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Chairman Bulova to Welcome Home Urban Search and Rescue Team from Washington

April 16, 2014 – Members of Virginia Task Force One (VATF-1), Fairfax County’s Urban Search and Rescue Team will return home **Thursday, April 17th at approximately 9:45pm**, at VATF-1’s headquarters (14725 Flint Lee Road, Chantilly 20151). Three K-9 handlers and their K-9’s were initially deployed to Arlington, Washington to support search and rescue operations for victims of the March 22nd mudslide.

“I am happy to welcome home the K-9 unit from Fairfax County’s Urban Search and Rescue Team,” Chairman Bulova said. “These team members really made a difference in bringing closure to the families of victims of the mudslide. Their hard work and selflessness have made Fairfax County proud.”

The K-9 handlers and their dogs were specifically requested to assist in recovery efforts in their search areas. The team worked non-stop in difficult weather conditions for two weeks, locating several victims. The team was given preliminary demobilization orders effective Wednesday night from the mud slide event.

All associated costs for VATF-1 are paid for by the Department of Homeland Security. More information on VATF-1 can be found at <http://www.vatf1.org/>.

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