

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority

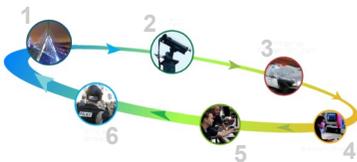


Seeking to test and validate a variety of joint agency tunnel emergency response plans and protocols, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority selected Fortress to provide assistance in the design and development of a series of targeted Tunnel Fire Incident Response Exercises utilizing the Metropolitan Highway Tunnel System.

Joint Agency Tunnel Fire Incident Response Exercise (TFIRE)

STATUS: Completed
LOCATION: Boston, MA

FORTRESS Security and Emergency Preparedness System™



1. Threat & Vulnerability Assessments
2. Mitigation Planning
3. Emergency Management Planning
4. Standard Operating Procedures
5. Training
- ✓ 6. Drills & Exercises

Fortress designed and developed exercise scenarios focusing on the notification, mobilization, communications and coordination between the Massachusetts Turnpike Operations Control Center (OCC), the Massachusetts State Police Troop E and the Boston Fire Department in response to a tunnel vehicle fire. Fortress led an exercise planning team focused exclusively on testing and validating the joint agency plans and protocols associated with the response to vehicle fires occurring in the Metropolitan Highway System tunnels. Once the exercise design and development was completed, a number of “Joint Agency Tunnel Fire Incident Response Exercises (TFIRE)” were conducted involving approximately 300 personnel and proved extremely successful from many perspectives.



Through Fortress’ assistance in designing, developing, conducting, and evaluating the TFIRE exercises, the participating agencies have benefitted from an improved state of readiness and planning. The design and development of the exercises triggered pre-exercise review of procedures within each agency and the preparation and execution of the exercises identified additional recommended improvements to existing plans and procedures, as well as a agreement between the agencies to develop new procedures and conduct additional training and exercises.