

Floyd Bennett Field Evacuation Meeting 1/9/2024

Attendees: DOE, H+H, NYCEM, Garner, NYPD, FDNY, NPS, City Hall

Weather Update:

High wind warning upped potential gusts of 70 mph. Winds over FBF are expected to reach 60-65 mph gusts, but the high wind warning for Brooklyn and Queens includes gusts potentially up to 70 mph.

1600 HRS – 1800 HRS/1900 HRS rain increases

2000 HRS is a good chance of heavy showers and 50-55 mph gusts

High wind period would be 2100 HRS – 0200/0300 HRS Wednesday

Evacuation Timeline (as of 0930 HRS call):

1300 HRS: Madison High School Walkthrough

1500 HRS: NYPD to arrive at FBF

1500-1600 HRS: DOE buses to arrive at FBF

1530 HRS: CIC to arrive at FBF to support evacuation operations

1600 – 1700 HRS: H+H to load buses

- Approximately 30 people per bus, around 33 buses needed for the first trip
- DOE expected to provide 70 buses total, will follow up with timing

1700 HRS: Buses depart FBF

1730 HRS: Buses arrive at Madison HS

1730 – 1800 HRS: Unload buses

1800 HRS: Buses depart Madison HS on return trip

1830 HRS: Buses arrive at FBF

1830 – 1930 HRS: Load second round of buses

1930 HRS: Buses depart FBF

2000 HRS: Buses arrive at Madison HS

Agency Report Outs:

DOE:

- Madison HS confirmed. Auditorium, Cafeteria, and classrooms will be available.
 - Auditorium available at 1700 HRS.
 - Cafeteria available at 1800 HRS.
 - Classrooms available upon request.
- Walkthrough scheduled for 1300 HRS today (1/9).
 - H+H, NYCEM (leadership and CIC), DHSES to attend.
- DOE buses expected to arrive at FBF by 1600 HRS.
 - Will follow any travel restrictions and advisories.
- Custodial crew and DOE NYPD will be on site during overnight.
- Looking to get everyone out of Madison HS by 0500 HRS Wednesday morning (1/10).

H+H:

- Messaging to guests will start at 1100 HRS today (1/9).
- Doc Go administrative staff and Arrow security will be on-site at Madison HS.
 - Looking to be transported via DOE buses along with guests. Approximately 50 staff members.
- Working on contingency plan for guests arriving at FBF late tonight (1/9).

- Coordinating with Garner.
- Plan to use 3 NYS buses (1 MTA bus and 2 State DOC buses) for guests who do not make the first two evacuation trips.
- These buses can shelter-in-place on FBF if conditions are too dangerous to drive.

Garner:

- Over 41 staff will be at FBF tonight, a mix of management and tent vendor.
 - Ready to tighten everything down and make any necessary repairs.

NYPD:

- Ready to provide escorts for DOE buses from FBF to Madison HS and back.
- Will be on-site at FBF.

NPS:

- Informing park police of evacuation operations.
- Inquiring if the visitor center could be used as a last minute shelter-in-place for latecomers to FBF.

Additional Topics:

- No immediate concerns about evacuating other base camps (Creedmoor and Randall's Island) because they are not located where the strongest winds are forecast/they are rated at 75+ MPH.
- City Hall meeting at 1030 HRS, messaging to electeds about the upcoming evacuation.
- H+H cleared to begin messaging to guests at 1100 HRS.
- Garner will inspect the tents at FBF ahead of guests returning.
- Josh Rapp coordinating with NWS to determine a process to notify NYCEM when triggers are met for the all clear/return of guests to FBF.