysis: **Routine public safety operations throughout the NCR continued smoothly during the Inauguration due to advance planning** and successful public information campaigns

11/01/2008 - 11/21/2012. **Chair of the Metropolitan Washington, Council of Governments, Fire Chief's Committee Intelligence Working Group** (appointed) Serve as leader assigned to establish a group that prepares and develops a base of fire service members who are able share intelligence and information among their agencies and other disciplines as this information relates to terrorism prevention and preparedness.

<https://www.mwcog.org/committees/fire-intelligence-subcommittee/>

11/01/2008. **Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Washington, Council of Governments, Fire Chief's Committee Hazardous Material Subcommittee** (elected yearly since 2005).

This group is responsible for regional coordination of Hazardous Materials Response issues in the National Capitol Region (NCR). The position involves the development and administration of UASI Grants and coordination with all area agencies involved in Hazardous Materials response. <https://www.mwcog.org/committees/hazardous-materials->

subcommittee/

- 10/2008. **Chair of the Fire Service Information Sharing Working Group** (elected). As chair I led a team of urban area fire chiefs to work closely with DHS to “Institutionalize the integration of the fire service into federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial information and intelligence sharing networks—including State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers—to enhance preparedness and operations of fire service organizations across the country, while supporting the prevention, protection, response, and recovery efforts of all homeland security partners.” Efforts resulted in the development and publication of *Fire Service Integration for Fusion Centers, An Appendix to the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers* (April 2010)  
<https://it.ojp.gov/documents/d/Fire%20service%20integration%20for%20Fusion%20Centers.pdf>
- 9/11/2008. **Washington DC Command Training Center Governance Board** (appointed). Contribute to guiding the development and implementation of a regional training center for All Hazards Incident Management Teams
- 06/30/2008 **Chairperson of the Fire / Life Safety / Hazardous Materials / Health and Medical Subcommittee to the United States Secret Service Presidential Inaugural Committee** (appointed). Led the development and implementation of Protective Plans and Policies for the Inauguration of 56th President.
- 6/22/2008. **Peer Review Panel, DHS** - Served as facilitator for the 2008 Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant evaluation for the DC area.
- 03/04/2008. **Biological Incident Decision Framework Exercise., Lawrence Livermore National Labs** - Served as subject matter expert to validate new developed national Decision Framework used to facilitate decontamination and recovery from a biological attack. Published: <https://e-reports-ext.llnl.gov/pdf/494049.pdf>
- 02/11/2008. **Peer Review Panel, DHS** - Served as a facilitator for the Public Safety Interoperability Grant evaluation.
- 09/25/2007. **Fire Service Intelligence Enterprise - Chair of the Intelligence Requirements for the Fire Service Task Group**. In this role I led a group of Fire Chiefs from major urban departments to develop a model list of intelligence requirements for the fire service.
- 08/30/2006. **Project on Nuclear Effects and Response Questions**, National Defense University - Worked as part of team to develop questions to assess capability related to Nuclear

Response Capability.

08/01/2006. **Pilot Capabilities Assessment Project, DHS** - Worked as part of a multi-organizational team to develop the next National Capabilities Assessment.

08/30/2005. **Contaminated Public/Decontamination Working Group – Radiation, DHS** - Worked as part of nationally scoped, multi-organization team that assessed the capabilities and gaps in radiation decontamination.

### **Awards Received**

04/29/2025. **Fire Chief of the Year**, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs.

12/5/2017. **Certificate of Appreciation** for contributions and assistance provided to the United States Park Police, in accomplishing its mission.

04/28/2017. **Exemplary Service Award** in recognition of your hard work supporting HSEMA and the residents of the District of Columbia.

02/26/2012. **Certificate of Recognition**, National Capital Region Fire Chiefs 2012, for Outstanding Leadership on the COG Fire Chief's Intel Working Group and Extraordinary Efforts with the USAI Grant Process in the National Capital Region.

06/29/2011. 2011 National UASI Conference, Homeland Security Award, **Honorable Mention Outstanding First Responder**, In recognition of outstanding efforts to protect our Urban Areas and the Nation.

*"The most impressive attribute of Chief Donnelly that we have observed in the time we have worked with him is that he is someone who works hard at every opportunity to achieve excellence in all that he does. Despite the fact that this project was in addition to his normal duties, Chief Donnelly remained actively involved in all aspects of the program, and made himself available at all hours to ensure progress. Much of the value he brought to the PRND effort derives from the high esteem in which he is held by his peers in the NCR community. This was evident even across Fire, Police, and Public Health communities, all of which needed to be engaged to come to consensus on a regional strategy"*

06/10/2011. **Certificate of Appreciation**, Sherman Kent School, In recognition of valuable service to the training and educational mission of the Sherman Kent School. For *"demonstrating expertise and professionalism in support of the principles and practices of superior intelligence analysis."*

04/22/2009. **Fire Chiefs Award** - In recognition of support and commitment to the department

as the Lead Planning Officer for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration

12/14/2006. **Certificate of Appreciation** - In recognition of dedication, leadership and outstanding performance to regional excellence and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Fire Chiefs Committee.

02/08/2006. **Certificate of Appreciation** - From the District of Columbia Fire Chief for work on the FY06 State Homeland Security Grants Submission

12/20/2005. **Certificate of Appreciation** - In recognition of dedicated service to the Citizens of the Metropolitan Washington and the MWCOG Fire Chief's Committee for work in the FY2005 UASI Grant Process

2000 - District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services, **Bronze and Silver Medals (Valor)** for the Rescue of an elderly male from a row house fire in December 1999.

In 25 years serving the community, received numerous Community Service and Valor Awards from the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department and Prince George's County Fire Department.

### **Academic/Teaching**

**University of the District of Columbia – 08/2011 to 5/2014**

**Adjunct Professor**

**Responsibilities:** Serve as a professor teaching in the Fire Science Program. Developed curriculums and teaching degree required classes: Fire Protection Systems (205), Fire Codes and Standards (207) and Independent Studies – Applied Research Project (495).

**CIA DI Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis** – Guest lecturer in “Terrorist Operational Use of CBRN, 2010 – 2013 (Jon Nowick).

**George Washington University** – Guest lecturer in various courses at the Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, 2009 – 2012 (Dr. Robert McCreight).

**Naval Postgraduate School** – Second reader for student thesis.

Goldstein, Scott, “*Comparative Analysis of Fusion Center Outreach to Fire and EMS Agencies*”, (December, 2015) <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/47952>

Gretz, Raymond, “*Evaluating Fire Service use of Automatic Aid as a Response Model*” (December, 2013) <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/38938>

Lohrke, Trixie, “*Analyzing the Need for Special Operations Teams Within the Fire*

Service”, (November, 2006) <https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=683242>

### **Grants Written and Managed**

07/28/2016. 2016 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$50,000 - Grant funds backfill and overtime for members participating in Complex Critical Attack Coordination Activities. Deliverable is an agency plan for coordinating agency plans and response capabilities during a Complex Coordinating Attack. 2FBUA6 EMW-2016-SS-00030

07/28/2016. 2016 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$1.1 million - NCR Complex Coordinated Attack Investment. Program will improve ability to respond to complex coordinated attack by improving regional incident management capabilities, by delivering AHIMT and AHIMST Teams; creating warm zone medicine capabilities, by purchasing non-LE ballistic PPE, tactical triage kits, policy development, training and exercises; and increasing information sharing capabilities through the creation of Intelligence Liaison Officers. 3FBUA6 EMW-2016-SS-00030

12/08/2015. 2015 Port Security Grant - \$790,000 - Grant funds the purchase of a NFPA Class 4 Fireboat with CBRNE Capabilities to replace a ten year old Fireboat. 1FBPS5 EMW-2015-PU-00616-S01

09/01/2015. 2015 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$79,950 - DCFEMS will work with a consultant to complete a thorough assessment of the DC Port Region in order to better address the gaps and needs for specifications relating to a new, Type II fire boat. The consulting firm will complete the following tasks: Preparation, Interviews of Agency Members, Site Visit (Fire Dept), Site Tour (Port Facilities), Prepare a Needs Assessment, Identify Basic Vessel Components, Develop Technical Specifications and Recommendations. 2FBUA5

09/01/2013. 2013 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$574,575 - Grant to consolidate data systems of Fire and EMS apparatus by utilizing mobile routers reducing monthly data costs from 7 data connections to 1 data connection across 105 front line response apparatus. 2FBUA3

08/10/2012. 2012 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) – \$3.2 million - Application for thirty new hires to replace firefighters lost due to attrition.

08/04/2011. 2012 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$78,805 – Grant maintains and funds operation of the regional **radio cache**.

08/04/2011. 2012 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$650,000 – Grant funds operation of the improvements to **wireless systems interoperability and connectivity** on fire apparatus.

- 08/04/2011. 2012 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$445,580 – Grant funds training to implement **Rescue Technician Certification** for members and increase number of members of trained in Technical Rescue.
- 08/04/2011. 2012 Urban Area Security Grant Program -, \$1,750,000 - Co-authored and manage regional multidisciplinary grant for to expand a **multipoint, self alerting radiation detection and identification network** to provide early warning to radiation hazards within the NCR.
- 06/27/2011. Securing the Cities Grant – In partnership with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, Metropolitan Police Department and National Capitol Region Partners submitted \$30,000,000 application to **secure the region against nuclear attack**.
- 05/04/2012. Fire Prevention Grant – \$530,000 – Application for computer tools and software to enhance **Fire Life Safety code enforcement and permitting activities**.
- 04/24/2012. 2012 Port Security Grant - \$8.4 million – Application for replacement NIMS Type II Fireboat.
- 02/24/2012. 2011 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) – \$3.2 million - Application for thirty new hires to replace firefighters lost due to attrition.
- 01/03/2012. 2011 Firefighters Health and Safety Program - \$1,725,000 – This grant provides funding to replace and upgrade fifty **cardiac monitors and defibrillators** for use by paramedics.
- 08/04/2011. 2011 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$78,805 – Grant maintains and funds operation of the regional **radio cache**.
- 08/04/2011. 2011 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$1,287,500 – Grant completes regional enhancement of **USAR equipment** capabilities by purchasing 5 equipment caches. The equipment will be distributed to jurisdictions in the National Capital Region and builds on a previous investment in USAR response vehicles.
- 06/20/2011. 2010 Fire Prevention Grant \$100,000 – This grant funds the purchase of **smoke detectors** for department's targeted smoke detector programs.
- 04/1/2011. 2010 Firefighters Health and Safety Grant – \$368,160 – This grant provides funding for **Personal Protective Equipment** for thirty recruits and implementation of a **Carbon Monoxide Injury Reduction Program**.

- 08/26/2010. 2008 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$163,217 – Grant allows Local Fire Departments partnered with Joint Force Headquarters in the **2010 Capital Shield Exercise** to evaluate several regional priorities funded by the National Capital Region (NCR) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, along with the capabilities of Urban Search and Rescue, Incident Command, Hospital Medical Surge, and Mass Casualty Transport.
- 08/26/2010. 2008 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$113,273 – Grant allows Local and State Health and Medical agencies partnered with Joint Force Headquarters in the **2010 Capital Shield Exercise** to evaluate several regional priorities funded by the National Capital Region (NCR) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, along with the capabilities of Urban Search and Rescue, Incident Command, Hospital Medical Surge, and Mass Casualty Transport.
- 09/29/2010. 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program - \$1,309,653 - This project is to improve WMD/ hazardous materials response capability by **upgrading and replacing respiratory protection equipment** allowing long-term operations in hazardous atmospheres. This project will improve technical rescue response capability by replacing dated equipment with equipment that meets current standards for operations on WMD/hazardous materials incidents.
- 09/29/2010. 2010 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$700,000 - This project will provide a single regional service contract to **maintain and repair of hazardous materials detection equipment** and to provide the supplies necessary to operate said equipment. This project addresses the maintenance of the capabilities that were purchased with 2006 and 2008 UASI Grants funds to upgrade the regional hazardous materials detection and decontamination capability.
- 09/29/2010. 2010 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$600,000 - This project will provide technician and specialist level **WMD and Hazardous Materials Response Training** to members of the regions Hazardous Materials Response Teams. This project will also provide the overtime and backfill necessary to support participation in said training.
- 09/29/2010. 2010 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$385,320 – This grant replaces all **facepieces** for Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Air-Purifying Respirators (APR) and Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPR) that do not meet one or all of the current APR and PAPR standards for use in CBRNE environments.
- 09/29/2010. 2010 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$84,500 – This project rebuilds a capability to immediately treat victims of a nerve agent attack. This project replaces 900 Mark 1 antidote kits (manufacturer has stopped making them) that expired in August of 2009. The replacement is the **DuoDote Antidote** which provides nerve agent antidote. This investment will provide 900 antidote kits (doses) and train the trainer program on

improved delivery methods.

- 09/29/2010. 2010 Urban Area Security Grant Program - \$179,132 – This project will provide **overtime and backfill** training to DC Fire and EMS employees in accordance with all applicable regulations and contractual agreements to support training and implementation of Intelligence Dissemination, WMD Operations Level Training, and Urban Search and Urban Search and Rescue. The overtime and backfill would support continued participation in regional working group and task forces.
- 08/10/2009. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs, Fire Prevention and Safety Grant - \$156,000 – Grant award to purchase smoke and carbon monoxide programs in support of department's **SAVU Program**, which aims to assure every home in our community has a smoke and carbon monoxide detector through neighborhood saturation patrols and community outreach.
- 03/13/2009. This DHS Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to **upgrade by making NFPA Compliant all departmental self contained breathing apparatus**. The amount of the award was \$1,464,000.
- 08/26/2008. NFA State Fire Grant Training Program - \$700,000 – Grant awarded to develop, test and evaluate a prototype metro department NIMS/ICS **Command Training Center** program, as an experimental approach to address current national gaps in ICS training for type 4 and type 5 incidents.
- 06/30/2008 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2008, \$3,900,000 - Co-authored and manage regional multidisciplinary grant for to develop and establish a **multipoint, self alerting radiation detection and identification network** to provide early warning to radiation hazards within the NCR.
- 06/30/2008 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2008, \$1,250,000 - Authored and manage a regional grant to standardize the **NCR Haz Mat Response Teams** and the NIMS Type I Level. Project also includes developing automatic mutual aid and common response protocols.
- 11/09/2007. State Homeland Security Grants 2007 - **Upgrading Mobile Data Terminals** (MDTs) - \$1,745,915 - This grant was obtained to purchase the hardware to install Mobile Computer Terminals in 250 Fire Department Response Vehicles. These funds will be combined with other funds (awarding of 900,000 in additional funds negotiated during grant application process) Data terminals will allow mobile access to CAD/GIS Data and Electronic Patient Reporting/Tracking.
- 11/09/2007. State Homeland Security Grant 2007- **WMD/Hazmat Training** - \$104,500 - Funds to allow overtime and backfill reimbursement for participation in regional exercise and

specialized WMD Training.

11/09/2007. State Homeland Security Grant 2007- **Foam Unit Upgrades** - \$698,250 - Funding allows the agency to buy a Foam Unit to replace an outdated unit.

09/28/2007. This DHS Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to improve safety training programs through the purchase of an **Ambulance Driving Simulator**. The amount of the award was \$470,000.

08/30/2006. This Urban Area Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department on behalf of the National Capitol Region to develop, manage and improve **Mass Decontamination Capabilities** with the National Capital Region. Specifically, this grant funds the development of new policies and technologies, equipment purchases; coordination with the Hospital Community, training programs and exercises. The amount of the award was \$2,140,000.

06/30/2006. This State Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department **for WMD and NIMS training and exercise programs**. The amount of the award was \$100,000.

06/30/2006. This State Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to improve the ability of the department to exercise command and control during the event of a mass recall of employees and during **COOP** situations. This ability will be improved through the purchase of state-of-the-art technology and equipment, funding the costs of storage and caching equipment, and funding training and exercise programs. The amount of the award was \$200,000

06/30/2006. This State Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to maintain **Urban Search and Rescue and WMD capabilities** through the funding the maintenance and disposable supply costs. The amount of the award was \$430,000

09/30/2005. This State Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to **improve CBRNE metering capabilities** through the purchase of state of the art technology, funding maintenance costs of metering technology, and funding CBRNE training and exercise programs. The amount of the award was \$360,000.

09/30/2005. This State Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to **improve Urban Search and Rescue capabilities** through the purchase of state-of-the-art technology and equipment, funding the costs of storage and caching equipment, and funding Urban Search and Rescue training and exercise programs. The amount of the award was \$690,000

08/30/2005. This Urban Area Security Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department on behalf of the National Capitol Region to develop, manage and provide **Weapons of Mass Destruction Operations Training** to all 10,000 Fire and Emergency Medical Services Responders in the National Capital Region. The amount of the award was \$1,253,000.

07/30/2005. This DHS Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant was awarded to the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of **Firefighter Rescue Equipment**. The amount of the award was \$19,144.

07/30/2005. This DHS Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant was awarded to the District of Columbia Fire Department to improve safety training programs through the purchase of a **Fire Truck Driving Simulator, Flashover Training for all employees, and a mobile Confined Space Training Simulator**. The amount of the award was \$566,675.

07/30/2004. This DHS Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant was awarded to the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of **Thermal Imaging Cameras**. The amount of the award was \$24,000.

### **Technical Training**

| Agency                                                                             | Date     | Course/Certification                                                                                         |
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| All American Environmental Services, Inc.                                          | 2/13/03  | Confined Space Operations Program                                                                            |
| American Heart Association                                                         | 7/27/89  | Advanced Cardiac Life Support                                                                                |
|                                                                                    | 5/1/05   | Healthcare Provider                                                                                          |
| Commonwealth of Virginia                                                           | 4/21/86  | Radiological Monitors Course                                                                                 |
| Commonwealth of Virginia,<br>Department of Fire Programs<br>Fire Services Training | 3/25/88  | Airport Firefighter                                                                                          |
| District of Columbia Department<br>of Health                                       | 8/27/92  | Emergency Medical Technician                                                                                 |
| District of Columbia Fire and<br>Emergency Medical Services                        | 10/22/92 | Basic Fire Curriculum                                                                                        |
|                                                                                    | 2/27/98  | Hazardous Materials Technician - Level III                                                                   |
|                                                                                    | 9/18/98  | Technical Rope Rescue II                                                                                     |
|                                                                                    | 4/29/99  | Firefighter Rescue and Survival                                                                              |
|                                                                                    | 5/25/17  | Leading With Awareness                                                                                       |
| Federal Protective Service                                                         | 3/23/04  | Preparation for the Suicide/Homicide Bomber                                                                  |
| Emergency Management<br>Institute                                                  | 3/2/18   | Integrated Emergency Management Course:<br>Preparing the Whole Community for a Complex<br>Coordinated Attack |

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| Department of Homeland Security                                                                                           | 6/22/11  | Intermediate Fusion Center Analyst Training Program (PER 285, 286, 288, & 289 – 125 hours)             |
|                                                                                                                           | 7/15/04  | Authorized Trainer, National WMD Standardized Awareness Training                                       |
|                                                                                                                           | 12/4/17  | DHS Insider Threat Training                                                                            |
| Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness                                                                        | 2/27/04  | Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Training |
| Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP) | 4/14/04  | WMD Detection Technologies                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                           | 4/16/04  | O & M of the Chemical Detector APD 2000                                                                |
|                                                                                                                           | 4/21/04  | O & M of the Ludlum Model 2241-2 Emergency Radiological Response Kit                                   |
|                                                                                                                           | 4/22/04  | Use of Biological Agent Detection Materials - Bio-Assay (SMART II) Tickets                             |
|                                                                                                                           | 5/6/04   | O & M of the Photo Ionization Detector (PID) MiniRAE 2000                                              |
|                                                                                                                           | 5/6/04   | O & M of the Draeger Chip Measurement System (CMS)                                                     |
|                                                                                                                           | 9/2/04   | O & M of the Photo Ionization Detector (PID) Passport PID II                                           |
|                                                                                                                           | 9/9/04   | O & M of the Guardian Bio-Threat (BTA) System                                                          |
|                                                                                                                           | 9/9/04   | Use of Chemical Agent Detection Materials M8, M9, and M256A1 Kit                                       |
| Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services                                                                         | 12/18/86 | Cardiac Rescue Technician                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                           | 7/1/04   | Emergency Medical Technician                                                                           |
| Maryland Voluntary Fire Service Certification System                                                                      | 7/1/89   | Firefighter III                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                           | 9/8/93   | Fire Officer I                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                           | 2/2/94   | Fire Service Instructor I                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                           | 2/2/94   | Fire Officer II                                                                                        |
| National Association of Underwater Instructors                                                                            | 10/1/98  | Open Water I                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                           | 10/30/98 | Rapid Deployment Search and Rescue I                                                                   |
| National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications                                                                | 9/21/93  | Fire Officer I                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                           | 2/22/94  | Fire Officer II                                                                                        |
| National Emergency Training Center, Emergency Management Institute                                                        | 12/6/02  | Radiological Emergency Response                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                           | 5/9/03   | Radiological Emergency Response Operations Course                                                      |
| National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians                                                                        | 7/9/91   | Registered Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic                                                      |
| New Mexico Tech, Energetic                                                                                                | 10/25/02 | Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings                                                                |

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| Materials Research and Testing Center                                                             | 2/3/04   | Countering and Responding to the Suicide Bomber Training, Pilot Course #1                               |
| Prince George's County, Fire Department                                                           | 8/19/83  | Firefighter I                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                   | 5/15/88  | Command Officer Operations and Management Course                                                        |
| Rescue 3 International                                                                            | 8/6/99   | Swift Water Rescue Technician I                                                                         |
| S2, Safety and Intelligence                                                                       | 7/1/03   | Weaponization of Chemical and Biological Agents                                                         |
| Safety Systems Emergency Counter Measure Services                                                 | 10/24/97 | Rescue                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                   | 12/3/97  | Handling Gasoline Tank Truck Emergencies                                                                |
| U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary                                                                        | 5/13/98  | Boating Skills and Seamanship Course                                                                    |
| Uniformed Services University                                                                     | 7/27/90  | Emergency Medical Technician - Tactical, Counter-Narcotics Tactical Operations, Medical Support Program |
| United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Center for Domestic Preparedness | 10/19/02 | WMD Incident Command Course (COBRA)                                                                     |
|                                                                                                   | 2/22/03  | WMD HAZMAT Technician Course (COBRA)                                                                    |
| University of Maryland, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute                                        | 1/19/86  | Public Fire Safety Educators' Workshop                                                                  |
|                                                                                                   | 2/21/88  | Aircraft and Rescue Short Course                                                                        |
|                                                                                                   | 4/1/94   | Firefighter Health and Safety - NFA                                                                     |
|                                                                                                   | 6/1/94   | Instructor Training Level I                                                                             |
|                                                                                                   | 5/31/96  | Trench Collapse and Rescue Training                                                                     |
|                                                                                                   | 9/27/96  | Emergency Services Structural Collapse and Rescue - Heavy                                               |
|                                                                                                   | 2/1/98   | Instructor Training Level II                                                                            |
| Virginia College of Emergency Physicians                                                          | 10/26/97 | Basic Trauma Life Support - Basic                                                                       |