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Office of the Executive Director

M. Douglas Scott
Chief of Police
Arlington County Police Department
1425 North Courthouse Road
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Chief Scott:

I am writing in response to your May 17, 2012 letter regarding your concerns about the access procedures for Arlington National Cemetery as they apply to Arlington County Police Officers (specifically Section 7(e)).

Section 7(e) states, in part, "Local and State Law Enforcement Officers do not have any authority or jurisdiction on Arlington National Cemetery grounds, and when attending funerals or special events are required to declare their firearms prior to accessing Arlington National Cemetery." As you are aware, Arlington National Cemetery is exclusive federal jurisdiction under the control of the Department of the Army. In order to facilitate access for your officers to conduct funeral escorts into the Cemetery, the declaration regarding firearms can be handled by having a supervisor contact our Directorate of Emergency Services and provide the day, time, name of the funeral being escorted, and a contact number for the police escort.

Arlington County Police Officers will be granted unfettered access during times of exigent circumstances. During other times involving an incident that requires mutual aid, your officers will have coordinated access to any federal command post established on the Cemetery in order to facilitate critical communication and ensure the safety of the public.

The point of contact is Mr. David Beltz, Director, Emergency Services at (703) 614-0050 or email: david.m.beltz@us.army.mil.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery. Honor – Remember – Explore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn A. Condon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathryn A. Condon
Executive Director