



From left: Robert Nedelcoff, George Trudeau and Mike Turk at BOCC station.

**TRANSITION TEAM**—As an estimated 1,400 employees began an evacuation in the Headquarters stairwells last Friday, six remained behind in BOCC to transfer communications to an emergency mobile unit stationed at RRC. "It's a 30-minute procedure," said George Trudeau, assistant vehicle operations manager, "and someone has got to keep communications open until the mobile unit is manned and located to a safe reception area."

With the aroma of smoke wafting through the ventilation system, an emergency transition crew composed of DEO Richard Hunt, Operations Control Supt. Tom Jasmin, George Trudeau and Transit Operations supervisors Mike Turk, Peter Mellon, and Robert Nedelcoff remained in the sixth-floor operations center to direct the transfer of communications to the mobile unit. The team also had to field all incoming calls that were being rerouted from the switchboard. "We could smell the smoke but we didn't think we were in danger," said Turk.

As "information central," the team was relaying communications from the Fire Department, the media, the general public and anyone concerned about the fire. "If we needed to evacuate, we'd be the first to know," said Trudeau. -- GAYLE ANDERSON

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