



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFERS MEDIA TOUR OF THE DISTRICT'S FIELD DISASTER MORGUE

Morgue Deployment is part of the District's Full-Scale Mass Fatality Exercise

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WHAT: The District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is providing media the opportunity to tour the inside of the District's Field Disaster Morgue. The Field Disaster Morgue, is a tent structure that allows for continuity of operations during a mass fatality. **This is the first time that the District has deployed a field disaster morgue.**

The deployment of the morgue is part of the District's first-ever **Mass Fatality Symposium and Full-Scale Exercise**. The four day symposium included OCME staff, District first responders and international mass fatality experts. Information provided and lessons learned from other mass fatalities will help inform the District Wide Mass Fatality Management Plan.

The culmination of the symposium is a full-scale exercise that simulated a complex coordinated attack within the District. The exercise commences today with "victims" being transported to the field disaster morgue.

The media will be provided access to the clean autopsy suites to shoot b-roll and ask questions.

WHO: **Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FASCP**
Chief Medical Examiner
Donell Harvin, DrPHc, MPH, MPA
Administrator, Emergency Preparedness, Health & Safety

WHEN: Thursday, September 29, 2016
Media check-in **12:00 NOON**
Media tour to begin at **12:15PM**

WHERE: The OCME Disaster Morgue Operations Center
Across the street from the National Guard Armory
2001 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

****IMAGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST****

PRESS SHOULD RSVP TO THE ABOVE MEDIA CONTACT

PARKING IS ADJACENT TO THE FIELD DISASTER MORGUE

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