



MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR INAUGURATION COVERAGE

FAIRFAX, Va. – To aid national, state, and local media with Virginia traffic updates during the various 2009 Presidential Inauguration events, a multi-agency Traffic Joint Information Center (JIC) will be established at the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) at 4890 Alliance Drive in (corner of West Ox Road and Fairfax Co. Parkway (Rt. 7100)) in Fairfax County, Va.

Representatives from the Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will be available to media from noon Sunday, Jan. 18, through Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Virginia Traffic Media Lines: (804) 249-0764 or (804) 249-0769

These lines will be available to media only beginning **12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18**, through **12 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21**. We ask that this number not be published, as we want to keep it open to media inquiries and not be tied up with public inquiries. Both lines will link you directly with a public information officer at the JIC at the PSTOC in Fairfax County, Va.

Virginia PSTOC JIC Briefing/Update Schedule and Media Ops:

- Sunday, Jan. 18:** Traffic updates will be sent via email during the afternoon and evening.
- Monday, Jan. 19:** 10 a.m. Teleconference Call for Final Updates and Q-and-A (VSP, VDOT, DRPT & VDH representatives will be on this conference call)
- Tuesday, Jan. 20:**
- 4 a.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions (Virginia road restrictions on I-395 and I-66 go into effect at 3 a.m.)
 - 6 a.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 8 a.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 10 a.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 2 p.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 4 p.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 6 p.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions
 - 8 p.m. – Teleconference Call on VA Traffic Conditions (VA road restrictions on I-395 and I-66 will be lifted beginning at 7 p.m.)

Teleconference Participant Dial-In: 1-888-562-3356

Name of Call: (Provide when prompted) Inauguration Virginia Traffic

Media will be notified of any major traffic developments occurring between teleconference calls via email from the Virginia Traffic JIC at the PSTOC in Fairfax County. Media will also be notified via email of any formal press conferences scheduled at the PSTOC. If you are not already receiving emails from VSP and would like to be included on this listing for the purpose of inauguration updates, please contact Corinne Geller at corinne.geller@vsp.virginia.gov.

Please note that there are only 50 lines available for media on each teleconference call, so access will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Noting this we would ask one phone line per media outlet as we do anticipate media from around the state utilizing these teleconference calls for traffic updates and information.

Media Access from VA to DC: Media vehicles (private media cars, satellite trucks, microwave trucks, etc.) will **not** qualify as an “authorized vehicle” and be allowed access inside the Beltway on northbound Interstate 395 or eastbound Interstate 66 on Jan. 20, 2009. Media vehicles will be refused access and/or turned around at the diversion points on I-495.

Media needing to shuttle news crews and personnel back and forth will need to seek alternate transportation from Virginia to DC. Media can hire a limo, car service, bus, shuttle bus, or 16-or-more passenger van. Virginia will recognize any one of these vehicles and only these for access into the District on Inauguration Day.

Virginia interstate restrictions go into effect beginning at 3 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. Restrictions will be lifted, barring any incidents, beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. Westbound lanes of I-66 and southbound lanes of I-395 will be open all day Tuesday.

Media Coverage Restrictions: News crews, photographers, reporters, etc. are **not** allowed to use emergency lanes, shoulders, crossovers or medians. Nor are media allowed to park or stop at any time in emergency lanes, shoulders, crossovers or medians. These lanes must be kept open for emergency vehicle access at all times. Violators risk being cited and removed.

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