



MEDIA ADVISORY

9-11 Commission to Address Emergency Response at Public Hearing in New York City

May 10, 2004 — The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States will hold its eleventh public hearing on May 18-19, 2004, in New York City. The two-day hearing will examine the response of local and federal emergency response departments on September 11, 2001, and will consider how to improve these critical functions in the event of future terrorist attacks.

Beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the New School University's John L. Tishman Auditorium (66 West 12th Street), the Commission will hear from the current and former top-level officials in the fire, police, and emergency management departments of New York City, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Arlington County, Virginia. Secretary of Homeland Security Thomas J. Ridge and former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani will also testify. Three staff statements will be presented during the course of the hearing. The hearing will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19. A complete hearing agenda and directions to New School University follow this advisory.

“At this hearing, the Commission turns its attention to the day of September 11, 2001. We will focus on what confronted civilians and first responders during the attacks, how they made decisions under adverse conditions, and what first responders communicated to civilians and to each other,” said Commission Chair Thomas H. Kean.

“The Commission also will explore the state of the emergency preparedness and response today,” said Commission Vice Chair Lee H. Hamilton. “We will examine what steps have been taken since 9-11 to improve our preparedness against terrorist attacks and other emergencies, and whether we need national standards of preparedness.”

If you plan to attend, view, listen to, or broadcast the proceedings, please be aware that information presented at this hearing is sensitive and may be upsetting in nature. Actual events at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, will be described in detail and, in some cases, accompanied by visual presentations.

The hearing will be open to the public and members of the media. As with previous hearings, the Commission will reserve a large number of seats for 9-11 families. These seats, as well as seating for the general public, will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 7:45 a.m. on May 18, and at 7:00 a.m. on May 19.

Members of the media must register by the close of business on May 13, 2004, by visiting the Commission's website, www.9-11commission.gov. The Commission will admit only those whose registration has been confirmed. A more complete list of press guidelines may be found in the Press section of the Commission's website.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES
ELEVENTH PUBLIC HEARING ▪ MAY 18-19, 2004
NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY ▪ JOHN L. TISHMAN AUDITORIUM ▪ NEW YORK CITY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

TUESDAY, MAY 18

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **STAFF STATEMENT NO. 13**
Plans

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **STAFF STATEMENT NO. 14**
Emergency Response

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. **PANEL ONE**

Alan Reiss

Former Director, World Trade Department, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Joseph Morris

Former Chief, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department

11:15 – 1:00 p.m. **PANEL TWO**

Bernard B. Kerik

Former Commissioner, New York Police Department (NYPD)

Thomas Von Essen

Former Commissioner, Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

Richard Sheirer

Former Director, New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:00 – 3:45 p.m. **PANEL THREE**

Raymond W. Kelly

Commissioner, New York Police Department (NYPD)

Nicholas Scoppetta

Commissioner, Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

Joseph F. Bruno

Director, New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **STAFF STATEMENT NO. 15**
Crisis Management

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani**
Former Mayor, City of New York

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. **PANEL FOUR**

Dennis Smith
Author, “Report from Ground Zero”

Jerome M. Hauer
Former Director, New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Edward P. Plaugher
Chief, Arlington County Fire Department

11:15 – 12:45 p.m. **The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge**
Secretary of Homeland Security

12:45 p.m. **Hearing concludes. Press availability to follow.**

DIRECTIONS TO NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY

LOCATION

The hearing will be held at New School University's John L. Tishman Auditorium, which is located at 66 West 12th Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues) in the Greenwich Village area of Manhattan. A campus map appears below.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

By Subway

New School University buildings in Greenwich Village are accessible by a variety of subway lines. You may take:

- The 4, 5, 6, N, R, Q, W, or L trains to 14th Street and Union Square.
- The A, C, E, and F trains to West 4th Street and 6th Avenue.
- The 1, 9, 2 or 3 trains to 14th Street and 7th Avenue.
- The PATH train from New Jersey stops at 9th Street and 6th Avenue.

By Car

From: Westchester, Connecticut and points north of New York City

Take the Saw Mill River Parkway to the Henry Hudson Parkway south (downtown) and continue to the West Side Highway (which becomes 12th Avenue/West Street); exit left at 14th Street.

From: Points north of New York City via I-95

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Take the Saw Mill River Parkway to the Henry Hudson Parkway south (downtown) and continue to the West Side Highway (which becomes 12th Avenue/West Street); exit left at 14th Street.

From: Points north of New York City via I-95

Take I-95 to the Triborough Bridge. Follow the FDR Drive south (downtown). Exit at 14th Street.

From: New Jersey and points west of New York City

From the George Washington Bridge: take the Henry Hudson Parkway south and proceed as directed above.

From: Long Island and points east of New York City

Take the Long Island Expressway (I-95) west to the Midtown Tunnel. From the Tunnel follow signs to 34th Street and the FDR Drive. Take the Drive south to the 15th Street exit and continue south to 14th Street.

Nearby Garages

- The Brevoort Parking Corporation, 20 East 9th Street
- The Brevoort Garage, 21 East 12th Street
- East 12th Street Garage Corporation, 17 East 12th Street

By Train or Bus

Two major railroad stations (Pennsylvania and Grand Central) and one major bus terminal (Port Authority) serve New York City. Train and bus services include Amtrak, Metro-North, Long Island Railroad, Greyhound, Trailways, New Jersey Transit and PATH. All three terminals provide easy access to public transportation (see subway information). Taxi service from any of these locations is also available.

By Plane

John F. Kennedy International Airport

A taxi is the easiest, most convenient way to the campus, and will cost approximately \$35.00. Carey Bus Service is also available to Grand Central Station. Buses depart every half-hour. The fare is \$13.00 and no advance reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Carey Bus service at (212) 286-9766. From Grand Central take a taxi or subway (See subway info below).

Fiorello H. Laguardia Airport

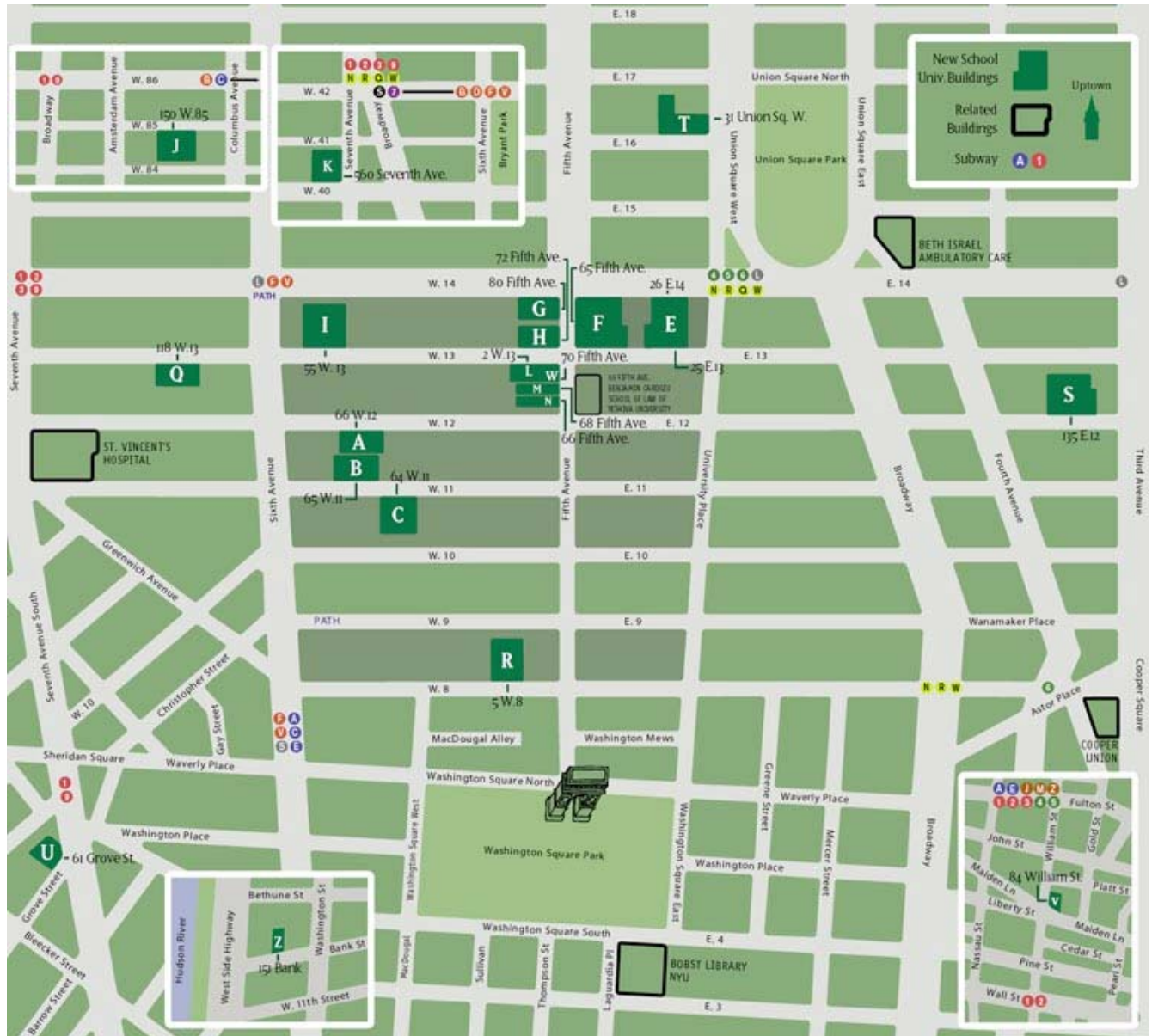
A taxi is the easiest, most convenient way to the campus, and will cost approximately \$25.00. Carey Bus Service is also available. The fare is approximately \$10.00. Buses depart every half-hour and no advance reservations are required. For more information, contact Carey Bus service at (212) 286-9766. From Grand Central take a taxi or subway (See subway information).

Newark International Airport

Olympic Trails operates a bus service from the Ground Transportation Information Booth at Newark Airport. The fare is \$7.00 and no advance reservations are necessary. For more information on this service call Olympic Trails at (212) 964-6233. Limo and taxi services are also available for approximately \$50.00.

NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY

Campus Map



John L. Tishman Auditorium (66 West 12th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues) is listed as **Building A** on the campus map.