

Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Strategy



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As first responders to fires, medical and other emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts, FDNY protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department advances public safety through its fire prevention, investigation and education programs. The timely delivery of these services enables the FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

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During the past five years, the Department has made significant progress in preparing for future terrorist threats and natural disasters by developing our capabilities and expanding our capacity to respond to all-hazard events. The constantly changing nature of terrorism mandates that we not only continue to press forward in our work today, but that we do so with an eye to the future. To that end, we must develop a vision and strategy that will define our preparedness objectives and establish the foundation for the path we will take to meet those objectives.

Employing the insight and skills from a cross section of the FDNY's work force, the Department leadership has developed this Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Strategy. This document will provide direction and unity of vision to the Department's efforts toward enhanced preparedness. It also will provide direction and cohesion across the different bureaus within the Department and lead to a more coordinated approach to planning, training, equipping and responding. As we consider the threats of today and tomorrow, it is important that we identify the critical uncertainties in our environment, remove the blind spots from our thinking and develop a flexible strategic vision for the future.

The information and guidance provided by FDNY uniformed and civilian staff, as well as numerous advisors outside the Department, were instrumental to the successful completion of the Strategy document and will continue to be critical to implementing its proposed framework. We appreciate all who continue to participate in this important preparedness initiative.

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