When Seconds Matter

The Need for a Regional Response to Crisis
National Response Framework

- Comprehensive, all-hazards approach to response
- Overview of key response principles, roles and structures
- Includes Core Document, Annexes and Partner Guides

An Umbrella to Structure Response
Hampton Roads Responds

- 2007 Tier 2 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Designation
- 2010 Hampton Roads UASI Gap Analysis Report and Capability Assessment
- 2011 Hampton Roads Full Scale Exercise
- 2017 Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series (JCTAWS)
- 2017 City of Norfolk & Cordillera Applications Group Regional Workshop

Regional Cooperation for More Than a Decade
Recurring Themes

• Lack of Unified Command and Operational Coordination

• Lack of Regional Coordination

Regional Needs Mirror National Needs
Norfolk/Chesapeake/Virginia Beach/Hampton

• Re-examined all emergency plans
• Defining the requirements for a regional Common Operating Picture
• Tested secure communications between the 4 EOC’s and developed a regular testing schedule for these communications links
• Conducted a Tabletop Exercise for a large event
• Began discussion about the uses of UAV’s/UAS
• Regional seminar to develop workgroups
• Regional seminar on Urbanization

Working Together for Continuous Improvement
What Might the Future Hold?

• Regional Emergency Operations Center(s)?
• Regional 9-1-1 Dispatch Center(s)?
• Enhanced Mutual Aid or Automatic Response?
• Things we haven’t even considered...yet?

The Path Forward Could Begin Here
How Do We Take The Next Step?

• City of Chesapeake and City of Norfolk partner to study next step options

• Can be a catalyst for other regional localities to partner and explore options

• Resolution calling for this study on your November 20th agenda

Enhancing Response for our Citizens
QUESTIONS?