

NGPS: Tabletop Exercise In Brief

Scenario: Improvised Explosive Device in Chicago, IL

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Assumptions

- ❖ This is ***YOUR*** exercise
- ❖ We are **not** evaluating your individual skills or knowledge in AGOL or any mapping application
- ❖ There is no right or wrong solution
- ❖ There are no right or wrong map products

ArcGIS Online Logistics

- Usernames:
 - first initial + last name_ngps
 - Example: jdoe_ngps
- Password: ngps2015
- Security Question: What city were you born in?
Answer: DC
- All accounts have been assigned to all NGPS groups and all accounts have been verified
- Experience issues logging in? Just let us know!



Background Scenario

- ❖ Improvised Explosive Device (IED) near Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears, results in a multi-jurisdictional response to possible terrorist activity.
- ❖ The Chicago Bears are scheduled to host their first pre-season NFL game, and visitors to the area are expected to be high, especially along the water front near the Museums and Grant Park areas.
- ❖ The Biggest Loser is hosting a half marathon along the lake shore. Over 3,000 people are expected along the course.
- ❖ Traffic congestion will pick up near the Soldier Field especially near S Lake Shore Dr and E 18th St (or Drive).





Scenario Timing - 1

- ❖ **At 1:00PM** multiple callers to 911 noted a suspicious moving van parked with flashers on along **Museum Campus Dr** (across from the Soldier Field north parking garage).
- ❖ 911 has dispatched officers to the area to investigate



Scenario Timing - 2

- ❖ **1:02PM** a BOLO (be on the look out) is issued from the **Crime Prevention and Information Center** (Chicago Fusion Center) for heightened activity related to credible chatter indicating possible use of rental vehicles to deploy IEDs in conjunction with chemical and/or radiological materials. Chatter on social media is indicating various rental vehicles matching the description around the suspected area.
- ❖ Multiple sources are verifying this as credible. Indications are that small cells have been activated in the Chicago area as the event approaches.
- ❖ Their use of vehicles to deliver large IEDs (Oklahoma City Bombing size) is of serious concern near large gathering areas.
- ❖ OKC occurred in 1995.
This is the 20th Anniversary of that attack.





Scenario Timing - 3

- ❖ **1:10PM** **Police** have investigated a social media report from a race participant tweeted indicating a parked vehicle matching the description. Officers are reporting an unoccupied van with the windows covered located near the **intersection of E. McFetridge Dr and Museum Campus Dr.** which warrants further investigation.
- ❖ **1:15PM** Dispatcher relays BOLO to the officers concerning the fusion center threat assessment. As a result, officers request assistance to the location of the suspicious rental truck.



Scenario

- ❖ Traffic diversion is implemented along [S Lake Shore Dr at Museum Campus Dr and E Roosevelt Rd](#). In addition, race officials are contacted for details of the race closures.
- ❖ Chicago Police and FBI are called in for investigation of the vehicle (bomb disposal team) and [traffic control](#) around the site within the PD jurisdiction.
- ❖ Police working security in the [museum area](#) are also on scene for evacuation near the suspicious vehicle.
- ❖ Race finish line and vendors are located at Soldier Field (Stadium Green at the Soldier Field Parklands)
 - [1410 Museum Campus Dr, Chicago, IL 60605](#)



Exercise Objectives

- ❖ This exercise is lead by YOU.
- ❖ **Operators** - Lead as if you are running incident operations.
- ❖ **GIS Professionals** - You are the GIS staff leading the development of information products to aid the Operators in mission critical decision making.
- ❖ As a team, bridge the communication gap between Operators and GIS staff to anticipate information requirements.
- ❖ As a team, prioritize and delegate internally to deliver your final products and brief to the group.



Role-Based Exercise Objectives

- ❖ **Operators** - Work real-time (first 2 hours) with your GIS staff to discuss immediate actions, and to gain situational awareness of the area. You are driving the exercise play:
 - What do you need to know?
 - What are your priorities?
 - What information would help you make these decisions?

- ❖ **GIS Staff** - your objective is to provide the right information products and to help the operators understand the potential impact. Examples:
 - What is the potential population impact?
 - Where is the isolation zone?
 - What CI/KR may be impacted?
 - What information do you need to provide to the public?



Helpful Hints

- ❖ Use the **tools** you have learned about at this conference
 - Public Information Map
 - Static USNG map products
- ❖ **Injects** will be coming to you via email during the next 2 hours
- ❖ This is **real-time 2 hours**; we're not solving the whole event scenario.



Final Discussion and Hot Wash

- ❖ Assign 1 operator and 1 GIS person to present your work to the larger group once done

- ❖ Be prepared to discuss:
 - What worked well during your efforts?
 - Where did you see a disconnect between the 2 groups?
 - How did you overcome this?
 - What did you take away when you go back to work?