



## UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

INSPECTOR GENERAL

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Matthew R. Verderosa  
Chief of Police

**FROM:** Fay F. Ropella, CPA, CFE *Fay F. Ropella*  
Inspector General

**SUBJECT:** Management Advisory: *Survey of the United States Capitol Police Containment Emergency Response Team* (Report No. OIG-2017-12)

In accordance with our annual plan, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated a survey of the United States Capitol Police (USCP or Department) Containment Emergency Response Team (CERT). Our objective was to solicit and assess feedback from senior officials related to CERT's operations; thereby identifying areas of concern for future work.

To gain an understanding of CERT, we conducted interviews with Department officials and reviewed applicable guidance including standard operating procedures and directives. We also reviewed CERT's budget, training lesson plans, and staffing information. Additionally, we researched and reviewed information related to the history of CERT.

Based on our limited survey, OIG will conduct a detailed assessment of the CERT organizational structure, training, and compliance with policies and procedures, which Department officials identified as areas for potential improvement. Our survey results will be used in our final assessment report, which we expect issue on or before October 31, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at [REDACTED].

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