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Mr. David Maloney
State Historic Preservation Officer
District of Columbia, Office of Planning
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for Establishment of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Foundation, wishes to formally initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, regarding the establishment of the National EMS Memorial. In November 2018, Public Law 115-275 authorized the National EMS Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia commemorating the commitment and service represented by emergency medical services. The memorial must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act, which ensures that commemorative works in areas administered by the NPS in Washington, D.C. are appropriately designed, constructed, and located.

As part of this proposal, the National EMS Memorial Foundation will design and construct a memorial at the selected site (a site will be selected under the first scoping period and design will be addressed under a second scoping period). The NPS will be responsible for its long-term maintenance. The initial scoping will help choose a preferred site to be carried forward into site design. If issues arise after the identification of the preferred site that would not allow for the chosen site to be considered, an alternative site would then be carried forward and the compliance process would be adjusted accordingly.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will address the memorial's site selection and design. The NPS intends to coordinate consultation and NEPA review per Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regulations (36 CFR 800.8) and to consult the public per 36 CFR 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/>). It is anticipated that these outreach efforts will accommodate both NEPA and the Section 106 processes, although NEPA and the Section 106 processes are on two separate, but parallel tracks.

At this time, multiple sites are under consideration as a site for the National EMS Memorial. The sites under consideration are primarily located within six blocks of the U.S. Capitol

Grounds. Because no project site has yet been identified, an APE has not yet been established. The NPS is seeking ways to avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects on historic properties. Once determined, the NPS will prepare a formal Assessment of Effects for the project.

We look forward to consulting with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for NAMA at 202-245-4711 or via email at catherine_dewey@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey P. Reinbold', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Jeffrey P. Reinbold
Superintendent