Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

March 14, 2019
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Attendees

Members: Joe LaFLur, Mike Berna, Clay Stamp, Ronnie Gill, BG Adam Flasch (on behalf of AG Singh), Jonathon Favorite

Others: Russell Strickland, Kiona Black, Terry Thompson, Chas Eby, Marcia Deppen, Myra Derbyshire, John Scholz, Bill Hildabrand, John Dulina

Meeting Notes

The Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) meeting began with welcome and announcements from Chairman Stamp and MEMA Executive Director Russ Strickland. Chairman Stamp dedicated a moment for the late Doc Lumpkins.

SERC Business

Ronne Gill, Vice Chairman, GEMAC

Hazardous Materials Planning Grant will be going out shortly. The SERC has not lost anyone from the committee with administration changes

MEMA Organizational Refresh

Russell Strickland, Executive Director, MEMA

Director Strickland discussed changes and updates on staffing at MEMA.

- 59 total PINS for MEMA
- Millenials are the most energetic work force. MEMA wants to keep bringing them on board
- MEMA HR deserves a lot of credit for keeping the organization up to speed
- 3 deep concept - wanting to have at least 3 people capable of performing someone’s duties
- MEMA Systems approach to preparedness 3D model on whiteboard
  - Culture of preparedness

Local jurisdictions have expressed concerns on having limited staffing in their organizations. There was discussion on finding balance between education and on-site field training for
MEMA Consequence Management and Associated Initiatives
Marcia Deppen, Director of Consequence Management, MEMA
Marcia Deppen provided an overview of the MEMA agency and discussed the Maryland Emergency Management System. Marcia also discussed MEMA consequence management project priorities such as: School Emergency Management Program (GSEM) Grant, Emergency Management Accreditation Renewal (EMAP), Distribution Management Annex Creation/Coordination, MJOC Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Overhaul Internal staff training and drills (SEOC, DO/DoC, CodeRed), Filling staff vacancies Calvert Cliffs Graded FSE and Peach Bottom/Calvert Cliffs Dual Site FSE, NEMA/ASPR Catastrophic Planning and Capabilities Assessment, CCTA Program Year 2.
There was discussion on coordination between MCAC and MJOC, and effectiveness of training for both MCAC and MEMA.

John Scholz, State IMT Coordinator
John Scholz gave an overview of the Maryland Incident Management Team and discussed the 12 month plan.
There was a discussion about the UASI funding and how it is available for the IMT program.

Bill Hildabrand, Regional Liaison Officer, MEMA
Bill Hildabrand discussed the Fire and Emergency Services State Coordinating Function, as well as background, accomplishments and steps moving forward.
There was a discussion about looking into getting a copy of other states legislation that pays volunteer firefighters during EMAC deployments in include in MD title 14.

John Dulina, Regional Liaison Officer, MEMA
John Dulina discussed the Maryland Swiftwater/flood search and rescue response system, including an overview on the MD-Helicopter Aviation Response Team.
There was discussion on efforts for closing gaps with expenses when MDNG is activated, considering MDNG reports to the Governor.

Opioid Operational Command Center Update
Russell Strickland, Executive Director, MEMA
Director Strickland discussed staffing updates, how the OOCC team has moved to Crownsville office space, and in December will move completely under MEMA’s umbrella.

Other Updates (Emergency Alert, Budgets, Capital, FIT, etc)
- Emergency Alerts - have made no changes
- Recommendations from a few years have no new response from the Governor's office
- There was discussion on the frustration with lack of communication from the Governor’s office
- Ronnie is the vice-chair of the GEMAC
- Set up a conference call with all the members within the next week

Future meetings
- Wants to set up future meeting dates for the GEMAC to align with Bay Cabinet meetings
  - The Bay Cabinet meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, from 2-4 pm (beginning with March 19).
  - Looking at month of either April, May or June for next meeting.

Open Discussion
- Looking for a rep for volunteer fire service.
  - Check with Dick Devore to consider status.

The Council was adjourned at 3 pm.