First Amendment Protected Activities within the National Capital Region

Purpose:
This document is provided to assist with planning for First Amendment protected events or activities that may impact a site, asset or mission protected by the Federal Protective Service (FPS).

It is based on the best information available to the FPS at the time of production and is subject to change as additional information becomes available. FPS recognizes that Americans have constitutionally protected rights to assemble, speak, and petition the government. FPS safeguards these rights and only reports on First Amendment protected activities for situational awareness and operational planning to assure the safety and security of the participants, public, federal assets, missions, facilities and occupants.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF CONSIDERATION:
FPS protected federal facilities within the National Capital Region (NCR); specifically, facilities in Washington, DC.

DETAILS:
On January 6, 2021, there will be several First Amendment protected activities throughout the National Capital Region as a result of the outcome of the 2020 Presidential Election. This Information Bulletin is intended to inform FPS stakeholders of threats posed by, tactics utilized, threats utilized by foreign and domestic organizations throughout the National Capital Region (NCR) during the upcoming First Amendment protected activities. Domestic extremists to include anarchist extremists, anti-government extremists (AGE), and racially motivated violent extremists (RMVE) will likely participate in First Amendment protected activities and use the activities as an opportunity to promote their ideologies and motivate followers to promote violence.
Projected locations for First Amendment Activities:

- Supreme Court of the United States - 1 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20543
- Freedom Plaza - 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004
- Lafayette Square - Pennsylvania Ave. NW and 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
- The Ellipse – 15th & 17 St. Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500
- National Mall- 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue NW- 18th and Constitution Avenue Street NW, Washington DC.

While these events may not directly correlate with FPS protected facilities, the potential for a higher rate of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, road and street closures are likely to occur throughout NCR.

Projected road closures:

From Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. to Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., signage will be posted as “Emergency No Parking” on the following streets:

- H Street from 15th Street NW to 17th Street NW
- I Street from 15th Street NW to 17th Street NW
- Connecticut Avenue NW from H Street NW to L Street, NW
- Vermont Avenue NW from H Street NW to L Street NW
- 15th Street NW from I Street to K Street NW (west side of McPherson Square)
- 17th Street NW from I Street to K Street NW (east side of Franklin Square)

The following streets will be posted as “Emergency No Parking” on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. to Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.:

- Constitution Avenue NW from Pennsylvania Avenue NW to 18th Street NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue NW from 3rd Street NW to 18th Street NW
- I Street NW from 9th Street NW to 15th Street NW
On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. D.C. police stated that if it is deemed to be safe, vehicles will be allowed to enter the area for essential business or traveling to and from their residences.

- Constitution Avenue NW from Pennsylvania Avenue NW to 18th Street NW
- Independence Avenue SW from 14th Street to Ohio Drive SW
- K Street NW from 9th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- I Street NW from 9th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- H Street NW from 9th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- New York Avenue NW from 9th Street NW to 15th Street NW
- New York Avenue NW from 17th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- G Street from 9th Street NW to 15th Street NW
- G Street from 17th Street NW to 18th Street, NW
- F Street from 9th Street NW to 15th Street NW
- F Street from 17th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- E Street from 9th Street NW to 15th Street, NW
- E Street from 17th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- D Street from 5th Street NW to 9th Street NW
- D Street from 17th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- C Street from 3rd Street NW to 6th Street NW
- C Street from 17th Street NW to 18th Street NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue NW from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue NW from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street NW
- Indiana Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street NW
- 3rd Street from Independence Avenue SW to D Street NW
- 4th Street from Independence Avenue SW to Pennsylvania Avenue NW
- 4th Street from Indiana Avenue NW to E Street NW
- 5th Street from Indiana Avenue NW to E Street NW
- 6th Street from Constitution Avenue NW to E Street NW
- 7th Street from Independence Avenue SW to E Street NW
- 9th Street from Constitution Avenue NW to E Street NW
- 10th Street from Constitution Avenue NW to L Street NW
- 11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue NW to L Street NW
- 12th Street from Constitution Avenue NW to L Street NW
- 13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue NW to L Street NW
- 14th Street from Independence Avenue SW to L Street NW
- 15th Street from Independence Avenue SW to L Street NW
- 16th Street from H Street NW to L Street NW
- Vermont Avenue from H Street NW to L Street NW
- Connecticut Avenue from H Street NW to L Street NW
• 17th Street from Independence Avenue SW to L Street NW
• Madison Street from 3rd Street NW to 15th Street NW
• Jefferson Street from 3rd Street SW to 15th Street SW
• 12th Street Tunnel
• 9th Street Tunnel

D.C. police said they are not expecting street closures on Thursday, January 7, 2021, but there may be intermittent closures in the downtown area.

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