



*THE STATE FUNERAL AND  
INTERNMENT*

*OF*

*HIS EXCELLENCY*

*ARTHUR NAPOLEON RAYMOND  
ROBINSON*

*16 December 1926 - 9 April 2014*



*SAFETY AND  
SECURITY*

*EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL*

*PLAN FOR THE*

*STATE FUNERAL 2014*



## **PLAN OVERVIEW**

Former President, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairman of the Tobago House of Assembly Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson, passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The country has been declared a period of state mourning commencing at his death and ending at his internment.

A state funeral is to take place over the period of the 29<sup>th</sup> April to the 03rd May 2014. This will include a two part state funeral commencing in Trinidad and ending in Tobago. His Excellency requested burial in Tobago at the Methodist Cemetery in Bacolet as such the body is to arrive in Tobago on the 01<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

This operational plan seeks to maintain these objectives and provide a lasting guide to all stakeholders and emergency personnel and adopted as the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for emergency management as it relates to the state funeral of His Excellency ANR Robinson.

This plan operates under the assumption that each participating agency is clear on their individual and collective roles and responsibilities and the SOP governing this operation. Additionally, the plan assumes that participating personnel have familiarised themselves with the contents of the plan. This plan seeks to expound on the importance of safety and security at this event.

## **VULNERABILITY STUDY:**

A vulnerability study reveal that the event presents the following risk and threats: Mass gathering, mass casualty, health risks such as communicable diseases, terrorism attacks etc.

The Tobago section of the state funeral is expected to have over seven thousand persons present inclusive of four hundred and fifty children. This presents the particular security risk due to the type of persons expected inclusive of the President, Prime Minister, Government Ministers and Officials from the Tobago House of Assembly. Key persons are also expected to be present from the region. The occurrence of a state funeral in Tobago is a unique to which the Tobago Emergency Management Agency and other emergency services must be prepared for and respond to.

**OBJECTIVES:**

A joint command post will be staged to achieve the following primary objectives:

- To maintain law and order during the state funeral of His Excellency ANR Robinson.
- To provide a safe and secure environment
- To provide tracking of the transit of the body
- To prevent and militate against acts of violence.
- To provide medical support for persons present at the funeral
- To allow for managing of all participating school children
- To transport and secure all persons including VIP's and specially invited guest.
- To provide air patrols by means of NOC
- To provide an efficient transportation management system
- To provide an efficient environment for dissemination of information
- To manage the surveillance systems at critical locations and routes throughout the state funeral with the assistance of the NOC team
- To coordinate, liaise and collaborate with all participating agencies to ensure a smooth funeral.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE  
IN THE STATE FUNERAL TOBAGO:**

Tobago Emergency Management Agency	Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force
Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service	Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard
Trinidad and Tobago Police Service	TEMS
Airport Authority Trinidad and Tobago	REACT
Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	CERT
Tobago Regional Health Authority	The National Operation Center
County Medical Officer of Health	Division of Infrastructure and Public Utilities
Division of Information (THA)	Department of Protocol and Public Relations

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

All agencies involved will function under the principles of the Incident Command System and will present their sectorial plan which will take into account all emergency related actions to be taken prior and during the State Funeral, there will be an integration of these plans that will speak to:-

- Communications
- Information management
- Transportations
- Evacuations
- Medical
- Personnel
- Security and Safety
- Management of VIP's: President, Prime Minister, Government Ministers, THA Officials
- Special Needs

A unified Command Structure will be in effect to allow for the multi-Agency coordination and the crossing of jurisdictional boundaries and authorities. All agency partners must work in the spirit of cooperation to ensure this goal is maintain throughout the Operation.

A high level of professional proficiency is the standard to which all personnel will strive to aspire to and maintain. Therefore task force coordinators will ensure that the spirit and objectives of the plan is disseminated to their subordinate.

### **Tobago Emergency Management Agency**

This will involve providing the following:-

- To coordinate a network of agencies to ensure safety and security throughout the events
- To provide an equipped mobile command unit.
- To Provide shelters equipped to be used as Medical Posts with the necessary Appurtenances.
- To provide the necessary telecommunication support to enable inter-agency operability among all.
- To provide the necessary mode for an effective web based emergency information management system.
- To provide the technical and logistical manpower resource to man and support the facility and infrastructure.

### **Trinidad and Tobago Police Service**

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service is charged with:

- The Maintenance of Law and Order
- Prevention and Detection of Crime
- To provide 24Hrs security for the body at Union Funeral Home
- Will establish and manage an evacuation plan
- Will establish and manage the transportation plan
- Will manage all points of egress and entrances at all venues
- The police in collaboration with the Defence Force will establish multiple joint foot and mobile patrols.
- Will maintain radio communications between patrol teams, all perimeter check points and the mobile command unit.
- Will establish and maintain radio communication between commanders and Mobile command unit.

### **Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service**

The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service will:-

- Provide Crowd control at each venue to ensure crowd safety at all times
- Assist in Medical personnel for the crowd
- Save and protect life and property from damage or destruction by fire or other hazards, whether fire related or not.
- Provide and advise upon preventative measures against the occurrence of such damage or destruction.
- Render related humanitarian services where required.
- Prior to and during the funeral the fire service will work to ensure that all potential hazards are mitigated against in the interest of overall public safety.
- Foot patrols teams will be established to conduct facility safety inspections.

### **Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force**

- Responsible for the defence of the twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- It consists of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, the Coast Guard, the Air Guard and the Defence Force Reserves.
- Support the State in the fulfillment of its national and international objectives
- Environmental protection, minor salvage and local maritime surveys
- To provide support for other naval forces



### **Tobago Regional Health Authority**

- To coordinate all medical agencies including FIRE, CERT, TEMS, DEFENCE FORCE
- To ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of health services by trained and competent health personnel.
- To provide medical coverage for all the events and personnel represented including the VVIP's
- Ensure all medical post are set up and stocked for the state funeral

### **Community Emergency Response Team**

- CERT technicians will provide EMTs to the AMP
- Provide data clerks and radio operators.
- Will lend support to the logistic of activation and deactivation of the AMP
- Will provide medical coverage as mandated by the TRHA

### **Department of Protocol and Public Relations**

- The Protocol and Public Relations Unit is responsible for establishing and maintaining a high degree of official etiquette
- Responsible for codes of behavior within the Assembly, consistent with international norms and procedures.

**OPERATIONAL PERIOD:**

Tobago Emergency Management Agency remains the coordinating agency from the arrival of the body at the ANR International Airport until internment. The operational times for Tobago are as follows:

**Thursday 01 May, 2014: Arrival of the Body**

**1730Hrs:** Arrival of body at the ANR International airport.

**1745Hrs:** Move from ANR Int. Airport, east along the Claude Noel H'way, North along Rockley Vale St., North along Government House Road, into Union Funeral Home.

**Friday 02 May 2014: Body Lying in State**

**0530Hrs:** Move from Union Funeral Home, South along Government House Road, South along Rockley Vale Street, south along Government House Road, South along Bacolet Ext. Road, West along Main Street north along Jerningham Street into the Assembly Chambers.

**6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m:** Lying in State the body of the Honorable Arthur N.R. Robinson At the Assembly Legislature Chamber, Jerningham Street, Scarborough.

**1800Hrs:** Return from THA Chambers, south along Jerningham Street, east along Main Street, North along Bacolet Ext. Road, North along Rockley Vale Street, North along Government House Road into Union Funeral Home.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014: Funeral Procession Internment**

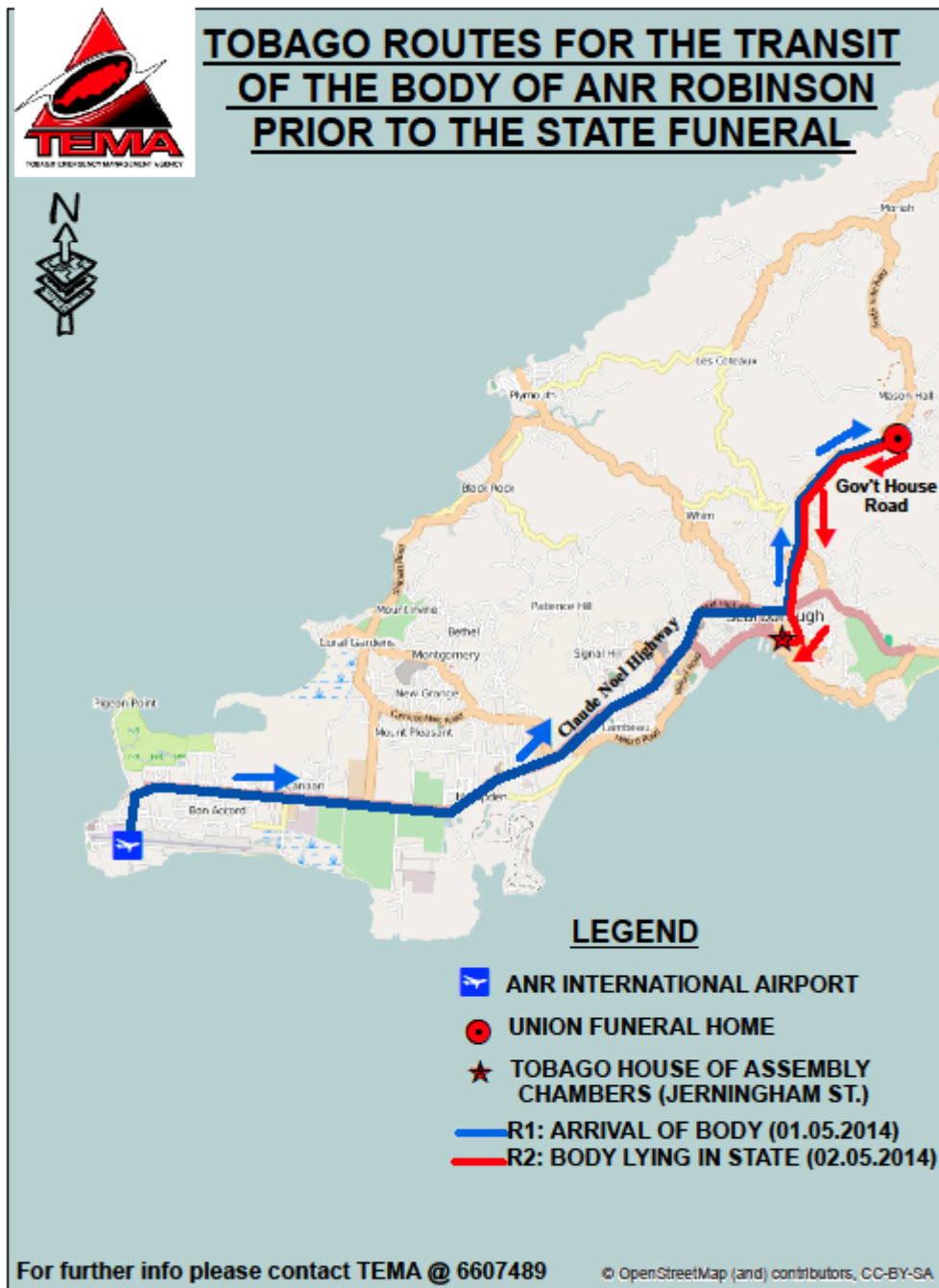
**0830Hrs:** Move from Union Funeral home, south along Government House Road, South along Calder Hall Road, east along the Claude Noel Highway into Dwight Yorke Stadium.

**9:30 Hrs:** State Ecumenical Service will be held at the Dwight Yorke Stadium, Bacolet

**1200Hrs:** Move from DYS, west along Claude Noel H'way, south along Bacolet Extension Road, east along Main Street into Scarborough Methodist Church.

**1500Hrs:** Move from Scarborough Methodist Church west along Main Street north along Bacolet Extension Road, west along Claude Noel Highway, north along Orange Hill Rd. to the Coast Guard Naval Base.

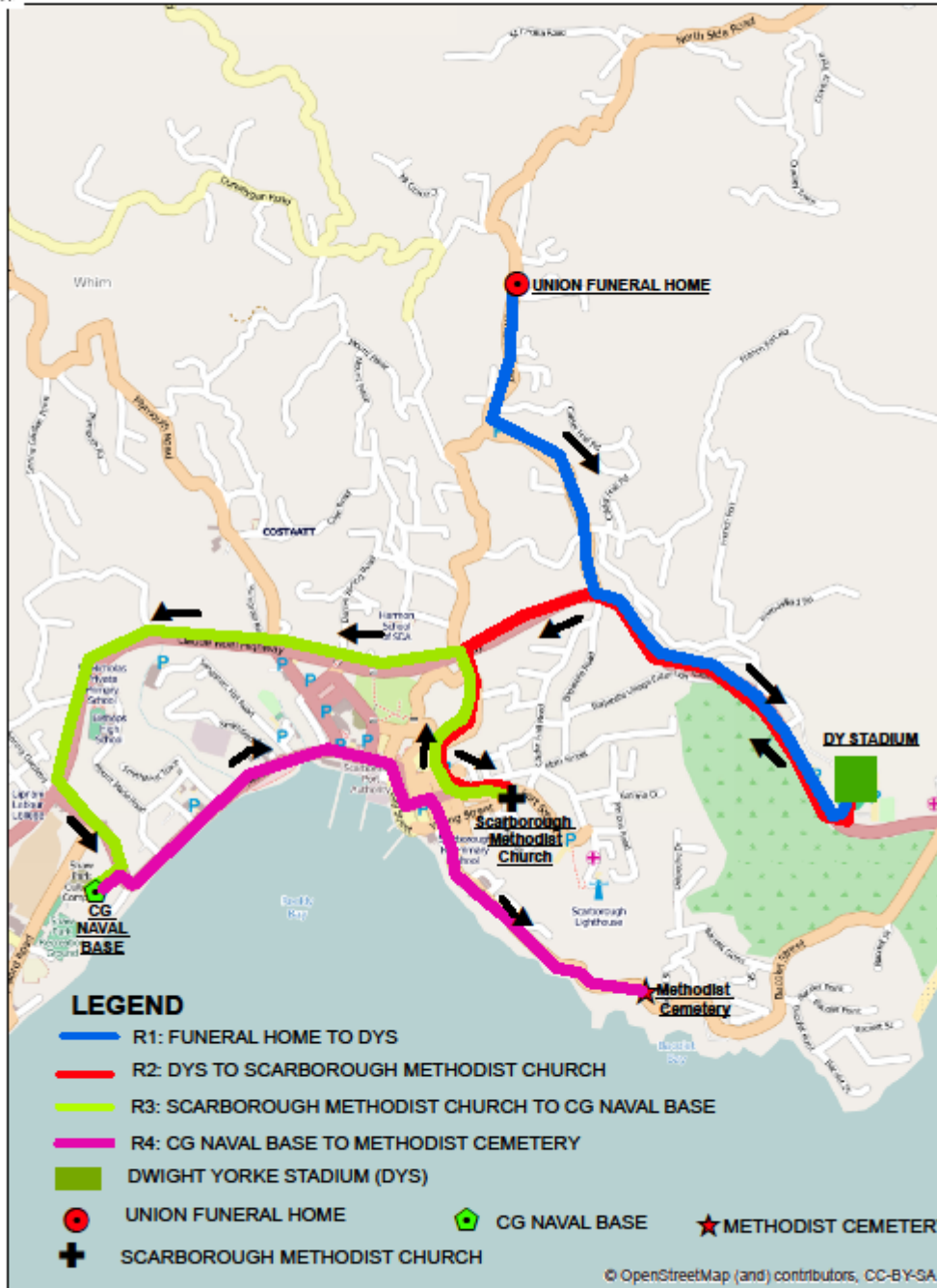
**1530Hrs:** Move from CG Naval Base, east along Milford Road, east along Milford road, east along Carrington Street, south along Castries Street, east along Main Street, south along Bacolet Street along Court Street into the Methodist Cemetery.



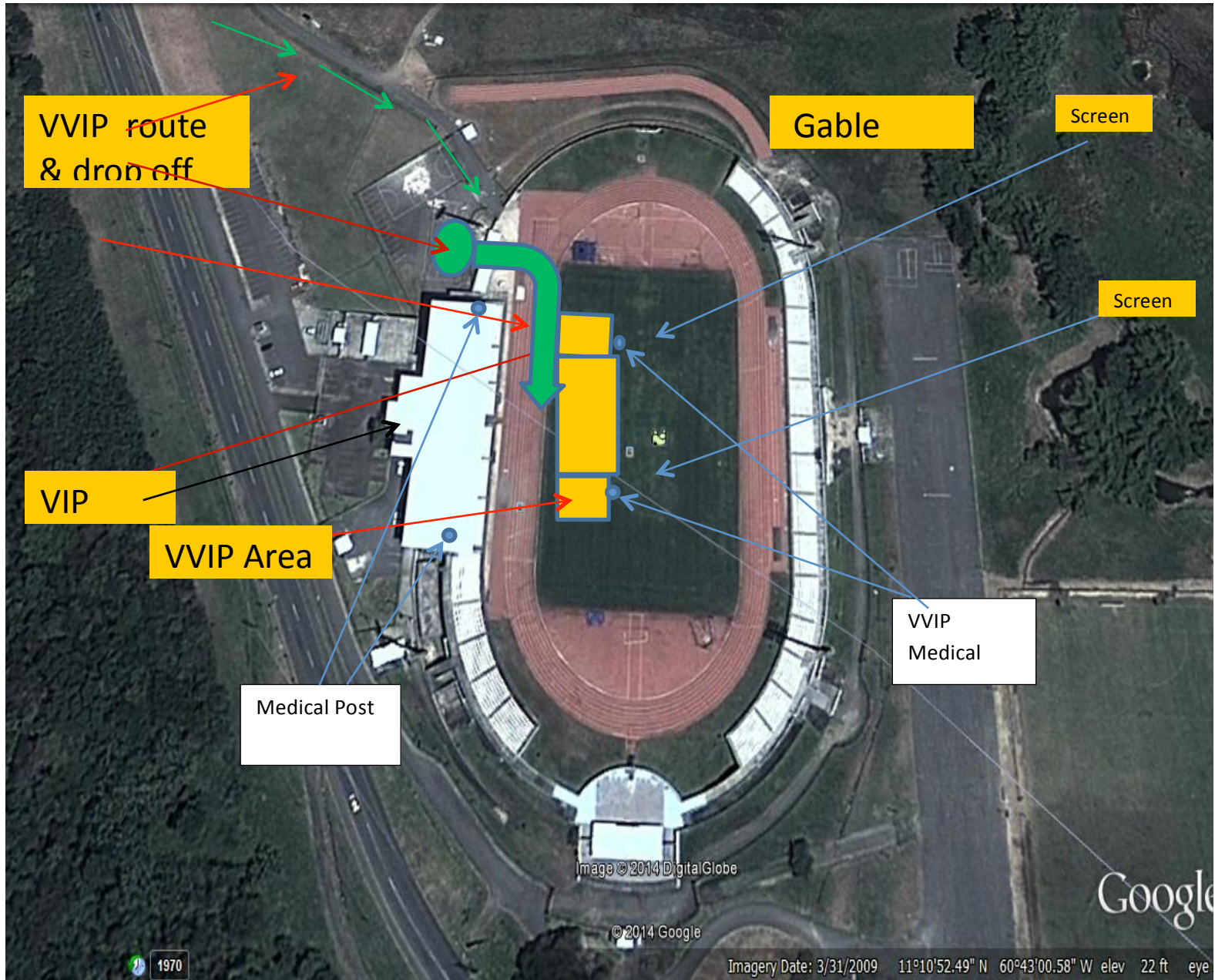




## THE TOBAGO ROUTES FOR THE STATE FUNERAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY ANR ROBINSON



### DIAGRAM OF THE LAYOUT AT THE DWIGHT YORKE STADIUM FOR THE STATE FUNERAL.



## **MEDICAL PLAN**

The Tobago Regional Health Authority (TRHA) is the agency responsible for coordinating and providing medical coverage for the state funeral. This coverage would be undertaken as a joint operation between the TRHA, Fire, Defence Force, TEMS and CERT.

On Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2014, resources would be split between roving personnel in the Botanical Gardens, a Medical Post at James Park, an ambulance outside the Courts building and a medical post to be set up within the Assembly Chambers Building. An additional ambulance would be provided as well as the CERT vehicles for transportation of patients as necessary.

On Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2014, resources will be split to cover the day's proceedings beginning at the Dwight Yorke Stadium (DYS) and concluding at internment at the Methodist Cemetery.

Five separate medical posts would be stationed at the Dwight Yorke Stadium. Two medical posts would be stationed on the right and left of the VVIP area for their purpose, the other three would be set up within the stadium facilities for the VIP's and members of the public. The medical posts would be outfitted with physicians, nurses and EMT's.

At the private funeral TRHA would provide one physician, one nurse and an ambulance to be used by the family. These personnel would be stationed outside the church.

Medical coverage for the procession would be set up along the Esplanade for participating personnel and the public. Additionally, an ambulance would follow the procession, roving EMT's would also be utilised. Another medical post would be set up at an area to be determined for distinguished guests wishing to join the procession. Another post would be set up at Methodist cemetery.

Refreshing areas would be demarcated and coordinated by Property Management.

## **DEMOBILIZATION**

The Incident Commander will approve the demobilization of critical resources identified by staff prior to demobilization from the incident. Those resources are identified after the operational period. All releases from the state funeral incident will be initiated by the various agency heads after the funeral has ended. Transportation of resources released from the incident will be arranged through the various logistic Sections.

Please ensure that all critical assets and resources are accounted for and returned to their respective agencies.

Joint Operations and Task Forces formed at this incident will be disbanded after the completion of the incident.

