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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Philadelphia, PA (July 16, 2004) – National Constitution Center employees were trained in Emergency Management by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross on Monday, June 28, 2004. The program, “Together We Prepare,” was presented to Center employees that regularly interact with visitors and guests to the museum, including visitor service floor staff, interpreters, security officers, box office employees, porters, operations staff, event coordinators, and catering supervisors and captains. More than 95 percent of these employees participated in the training, which covered the process of preparing for, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from an emergency.

“Together We Prepare” is offered free of charge by the American Red Cross in order to prepare employees to be “first responders” in the case of an emergency. In coordination with the Center’s own security officers, American Red Cross staff presented ways in which personnel could react to immediate security and safety needs of visitors during a crisis situation. The participants engaged in team problem solving activities based on topics ranging from evacuation planning to community outreach.

“We are excited at the opportunity to collaborate with the American Red Cross in

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order to offer an emergency management workshop to our employees,” said Richard Stengel, National Constitution Center President and CEO. “‘Together We Prepare’ will strengthen the caliber of our staff, and in turn, benefit our visitors by facilitating an attentive and responsive environment.”

The National Constitution Center scheduled the session in preparation for July 4 weekend festivities. The Center plans to extend emergency management training to include all employees in the coming year.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive funding from the government. Funding for American Red Cross programs is a gift of the American people, provided through generous donations to the United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign, and by direct donations to your local Red Cross.

About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1988 to increase understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to the daily lives of Americans. It is the first museum in the world devoted to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibit components, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, please call 215.923.0004 or visit the Center’s Web site at www.constitutioncenter.org.

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