



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

**NUMBER: 09-01**  
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**SUBJECT: Inauguration Preparedness**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration scheduled on January 20, 2009 in our Nation's Capital has been designated a National Security Special Event (NSSE). Planners expect several million people to attend this historic six-day event that will begin on January 16, 2009 with local events and gatherings. Opening ceremonies start January 19, 2009 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, followed by a large fireworks display expected to attract an estimated 1.5 million people. On January 20, 2009, crowds are expected to arrive on the National Mall and the parade route as early as 0300 hours, with celebrations running well into the morning of January 21, 2009. The Oath of Office will be administered at noon on January 20, 2009, on the Capitol steps.

MCFRS will be ready to respond to the challenges this event may generate in Montgomery County. With this in mind, all personnel must begin preparing their stations, apparatus, and families and homes. You should also consider your availability for extended service during this six-day event.

Personnel should review the command action guides on *Quicklinks* to prepare for incident(s) during a National Security Special Event. Some of the topics include *START, Triage, Command Action Guidelines, Radio Failsoft Procedure, WMD/Decon information, Call-Back Procedures, and Fleet map*. You should also review other appropriate topics of preparedness indicated below.

## **Station/Apparatus**

- Station and lot security
- Food and water supplies
- Station supplies
- EMS supplies
- Apparatus supplies
- Snow chain inspections
- Absorbent
- Update of Callback numbers
- Apparatus flares, cones
- Reserve apparatus readiness
- SCBA/station air compressor
- Station generator operation
- Threat Level Red

## **Personal**

- 72-hour Self Sufficiency
- Traffic congestion/Travel time
- Personal Bio-Packs
- Food/water/fuel
- Personal Go-Kits
- Cash
- Prepare homes and family for extended hours
- Bring inclement weather gear
- Additional (warm) clothing
- BSI (Bodily Substance Isolation)
- Bring UASI gear with you
- Identification tags

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