Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

Sept. 4, 2019
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Location: Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Dr, Hanover, MD 21076

Meeting Minutes


START TIME: 1:37 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   - Quorum - 17 members present
   - Virginia Beach could not present at today’s meeting due to Virginia State of Emergency, will present at next month’s meeting.
   - Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2019 - Motion to approve by John Filer, Meghan M. seconded - all in favor. Minutes are approved.
   - SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING - October 9, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

2. WORK GROUP UPDATE (Sgt. Travis Nelson & Randy Linthicum)
   - Logo for AAIWG -
     - Suggestions - use Maltese cross for fire.
     - Concern that circle with grid lines looks similar to a rifle scope - to play around with some other shapes. Shield is a popular choice.
       ■ Asked for suggestions to be sent.
   - Charter Membership Update:
     - Discussion of attendance requirements of Charter.
     - Discussion of removal or amendment based on non attendance/representation.
       ■ Local Law Enforcement: Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office - no response to attendance letter.
         - Recommendations
○ Ocean City Fire/EMS  
○ Salisbury PD  
○ Worcester Co. - per Dino P. soft acceptance from WorCo Sheriff’s Office.  
○ Possibility of remote access discussed for Western MD and Eastern Shore.

■ Local Emergency Management: Garrett County - attempting to attend but distance is an issue.

■ Local Emergency Management: Washington County - asked to withdraw due to staffing changes.
  ● Have regional representation for areas such as Western MD & Eastern Shore  
  ○ Will require some change to the charter language to accommodate.
    ■ Idea was opened to group for input.  
    ■ Would be an Emergency Mgmt seat.  
    ■ Would result in 1 Western region vote

■ Local Emergency Management: Talbot County- asked to withdraw.
  ● Caroline County or Queen Anne’s - motion by Dino Pignataro to offer to either county to replace Talbot Co., Meghan M. seconded motion - all in favor, motion passed.

■ Local Fire / Emergency Medical Services: Cecil County DES - no response to attendance letter.
  ● Jim Radcliffe made motion to replace Cecil with Queen Anne’s DES, John Filer seconded - all in favor, motion passed.

■ Local Fire / Emergency Medical Services: Prince George’s County - no response to attendance letter.
  ● Jim Radcliffe made motion to replace PG with Montgomery Fire, John Jerome seconded - all in favor, motion carried.

■ Meghan McClelland recommended holding all votes on membership until a full presentation of recommendations can be made.
  ● Request made to provide a listing of membership on a map to present at the October meeting for final approval.

■ As well, compile areas in need and suggested replacements and have group at October meeting.
  ● Motions that have already been made for replacement regions will be offered the position and vote will be

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finalized in October.

- Cal Bowman is no longer with GOHS, Dawn O’Croinin is taking the position of chair for the Prevention subcommittee which Cal previously held.
- Subcommittee status updates:
  - Reports from subcommittees:
    - Planning & Preparedness (Bob Mueck) - reviewed MD 211 conference call & usefulness for AAIWG Guidance
        - Any additional documents please email to Bob Mueck
      - MD 211 conference call to host AAIWG guidance - not ideal for our purpose.
    - Prevention (Dawn O’Croinin)
      - D. O’Croinin reviewed progress of group.
      - Presentation by Kyra Dressler to understand characteristics.
      - Discussion to try & understand the why.
      - Understanding where on the spectrum is the optimal time to intervene.
      - Grievances of perpetrators
      - Lack of mental health resources state-wide & where gaps exist.
      - Inability to mandate health treatment.
      - Importance of reporting mechanisms.
      - Efficacy of the Red Flag law.
      - In the fall:
        - To reconvene to determine scope of deliverable for the AAIWG document.
        - Discuss content & resources to include.
        - Dawn participates in the Gov. Commission on Mental & Behavioral Health and will share that perspective.
    - Community Outreach (Cee Cee Molineaux)
      - Kevin Lewis had to leave the group. Cee Cee Molineaux has taken over as chairperson.

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• Cee Cee introduced herself and expressed that she is looking forward to working with group.

■ Equipment (Greg Dietrich & Michael O’Connell)
  • FX - will be forming a core group - Greg D., M. O’Connell, & new Harford Co. Sheriff Deputy Wehrle to make proposals for approval by the whole subcommittee.

■ EMS Protocol (Dr. Matt Levy)
  • Dr. Chizmar - protocol recommendations are being reviewed and rolled in.
    ○ Whole blood for helicopters may not be until November 2020.

■ Training & Exercise (Jim Radcliffe)
  • J. Radcliffe - categorization of training discussed to create training based on those categories.
  • Ideas have been floated but would like some more input - e.g., houses of worship.

■ Communications (Capt. Scott Brillman)
  • No one present update.

■ Family Information Center & Resources/CISM (Bethany Brown, Lt. Steve Thomas)
  • B. Brown - massive data dump - all forms, plans, etc., and organizing with a table of contents.
    ○ Information collecting for that.
  • Sept. 17 - next meeting
  • Data completion should be completed by the end of Sept.
    ○ Content will then be reviewed/analyzed
  • Looking at a future training of how FIC&R and CISM will work into the AA response.

■ Integrated Response (John Filer)
  • Feedback has been received on FOG and incorporated as appropriate.

• Round Table -
  ○ John Russo - Advisory Council Conf. on Oct. 23 at Owings Mills Jewish Community Center - focus federal and local, fire & EMS response. Will include a speaker from Las Vegas regarding their response.
  ○ Ray Hanna - GOHS & DHS - Active Shooter Seminar on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Baltimore War Memorial - two sessions.
    ■ Send Ray an email if you would like to participate.
  ○ Steve Shepherd - Oct. 29 Elements of an Active Shooter @ St. John’s College in Annapolis.
- Registration - $40
- Steve will send out information through AAIWG
  - Discussion of the use of a website for the AAIWG Guidance product
    - Discussion of website options for AAIWG
      - J. Radcliffe noted concern of AAIWG housed within another agency’s website may make it difficult to access.
      - MHA suggested Healthcare Coalition website
        - HPP funded
      - J. Radcliffe supported an independent website for AAIWG
      - J. Filer recommended mimicking “Before It's Too Late” (run by the OOCC)
    - Consensus was to have an independent site for AAIWG so we will continue to pursue this option.

3. Presentation on Virginia Beach Active Assailant Incident - Erin Sutton - CANCELLED - unable to attend due to Virginia State of Emergency.

5. Action Item Review
- Subcommittees - another request for information/documents and communications to all be sent to Matt Bangs and sent through the AAIWG email account.
  - Leesa to resend the roster of subcommittees

6. Closing Remarks & Adjourn - Meghan McClelland & John Frank 2:32 pm