



The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, City of New York

To: All Agencies
From: John Odermatt, 1st Deputy Director, OEM
Date: Monday, October 15, 2001

THIS UPDATED MEMORANDUM CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- Red Zone Access Policy
- Red Zone Security Policy-(Exempt Agencies)
- Access Policy: Building Owners/Managers, Contractors and Residents

Red Zone Access Policy as of October 15, 2001

The Red Zone is the fenced in area from Murray St. (on the north) to Rector (on the south), and from the Hudson River to Broadway. West St. between Chambers and Murray is still frozen. Note: Battery Park City is not part of the Red Zone, as pedestrians and businesses may enter with identification.

The only access to the Red Zone (pedestrian or vehicular) will be at the following locations:

- West St. and Chambers St. (for pedestrian and vehicle access)
- Church St. and Chambers St. (for pedestrian and vehicle access)
- Murray St. and Broadway (for vehicle access only)
- Trinity St. and Rector St. (for vehicle access only)
- West and Rector (for pedestrian and vehicle access)

Certain agencies, as listed on the Security Policy as "Exempt Agencies", can gain access to the Red Zone with their agency ID., and another form of photo identification. All agencies not included as "exempt" must provide lists of personnel requiring access to the OEM credentialing officer who will approve it and fax it to the credentialing checkpoint at West and Chambers.

Note: Some agencies may be issued bulk credentials (e.g. The FDNY staging officer at Chelsea Piers) so that they can expedite the entry of critical employees. Those agencies will be responsible for accounting for those credentials.

The checkpoint at West and Canal will be in radio contact with IS-89 to let vehicles seeking credentials through to IS-89

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- **Valid Passes:** The White Pass or a Red Z on the WTC 2001 Photo ID are valid passes for access in the Red Zone. Agencies should inform their personnel that Red Zone access is for official business only and that unauthorized visits could lead to arrests and prosecution.
 - *WTC 2001 Photo ID:* As of October 1, 2001, *only personnel working at OEM's Emergency Operations Center* will receive a WTC 2001 Photo ID. All other essential personnel who need access to the Red Zone will be issued a White Pass. Some personnel have previously received the WTC Photo IDs – these individuals may continue to use these credentials to access the site as necessary.
- **Personnel not included under the Red Zone Security Policy-(Exempt Agencies)** must request credentials through the agency that needs them in the area. That agency in turn should request Red Zone access through OEM functional group leaders or the credentialing officer at the OEM Operational Center at the podium.
- **Agencies utilizing contractors directly involved in the response and recovery** within the Red Zone should provide OEM with a list of names and social security numbers for approval. Once approval has been granted, OEM will fax all pertinent information to the credentialing post at IS 89 at Chambers and West.
- **Contractors not directly involved in the response and recovery effort will NOT be issued white badges.** If they want to request a NYPD escort into the Red Zone, they should go to one of the NYPD walk-in center/command posts.
 - NYPD at Fulton & Broadway (917) 769-2457 or 2468 or 2469
 - NYPD at Battery Place and First Place (917) 769-4049 or 2929
 - NYPD at Pike & South Streets (917) 769-2958

(See attached "Access Policy for Building Owners/Managers, Contractors, and Residents").
- **At Canal St. checkpoints, consideration should be given to staff and patients trying to access NYU Downtown Hospital** located at Williams St. and Beckman St. However, those personnel will not be permitted into the Red Zone.

VEHICLES

- **Private vehicles** are not permitted in the Red Zone. Properly credentialed agency personnel with official agency vehicles may be permitted to enter, pending traffic conditions.
- **Buses** are allowed to continue on regularly scheduled routes throughout downtown so long as they are outside of the Red Zone.

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SPECIAL NEEDS

Any marked Access-A-Ride (MTA's paratransit division) and/or marked private ambulette van or sedan will be permitted to enter any areas open to pedestrian re-entry even if private vehicular traffic is still restricted. These vehicles are transporting persons with disabilities to/from locations open to them as members of the public. Home Care Attendants, Home Health Aids, and Visiting Nurses with clients in the re-entry areas are permitted to enter but may be asked for two forms of identifications (one personal photo ID and agency ID).

CIVILIAN EXEMPTIONS

The following exemptions should be noted:

- Employees of the Mercantile Exchange, Merrill Lynch and Brookfield Properties may enter Battery Park City North with residents and be permitted to walk down the footpath.
- Brookfield employees also may enter at the Battery Park Place/West Street entrance to access 4 World Financial Center.
- Employees of Soloman Smith Barney and Citibank will be permitted to access Battery Park City North so that they can access the NY Waterways Ferry.

BATTERY PARK CITY

- Residents at Battery Park City may enter with two forms of identification. BPC North residents should enter at Chambers and West and walk down the foot path
- BPC South residents should enter at Battery Park Pl and West.