



## Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

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*March 29, 2018*

*12:00pm – 3:00pm*

### *Attendees*

*Members:* Clay Stamp (Chairman), John Allen, Mike Berna, John Butler, Richard DeVore, Jr., Jonathan Favorite, Joe LaFleur, Ronnie Gill, Jennifer Martin, Tom Moran, David Willenborg.

*Guests:* Cal Bowman (GOHS), Adam Flasch (DMIL), Travis Nelson (MSP), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS). *MEMA:* Russ Strickland, Chas Eby, Terry Thompson, Lydia Simonaire.

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Active Assailant Executive Order**

- As part of Gov. Larry Hogan's [Executive Order](#) on addressing active assailant incident preparedness and coordination, the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group (AAIWG), led by the Maryland State Police and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), has been tasked with enhancing Maryland's preparedness for these types of events
  - The workgroup was initially formed in 2013 and includes experts from across the state tasked with preparing guidance for a multi-discipline response to an active assailant incident
    - The workgroup previously developed a guidance document on active assailant incidents for first responders in 2014
  - Currently working on providing more structure/drafting charter for workgroup
  - Taking a "whole community" approach and seeking input from schools, government agencies, corporations, first responders and the general public to help develop positive ideas to help prevent incidents
    - Asking the public to provide feedback by taking a short survey at <http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/ActiveAssailantSurvey.aspx>.
    - Additional information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiM1sq4oYVU>  
<http://news.maryland.gov/msp/2018/03/29/maryland-work-group-seeks-community-input-on-active-assailant-incidents/>
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## **Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Grant Project Update**

- Maryland was awarded 2.1 million dollars as part of FEMA's Preparing Communities for Complex Terrorist Attacks Program.
- MEMA has brought on a project manager and will be working with local jurisdictions to coordinate and facilitate project
- The project has three phases:
  - Phase 1 - Gap Analysis
  - Phase 2 - Planning
  - Phase 3 - Training & Exercise

## **MACo Emergency Managers Affiliate & NG911 Update**

- Both the MACo Emergency Managers Affiliate and MACo have set NG911 as a top priority
  - MACo has established a standing Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) committee
- Senate Bill 285: Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland – Establishment
  - Passed (Senate, Feb 20; House, March 21)  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=SB0285&tab=subject3&ys=2018RS>
  - Requires the Commission to report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2019
- The Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB) has approved project funding for text to 9-1-1 for all jurisdictions
- ENSB has contracted a company to assess cyber vulnerabilities at PSAPS; recommendations will be shared with ENSB and local jurisdictions

## **Opioid Operational Command Center Update**

- State of Emergency remains in effect, continuing to work with state and local partners to build outcome indicators to identify gaps
- Working to engage education, business, and faith-based communities in combatting crisis
- Have been sharing Maryland's approach with other states through National Governors Association and National Emergency Management Association
  - Federal government is not using NIMS to streamline approach/funding, makes coordination more challenging

## **Wireless Emergency Alerts and nuclear/radiological risk communications**

- Hawaii's false ballistic missile alert in January has prompted questions of whether this could this happen in Maryland

- Very unlikely for “accidental” message to be sent out by Maryland due to protocols in place at MEMA; 2 person sign off required, secure room with badge access
- Federal/State/Local rules for WEA use
  - Currently there is some confusion/lack of clarity over who would send initial alert in case of a missile threat
    - State under the impression that DOD/FEMA would send out an initial alert, with the State sending out a follow on message, as the federal government would likely be first to detect threat
    - FEMA under impression that states would originate and send message
    - Issue has been discussed with FEMA administrator, protocol still needs to be put down in writing
- How can we better use WEA
  - WEA alerts issued in Harford when I-95 was shut down, geocoded to people in the area
  - National Capital Region is doing coordinated WEA test on April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Technology can be unreliable, should not be the only source of messaging
    - Need to consider other sources for continuity of communications in case of failure

#### **Action items review and next meeting date**

- Maryland’s draft Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Council Coordination Plan is attached for review/comment
- The Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group will provide updates on progress at upcoming meetings
- Russ will follow-up on WEA alert clarification and update the Council
- The next GEMAC Quarterly Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm
  - Meeting will be held at the Clarion FountainBleau Hotel Oceanfront, 101st Street, Ocean City, MD, prior to the MDEMA Homeland Security and Emergency Management Symposium
  - Additional information on Symposium for those interested in attending (will need to pay separate registration fee): <https://www.marylandema.org/symposium1>

The Council was adjourned at 3 pm.

