

Big Events in a Small State

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Welcome from Delaware

- Delaware is the 1st State in the Union.
- Delaware has only three Counties, New Castle, Kent and Sussex
- Delaware is 101 miles long, 52 miles wide on the bottom and 10 miles wide at the narrowest point



Delaware Fun Facts

- 2008 Census Population for Delaware was 873,092
- State Bird is the "fighting Blue Hen"
- State Insect is Officially the Lady Bug, Unofficially it's the mosquito!



Fun Facts Continued



- State beverage is Milk and the State desert is Peach Pie.
- Delaware's number one resident is the chicken with over 269,100,000 broilers raised per year.
- Del. Ranks 9th in the nation and Sussex is No. 1 County in the nation for chicken production

Hazmat Responses in Delaware



- 60 Vol. Fire Cos. in Delaware
- Operations level trained
- City of Wilmington new Hazmat tech team minimal equipment
- Three specialized decon teams, 1 in each county
- DNREC functions as the hazmat tech team for the State

DNREC's Team

- Three full time hazmat scientists
- 12 Environmental Police Officers (hazmat techs)
- 6 Supplemental Responders (hazmat techs)
- One Emergency Prevention and Response Program Manager



Obama/Biden Whistle Stop Tour

- January 17th, 2009
- 30,000 people expected to attend-maximum temp. 15°F
- Event Planning began approximately 8 days prior to the event.
- Agencies participating with Hazmat/EOD, USSS, FBI, ATF, DNREC, DSP, City of Wilmington FD, PD & EMA, Local Vol. Fire Cos.
- Nature of the Event was a train ride from Philadelphia to DC with a two hour stop in Wilmington, public speeches along with a private party on-site

Event Photos



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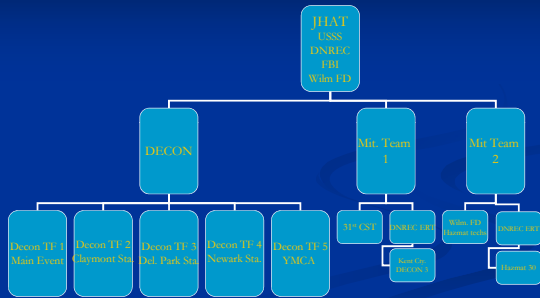


- Left Photo Claymont Station entry point into Delaware
- Right photo departure from Wilmington Station with two more station passes to go in Delaware: Delaware Park and Newark

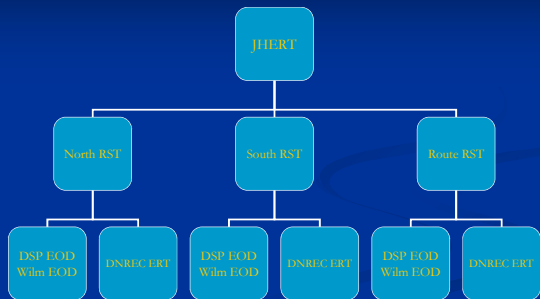
JHAT Concept

- The Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) is a combined team of separate agencies or entities which may include federal, state and local assets merged into one response team
- Delaware utilizes the JHAT for Presidential, Vice-Presidential, Gov's inaugural and large sporting events, i.e. NASCAR
- DNREC functions as the State hazmat team leader and provides personnel to augment other agencies.

Organizational Chart Hazmat



Organizational Chart EOD



Decon TF-1

- VIP Decon located behind the stage area and dedicated to the Pres-Elect and VP-Elect.
- Within the security zone limited personnel movement was allowed.
- HM 16, Decon-1, HM 14 with a three inch supply line from a hydrant



Decon TF-2 Claymont Station Five Points Fire Co., Inc.



Decon TF-3 Del. Park Mill Creek Fire Co.



Decon TF-4 Newark Station Aetna Hose and Hook and Ladder



Decon TF-5 Mass Decon at the Event



- Wilmington Ladder 1, Engine 1 and Hazmat 30 assigned.
- Due to freezing temps. the local community college gymnasium was acquired as a warming Decon area.
- Limiting factor was the facility was 2 blocks N of the event.
- Marine Corp. CBIRF contacted by USSS not available due to DC commitments

Mitigation Team 1

- Comprised of the Del. National Guard 31st CST, DNREC ERT and Kent County Decon 3
- "Level C" response team for rapid assessment and mitigation.
- Located just outside secure perimeter near magnetometers



Mitigation Team 2

- Wilmington Fire Dept Hazmat Techs (6) under the direction of DNREC ERT (4) and supported by Hazmat 30
- Designed as a "Level A" team stationed out of Wilmington Fire Station 1
- Deployment would have ended the event and the President-elect and VP-elect would have been evacuated by USSS

JHAT Equipment



- "Level C" stealth team with rapid analytical equipment to escalate or deescalate the threat
- Additional sampling gear was utilized to collect and if need be analyze remotely.
- The JHAT activates the Mit-teams and responds in conjunction with the JHERT

Staffing

- Total number of responders provided by volunteer, local and the State for the JHAT was 98 individuals.
- Federal responders within the JHAT was two.
- DECON assets in staffing were 61 individuals.
- Hazmat Mitigation teams assets in staffing were 37 individuals.

Lessons Learned

- Being a small State has its advantages due to the “players” already being familiar with each other.
- The only members who needed to truly integrate were the Feds.
- Decon in sub-freezing weather would have been challenging at best and may have been worse than the illness.
- The USSS has some really great Agents and Physical Security Specialists in the Technical Security Division please take the time to get to know them if possible
- These type of events can become very labor intensive very quickly.

QUESTIONS?
