

NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, JANUARY 19, 2020

I. WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny. High 42°. Low 23°.



High: 42 °F

Low: 23 °F

High: 35 °F

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

 Prince George's County: A house fire in New Carrollton killed one, seriously injured another, and displaced five adults yesterday. One firefighter was sent to hospital for an evaluation of their injury. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire. Link

United States

- Utah: Police arrested a male juvenile for shooting five people, four of which died in a home in Grantsville, 35 miles west of Salt Lake City. The suspects relationship to the victims is not immediately clear. The shooting is the largest mass shooting in Utah since 2007, when a man with a shotgun killed five people and himself at Trolley Square mall in Salt Lake City. Link
- Virginia: Two additional delegates received death threats related to Monday's pro-gun rally in Richmond. The delegates opted out of attending yesterday's town hall meeting due to the threats. This announcement comes two days after a delegate received rally-related death threats, prompting the delegate to stay at a safe house instead of the State Capitol. Link

 Nationwide: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin summarizing Iranrelated terrorism threats to the United States following increased regional tensions in the Middle East. The advisory is effective immediately and is valid through 1PM on March 18. DHS advises the public to be prepared for a cyber incident with an offline backup, an incident response plan, and know who you are calling for help. Link

World

• China: Seventeen new cases of the SARS-like virus caused by a new coronavirus strain is heightening fears ahead of China's Lunar New Year holiday when millions of people move around the country. The virus has infected 62 people in Wuhan. Three cases have also been reported overseas -- two in Thailand and one in Japan. At least a half-dozen countries in Asia and three US airports are screening incoming airline passengers from central China. Authorities have stepped up detection measures, including rigorous temperature checkpoints for inbound travelers from the Chinese mainland. Link



Emergency personnel transporting a patient with the SARSlike virus to a medical facility (Source: AFP)