



# Secure & Resilient Commonwealth Panel

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## Approved Meeting Minutes

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October 19, 2017  
West Reading Room- Patrick Henry Building  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

Brian Moran, Chairman and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security  
Curtis Brown, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security  
Cathie Hutchins, Designee of Attorney General Mark Herring  
Patricia Davis, Designee of Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia Karl Hade  
Rushawna Senior, Designee of Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins  
Bryce Reeves, Virginia Senate  
Jeremy McPike, Virginia Senate  
Frank Ruff, Virginia Senate  
John A. Braun, Dynamics, Inc.  
Joseph F. Bouchard, VNA Consulting  
Jim Reddick, Director, Norfolk Office of Emergency Management  
Dr. Jeff Stern, State Coordinator of Emergency Management  
Dr. Marissa Levine, State Health Commissioner and Designee of Secretary of Health and Human Resources Bill Hazel  
Reuben Varghese, Public Health Director, Arlington County  
John Bell, Jr., Deputy Chief VA Beach Police Department (Retired)

### **Welcoming Remarks**

Sec. Brian Moran, Chair, opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

### **Member Introductions**

All panel members introduced themselves.

## **Adoption of Minutes**

The draft minutes from the previous meeting were not dated, however the date was added (June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017) and the minutes were adopted.

## **Emergency Management Awareness Group (EMAG) Nominations**

### *Panel members*

Pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-222.3(E), Secretary Moran made a motion to nominate the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Chairmen of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety, and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology to the Emergency Management Awareness Group. The motion was seconded and the nominations were adopted.

## **General Updates**

### ***Emergency Management***

#### *Dr. Jeff Stern, State Coordinator of Emergency Management*

Dr. Stern provided an update on hurricane season and the efforts of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to assist the affected states and territories. Hurricane Harvey did damage to 160,000 homes in Texas. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management groups and other medical teams coordinated volunteer operations, search and rescue teams, water rescue teams, and tactical teams in Puerto Rico, Texas, and California.

### ***National Guard***

#### *Major General Tim Williams, The Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard*

Major General Williams highlighted the previous week's events, which included the arrival home of guardsmen from southeast Asia. Concurrently, the last three and a half weeks 464 national guards men were in St. Thomas supplying food, and clearing roads. The brigade headquarters provided command control to set up operations. The last group came back Tuesday evening and were greeted by the Governor and Secretary Moran.

## **Update on Governor's Task Force on Public Safety Preparedness and Response to Civil Unrest**

### *Hon. Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security*

Secretary Moran briefed the panel on the Governor's Task Force on Public Safety Preparedness and Response to Civil Unrest since this is the first meeting since the events in Charlottesville on August 12. Because of the three tragic fatalities and numerous injuries that occurred in Charlottesville, Governor McAuliffe recognized the importance of taking action and created Executive Order 68, which established a Task Force on Public Safety Preparedness and Response to Civil Unrest. The Task Force has had two meetings thus far and is working on the EO directives; this includes reviewing the results from an independent After Action Review and adopting recommendations based on the results as well as reviewing the states permitting process with regards to the Robert E.

Lee Monument in Richmond. The Department of General Services will use the adopted model regulation to carry out their directive under Executive Order 67 to promulgate emergency regulations governing public use of the Lee Monument by November 18. Secretary Moran affirmed that the International Association of Chiefs of Police will lead the After Action Review along with the assistance of the Olson Group, and the Center for Naval Analysis. Secretary Moran mentioned that two more Task Force meetings will take place to complete the review and develop recommendations for the Governor by November 17. The final report and recommendations will be due December 1. Secretary Moran reiterated that, the tragic Charlottesville events were a learning opportunity for jurisdictions. The taskforce is doing some good work and Secretary Moran hopes the recommendations will be adopted in other localities of Virginia.

### **Health and Human Resources Sub-Panel Update**

*Bob Mausekapp, Virginia Department of Health (VDH)*

Bob Mausekapp briefed the panel on updates from the Virginia Department of Health and the impacts of hurricane season. Maria caused almost a complete power outage, 49 facilities are still on generators and only 10.7% of their customers have power. There are still 1 million homes without power. Mr. Mausekapp mentioned that there are still a significant number of individuals in shelters and the nursing homes have not been aggregated. In Texas, 11 hospitals and 58 nursing homes remain closed, and many locations went to general locations. Staffing issues have been a huge issue due to a lack of personnel. Bed utilization was not tracked and relaxed admission requirements have been practiced in long term facilities. In Florida, 100,000 citizens are still in shelters and 2,500 nurses were requested.

### **Resilience Update**

*Elizabeth Andrews and Mark Luckenbach, Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency (CCRFR)*

Ms. Andrews provided a presentation on the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding and Resiliency (CCRFR) while explaining its importance and purpose. According to Ms. Andrews, the center provides coordinated research and technical support for planners and decision makers. They aim to do this by integrating federal, state and local nongovernmental data. The VIMS website features the program-Tidewatch, which elaborates on the tide gage model testing through a series of dotted and straight lines representing tidal movement. The unique part of this data projects is the incorporation of existing buildings in the communities to demonstrate how they will be affected. However, Ms. Andrews did note that the final working model is an ongoing development plan. Mr. Luckenbach highlighted that Newport News is housing the data and Portsmouth is doing a comprehensive plan to build on flooding scenarios.

### **Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Grant Brief**

*Stacie Neal, Homeland Security & Resilience Group*

Ms. Neal briefed the Panel on the grant. The purpose of the project is to enhance preparedness and build capacity for preventative responses to complex coordinated terrorist attacks. According to Ms. Neal, the goal is to implement a program that incorporates all communities to encourage coordination and collaboration through

planning, intelligence, situational assessments, and interdiction. Regional response requires a regional plan, where everyone understands their role, which is where a training curriculum is important. The curriculum would be training for private sectors and technical teams. Table top exercises would be a part of the training before the plan is used in a real world event. Ms. Neal also mentions that functional exercises will be conducted; making sure plans are understood and can be developed. Ms. Neal says efforts will also include going out to the regions to create awareness of the grant, gain participation and outreach.

### **Public Comment**

No posed commentary.

### **Closing Remarks**

Secretary Moran thanked all for their participation and encouraged feedback on the panel for future improvements. The meeting was then adjourned.