



MEDIA ADVISORY

9-11 Commission Press Guidelines for May 18-19 Hearing in New York City

May 14, 2004 — The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9-11 Commission) will hold its eleventh public hearing on *Emergency Response* on May 18-19, 2004, at the New School University's John L. Tishman Auditorium, 66 West 12th Street, New York City.

More detailed information about the hearing can be found on the Commission's website, www.9-11commission.gov. An updated list of press guidelines for the hearing follows below.

- Press registration began on May 4, 2004, and is now closed.
- The Commission will admit only those whose registration has been confirmed in an email from the Commission.
- All outstanding registration requests will be confirmed by May 16.
- Entry will begin May 18 at 6:00 a.m. for photo press, 7:00 a.m. for other press.
- Photo identification is required. All bags, cameras, and recording devices will be examined prior to entry.
- Registration does not imply a reserved seat inside the hearing space. The Commission has reserved a limited number of seats for press, no more than one per organization. Registered press without reserved seats may sit in unoccupied press seats until the reservation holder returns. No press may occupy a seat reserved for the public.
- A maximum of four people from any one organization will be allowed in the building.
- Specific areas designated for broadcast and photo personnel will be open only to those who have registered with the Commission and carry photo-ID credentials from the U.S. House or Senate or the New York Police Department.
- Broadcast cameras will be allowed inside the building only on a limited, rotating basis to shoot cut shots from a back balcony in the hearing room. No broadcast cameras will be allowed on the hearing floor, outside of the pool.
- The NYPD will announce street closings, television truck parking and designated stand-up locations outside of the building.
- Broadcast organizations can plug into the pool feed at a nearby location outside of the building, to be designated by C-SPAN and the NYPD.
- The Commission will establish a designated press room with monitors displaying the live hearing feed. The room is wireless enabled and has four phone lines, with two reserved for radio filing and one for print filing. Print reporters are encouraged to file wirelessly, using an 802.11b standard, or from an outside location.
- The Chair and Vice Chair will be available to the press at the conclusion of testimony on Wednesday in the main hearing room.

All guidelines are subject to change. Any questions about these guidelines and procedures should be directed to Jonathan Stull.

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