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**For Immediate Release:**

**New Portable Emergency Operations Center (EOC):  
Provides Backup Operating Capabilities  
for Philadelphia**

On Tuesday, April 27, Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management MaryAnn E. Tierney welcomed officials during a tour of the Office of Emergency Management's new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in a Box. The EOC in a Box is a portable EOC that contains essential equipment for officials to carry on operations from a centralized hub in the event the City's EOC is not usable or it is more practical to set-up an EOC elsewhere. The officials conducted the tour during the kickoff event for a federal exercise, LibertyRADEx, coordinated by the U.S. E.P.A., held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Center City Hotel.

"The EOC in a Box provides us with much needed redundancy, enhancing our ability to manage and coordinate emergency operations whatever arises," said Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management MaryAnn E. Tierney. "It will allow us to quickly establish an EOC if we decide it will be more beneficial to be located closer to an emergency, or provide us with an alternate location in the event that our primary EOC isn't accessible."

The EOC in a Box is equipped with laptops, a multi-functional network printer, servers and routers, mapping capabilities, a portable weather station, and a tactical communication bridge. It is also equipped with portable projectors, a portable projection screen, touch screen monitor, and a public address system. The EOC in a Box comes with light towers, a remote lighting system, and an uninterruptible power system. The equipment is stored in weather-resistant, shock-proof carrying cases on wheels, making it easy to deploy. Eight portable shelter tents, tables, and chairs can be used as temporary office space.

The EOC in a Box was funded by a \$559,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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