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Regional Operations Center Grand Opening

Indianapolis – Indianapolis Mayor Gregory A. Ballard joined Frank G. Straub, Public Safety Director, in the official opening of the new state-of-the-art Regional Operations Center (ROC). The Regional Operations Center will provide a modern facility for the coordination of world class major events such as Super Bowl XLVI, facilitate regional coordination, and increase efficiency across local, state and federal agencies when responding to routine emergencies and large-scale incidents.

The ROC will be located at 200 N. Shadeland Ave, inside the old Eastgate Mall. This facility will house the current Emergency Operations Center, which lacks adequate space for emergency operations. The current Emergency Operations Center at 47 S. State St. will serve as a back-up facility.

“We are very proud of this new facility and hope that it serves as a national model of partnership between local, state and federal authorities,” said Mayor Ballard. “The creation and opening of the ROC is an integral part of our ongoing, proactive plan to ensure the safety of the public.”

This facility also will house a Real Time Crime Center/Situational Awareness Center that will monitor crime, intelligence, and cameras 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will allow public safety officials to better use real-time intelligence to give decision makers a better picture of events and/or emerging issues so they can make better informed decisions more quickly. The Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Division, the IMPD Domestic Preparedness Unit and the Event Response Group will be housed at the ROC. IMPD’s East District headquarters will also call this location home.



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“The creation and opening of the ROC is an integral part of our ongoing, proactive plan to ensure the safety of the public.” Said Director Straub. “It demonstrates our commitment to our residents to do the very best we can to keep them safe, to keep them engaged, and contribute to the City’s economic revitalization. The ROC was designed with the community in mind. In that regard, a large community room was designed to host community meetings and events as well as specialized training sessions such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.”

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will house their Intelligence Operations Center in the ROC, which will be “fully” operational in the event of a terrorist attack or man-made event.

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