

World Trade Center Emergency

0700 Incident Command Post Meeting
September 21, 2001

Commissioner Fitzpatrick and Chief Cruthers (FDNY) called the daily Incident Command meeting to order.

Action Items / Issues:

- OEM reported on some ancillary labor issues. Contractors / laborers were informed the work zone is still a rescue area. They advise there is no further problem with laborers.
- Coveralls should be at the Fire Station later – possibly 4,000 BDUs by this evening. Chief Cruthers re-directed delivery to entry points.
- Demobilization process is being engaged. St. John's has been selected for one of the centers because it won't interrupt the traffic flow.
- Logistics reported there are two entrance and exit points into the work area. The south one still needs some work to make it fully functional.
- The supply caches began operation last night. Logistics reported there should be 400 military personnel on site today. If that happens, all four sector supply caches should be fully and completely operational this afternoon.
- Traffic routes for incoming supplies need to be examined and split equally between the bridges to minimize traffic delays.
- The Pizza Truck is now gone from the work zone...
- Personnel in the work zone are to be directed to eat only at the Salvation Army Site, the Comfort or other authorized vendor / supplier.
- DOH reports attempting to restrict food intake in the work zone. Over 300 restaurants have been closed down in the area and the possibility for rodent problems is steadily increasing.
- DOH would like operations to re-emphasize to workers in the work zone that their masks are not disposable – only the canisters need to be replaced.
- Commissioner Fitzpatrick directed that all policy related decisions or information made outside the 7:00 a.m. staff meeting by other committees / subcommittees needs to be communicated at the 7:00 a.m. staff meeting to insure everyone knows about them.
- The fiber optic line between the Pier and the Incident Command Post is involved in some work around issues, but should be operational soon.
- The wireless P.A. system was installed and one speaker was placed in operation last night.

- An exemption has been granted for the use of pressurized gasses needed in carrying out activities within the work zone. Propane, oxygen, acetylene and other materials have been allowed into the area by exception for this emergency only. **Fire Prevention will monitor the placement of the pressurized tanks to insure adequate safety.**
- The wireless computer network is now in place and people are being trained in the use of the software.
- Labor /Contractor Issue: They request people not to work on the debris pile on the Winter Garden. Removing this debris will be particularly difficult as some of the remaining structures in the area need to be shored.
- Labor / Contractor Issue: Need to have access to information about the weather because wind speeds can influence when the crane can swing steel. Weather stations will be installed in the areas of the sector command posts and will be able to be access from each command post.
- Port Authority announced they have a fully functional Emergency Operations Center with the ability to access resources on the New Jersey side of the emergency. **The phone numbers are: 201.239.3502 and 201.239.3510.**

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Meeting adjourned.

Approved by DC Hayden