

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER



November 15, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey P. Reinbold
Superintendent
National Park Service
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20024-2000

RE: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation for the National Emergency Services Memorial

Dear Mr. Reinhold:

Thank you for initiating consultation with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the project submission and are writing to provide our initial comments regarding effects on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800.

We understand that the National Park Service (NPS) is consulting regarding the establishment of the National Emergency Services Memorial, and that consultation will be divided into two parts – one to select an appropriate site, and the other to address design of the memorial.

At present, multiple sites are under consideration, most within six blocks of the U.S. Capitol, but the Area of Potential Effect cannot be determined because a preferred site has not yet been selected. We look forward to learning the locations of the potential sites so we can provide more specific comments about the historic properties that may be affected and the parties that should be invited to participate in the consultation.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding any of these matters, please contact me at andrew.lewis@dc.gov or 202-442-8841. Otherwise, we look forward to consulting further with the NPS and other parties to continue the Section 106 review of this undertaking.

Sincerely,

C. Andrew Lewis
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DC State Historic Preservation Office

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