



State of Delaware
Homeland Security Advisory Council
(HSAC)

Minutes

09/17/14

0900-1100

Public Safety Building
Main Conference Room
303 Transportation Circle
Dover DE 19901

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by Secretary Lewis Schiliro at 0900 hours. A quorum of 13 members was present as follows:

Voting Council Members

Secretary Lewis D. Schiliro	Department of Safety & Homeland Security - Chair
Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – Co-Chair
Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police, Superintendent
Colonel Dallas Wingate	Delaware National Guard
Elayne Starkey, CTO	Department of Technology & Information
John Sadowski	Department of Education
Steve Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health
Warren Jones, EM	Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association
Ed Klima	Emergency Services Coordinator, Dover Motorsports Inc. (DMS)
Walter J. Billings, WATO	Dover Air Force Base, Wing Anti-Terrorism Advisor

Designated Voting Reps -

Jennifer Dittman	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Warden Dave Hall	Department of Corrections
Dwayne Day, HS Planner	Department of Transportation/TMC, Alternate

Non-voting Attendees

Council Legal Staff

DAG Lisa Morris

Department of Justice, Civil Division

Additional Non-voting Attendees

Council Support

Captain Daniel Meadows Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC
Dee L. Rivard Department of Safety & Homeland Security

Federal, State & Local Partners

SSA Jeffrey Reising FBI – Baltimore Division – DE JTTF
Robert Prettyman U. S. Attorney’s Office – District of Delaware
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Absent Voting Council Members

Director Jamie Turner Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Chief Robert Legates Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Commissioner Rob Coupe Department of Corrections
Director Jennifer Cohen DelDOT/Division of Motor Vehicles
Chief Topping Delaware Police Chiefs’ Council
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr. Department of Transportation/TMC
Secretary Ed Kee Department of Agriculture
Mayor Donald Tinari Delaware League of Local Governments
Wayne Smith, CEO Delaware Healthcare Association
Michael McLean, Amtrak, Regional Emergency Mgr. & Corporate Security
Joseph Aviola, President Wilmington University
George “Jody” Sweeney President/Councilman DE Association of County
Governments
Colonel Rick Arroyo Delaware River & Bay Authority Police Department

Designees Not in Attendance

Deputy Glenn Gillespie Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Deputy
Tony Lee, Planner Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Alternate
J. Allen Metheny, Treasurer Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s’ Association, Designated
Representative
LTC Gregory S. Snapp Delaware National Guard, Designated Representative
CSM Michael D. Fields, Jr. Delaware National Guard
Deputy Mike Harrell Division of Motor Vehicles, Deputy Director
Michael Mendoza, WATA Dover Air Force Base, Wing Anti-Terrorism Advisor
Director

Partners Not in Attendance

Joseph Wessels League of Local Governments (LLG)
Trevor Wilson U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/DIAC
Liaison
Ken Greeson, U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Protective Security Advisor
Brian McDonough Amtrak Station Action Team Coordinator

2. PUBLIC SESSION - Approval of Minutes

- Lt. Col. Monroe Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes with UAV corrections as submitted by Dwayne Day, the motion was seconded by Dwayne Day and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

Secretary Schiliro briefed everyone on this Council's being subject to Delaware's Open Meeting Law. He advised everyone that our briefings have been FOUO briefings and that we are going to try to keep it that way. However, Councilmembers really need the availability of hearing protected information on some subjects. He has been discussing possible solutions with DAG Lisa Morris.

3. Recurring Business:

- Strategy – N/A
- DIAC Governance – N/A
- Security Briefings:
- DIAC Briefing
 - Captain Meadows provided members a briefing of international, national, regional, and local issues and concerns that occurred since our last meeting.
 - He expressed his condolences for the Pennsylvania State Police on the recent line of duty death of one of their Officers advising that although there is not clarity, it appears that the ideology of what happened is pertinent to today's Delaware's briefing. He stated that Delaware has had connectivity to the ongoing Pennsylvania investigation since there is open source reporting that connects the individual to the State of Delaware. Because of open source reporting relating that the individual lives or works in the State of Delaware the DIAC has received quite a few phone calls from individuals concerned about the information.
 - Captain Meadows responded to questions and provided members a synopsis of Delaware's Fusion Center's role in the Pennsylvania state investigation.
 - Captain Meadows told members that the DIAC recently participated in a nationwide communications drill that assessed how they received and disseminated information. The DIAC met all of the observed capabilities.

- Captain Meadows and Ray recently discussed the need to conduct a second outreach to communities in regard to violent extremism and the intent of the DIAC / Fusion Center with this group.
- Captain Meadows shared the DIAC's goal of providing a function that would offer first line training to all first responders and anyone in a position to see pre-operational terrorism indices.
- Recently Captain Meadows met with the FBI, State and County police agencies and the Jewish community at the Community Center in Delaware to provide information on the effects of events going on abroad and their effect on Delaware's community. He advised that it is equally important to share the absence of incident occurrences abroad and nationwide.
- Members received a briefing on the Fusion Center's role in on going exercises learning that they recently added 1 position in the Fusion Center structure to focus on leveraging technology to enable the Center to effectively manage information coming into the Fusion Center; however they also plan to become more active in exercises. They want to be sure that they are capable of responding should an incident occur here in Delaware and ensure that they are aware of what other Fusion Centers' roles are during an incident.
- Delaware's Fusion Center recently participated in several exercises with Dover International Speedway and Norfolk Southern, etc.
- Secretary Schiliro commented on the PA incident stating that in the event that we had a similar incident the law enforcement response would be swift and thorough. He advised that Delaware needs to remain proactive as that incident could have occurred anywhere in any of the 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the nation particularly with events abroad. The difficulty we all face is continuing to harp on that message and to deal with the extreme ideologies. It is often times falling to the wayside of everything else that we have to do and makes this council all the more important.
- Captain Meadows stated that the greatest threat is still the lone actor and anti-government sector threat. That is why Councilmembers need to discuss why the outreach is so important because those that live among us and have that ideology are identifiable. A local businessman in Rochester, NY provided aid to terrorism overseas and was enlisting the assistance of U. S. citizens to purchase weapons with silencers.

These types of incidents present the greatest threat to people here in Delaware with outreach our greatest deterrence.

FBI Briefing –

SSR Jeff Reising provided a security Briefing stating that it is all about Syria now whereas 3-years ago it was all about people travelling to Yemen. The big draw now is the Jihadist flight against Syria and Iraq. The ISIS group is doing everything that Al-Qaeda promised they would do in 1988. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is the leader of the ISIS. The U.S. had him in custody previously.

- He briefed members on the areas controlled or influenced by ISIS and under Shari Law, and areas containing and controlled by Shiite groups. What we are seeing is a wholesale slaughter in this area. Its aim is to establish a caliphate in the Sunni majority regions of Iraq expanding to include Syria. It is very easy to get into Syria. If you are from Western Europe you can travel easily into Syria.
- SSR Reising provided a briefing of recent domestic people that attempted to travel to Syria to join al-Nusra, ISIS, and ISIS affiliated fighting groups. As you interact with people like this your senses should be on high alert.
- He briefed members on several former soldiers that posted on social media stating that they wanted to go join the fight and he briefed on sympathizers located in Raleigh, NC. The briefing included information on certain sectors of the US, (Lodi, CA; Portland, OR; Boston, MA; sections of Connecticut, and Raleigh, NC) that have groups of sympathizers for ISIS. The FBI has interviewed many of these individuals numerous times.
- He mentioned the probability of a fight arising between Iranians and Sunni extremists groups noting that if there wasn't enough blood shed in these areas abroad before there is going to be a lot more when these two groups start fighting. As of right now there is a lull in the conflict although internationally it is evolving as these groups continue to develop over the next 6 - 12 months. Social media is the big footprint for these groups because that is how they recruit and meet people. The problem for Americans is not so much the people that we know about, it is the Canadians, British citizens and the other people that come into our country to recruit.

- SSRA Reising advised that there will be an investigation into each one of the group of approximately 100 Americans there now, trying to get there, or that have been killed there. Most of the people identified are the ones that were radicalized or converted, not those of Syrian/Iranian decent. As of today the assessment of ISIS fighters was increased to 30,000. Most of the radicals have good, valid passports and do not need to come across the Mexican border. They can enter the United States and follow the standard Al-Qaeda playbook for conducting terrorism.

Homeland Security Advisor Briefing

- HSA Ray Holcomb provided a briefing on terrorism telling members about a red-cell exercise he participated in this past week that looks at things through the eyes of the terrorist.
- He clarified and simplified what Delaware's major concerns need to be stating that they should be what we focus our resources on and the things that keep us awake at night. He also reviewed what the threat is for members before handing out an FOUO document for discussion.
- Ray, Jen Dittman and members from the DIAC brainstormed the FOUO document Ray used to brief members. The formula is based on where Delaware is the most vulnerable and what act would likely incur the most damage; human loss, psychological, etc.
- Ray briefed members on Active Shooters, Complex Attacks, IEDs, CIKR Targets, Cyber Attacks, Agro-Terrorism/Pandemics, and emerging issues covering what the threat actors or causes were, the probability of the event occurring, mitigation efforts, and the impact for Delaware for each. He based his information on actual information from recent attacks on the east coast, throughout the nation, and internationally.
- Ray told members that next month's exercise on Cyber Security will address some of the major cyber-attack issues. Ray stated that he was surprised to see how vulnerable the poultry industry is to natural and criminal attacks. Emerging issues are an important factor that should be constantly reviewed, addressed, and updated. UAVs are starting to be used by the bad guys, as well as, a number of other things developing including the anniversary of 9/11. Ray believes that it is time to take a fresh look at where we are and the threats to Delaware because we tend to get pulled into the national debate and what people are doing in other areas.

- Colonel Wingate agreed that we get pulled into National Thinking because of funding assessments. However, on the other hand we know at the end of the day it is a very local problem. We have to be able to relate what our efforts and focus is to what their priorities are. Demographics affect the prioritization of threats. At some point it will take an assessment perhaps from the DLLG to determine how to prioritize these threats that we have to relate to federal funding priorities. The farmer is the last person that wants to be blamed for an outbreak. HSAC members need to look at how chicken and poultry is being brought into this state by less than legal means. It is a local effort that is going to resolve it and our best defense is if you see something, say something and finding common ground between the local level and the federal level.
- Ray stated that if you look at the mitigation list it is not that challenging because there are some very basic things. It is about information sharing with our federal partners and citizens. We really need to make an effort to get out there with boots on the ground to individuals who are out there every single day seeing what is going on.
- Colonel Wingate felt that the federal side of things seems to have a better ability to gather actionable intelligence which is a piece that is missing from the DIAC. What is the standard or security level? He knows some things that he cannot discuss with anyone in this room because members do not possess a specific level of clearance even though they are things that members should know. We need to assess the statewide highest level of security clearance. This body needs, in his opinion, to find a common security level, and that is a Top Secret level.
- Secretary stated that one alternative is to mandate that each voting member of HSAC hold a Secret Clearance in order to hold a secret level briefing. This is not that difficult and could be easily solved. He is speaking of a DHS Secret Security Clearance. If nobody objects this may be a better alternative than trying to change the open meeting law.
- A discussion ensued in which the following points were brought to light:
 - HSAC would still face the challenge of what to do with the information that comes out of these meetings and how to handle it. How would we then take the discussion and help those needing assistance.
 - While all of the Chiefs already possess at least a secret level security clearance.

- It should be written into the legislation that the Secretary and the Homeland Security Advisor possess a Top Secret Clearance. (*NOTE* While not legislated, this is already required as part of their positions)
- The room would have to be modified or we could no longer meet in this room and someone would have to ensure that personal cell phones and devices were secured prior to the meeting.
- Any documents generated from the meetings would have to have a secure system to store the notes and minutes. Colonel Wingate volunteered to assist with this.
- Chart categorizations were questioned asking if things should be classified as high, medium, and low. Ray responded that it is a living document subject to change that he hopes will help with the exercise plan.
- The real issue is prioritizing, mitigations, and funding. It really boils down to what priorities are.
- Ray advised that it really boils down to some basic mitigation steps including information sharing, mitigation, etc.
 - Secretary Schiliro questioned major event risks that were not included such as Dover Downs, U of D Football games, etc., that potentially could hold significant major threats.
 - Agent Reising advised that there is a lot of interconnectivity between major public events and threat targets.
- Ray stated that while the formula is a little tricky it boils down to applying some logic and common sense to find the linking factors.

- Grant Coordination – N/A

4. State, Federal Local & Private Briefings Old Business

- Ed Klima reminded everyone that the NASCAR race is next week and that Dover Downs will soon be launching Punkin' Chunkin'. The trend with Dover Downs' property is to do trends outside of the bowl. For Firefly they put up 10 miles of fence to secure the area, which creates new challenges to the degree of using technology and cameras. Punkin' Chunkin' in the past has had a common criminal element that will have to be addressed. This was the purpose in bringing it to their property. It will now be a ticketed event with limitations on what attendees

can bring into the event. The transition involving getting rid of some undesirable elements and then attracting new attendees will take some time. From Dover Downs perspective doing events outside the bowl poses different challenges; however, they also look at items that were identified in past years that need to be addressed from after action reports. Dover Downs falls short on implementation of after action recommendations due to busy schedules. The same issues come up again and again.

- Ray thinks that is a great point. While we are aggressive with terrorism exercises and table tops no one is tasked with what we are going to do about the issues raised.
- Dwayne advised that the key to these after action reports and exercises is implementation of recommendations! There is not any requirement to ensure that issues brought to light during exercises and table tops are implemented. After Action Reports gather the information and recommendation plans generate what needs to be done; however, everything stops there.
 - Ray inquired if there was any way to generate, through funding, what the common issues are. Jen Dittman advised that there is a way although there would be some growing pains and would take some time. She believes that it may be better to do it through the State Preparedness Report.
- The agencies that put the exercises on do it because they want to; so we have to be careful and not come down hard with a lot of mandates.
 - Ray suggested using the carrot rather than the stick.
 - Jen Dittman believes that we need to find out if we really need to address that issue as everything really comes down to funding. You have to at some point look at your cost/benefit ratio because we cannot address all issues and be at 100% at all times. This is discussed during the funding group meetings. Delaware is in the middle of the road and always will be because we don't have the equipment, funding, or capabilities to change it.
 - Colonel Wingate believes that it is apparent that that is no longer good enough. While he agreed that we do not have the staffing he believes that perhaps the staffing is already in place. Perhaps agencies can afford to have someone sitting in the DIAC as an intelligence analyst and charge them with being there from a planning perspective to develop future ops based on after action reports all funneling to one spot to be able to say ok, future ops group what is the fix? However, we need to be sure that the information is vetted back to the

agencies prior to implementation. It is his opinion that the DIAC should be the central operations for the state.

- Ray advised that it may be that a lot of these fixes are in the process and that it is just a matter of looking at the processes and making them more efficient.
- Colonel Wingate believes that if it is an off group of the DIAC it is a way to take advantage of making an actionable plan out of After Action Reports.
- Jennifer advised that there is no real gathering of what our standards are. Each agency has their own standards with no central collection group to gather that information. The Feds can't tell Delaware how to handle those standards. DEMA does an assessment and gathers the information yet with the Fire Service, for example, we do not know what their standards are.
- Dwayne believes that this is something that we can bring up to the DHSTP Working Group as to what is the best way to keep this Council informed.

Dwayne Day provided a quick brief update of what the UAV Committee has been doing.

- They have held 3 meetings with their next meeting on October 2.
- Dwayne is the Chairman with Colonel Wingate as the Vice-Chair.
- They added the recommended members suggested at the last HSAC meeting. Unfortunately, they have had some subtractions. DelMarVa Power and Sgt. Chris Ennis from DSP dropped out of the committee.
- As a Committee they needed some strategic guideline as to where they were going. Committee members prepared a report of what they felt strategic issues were. This report is almost complete.
- The UAV Committee has joined the Mid-Atlantic Group that is getting ready to have an exercise. The Mid-Atlantic Group is probably going to be the most active group of the 6 test groups.
- **The committee is going to start look into recommending legislation with a primary focus on large scale events and how to regulate UAV operations around those events to make it safe for people and a secondary focus on how to protect Critical Infrastructure.** As a Committee they have concerns because there is so much out there. Dwayne put out an 8.5 X

11 UAV Overview as to what hobbyist, commercial, aviation, etc. can do. He still wants to research and insert foot notes and will have a revised handout at the next meeting. They have put together a cheat sheet if you will for what they are working on and what they anticipate looking into so that if a Legislator or someone calls with a concern they are able to provide them some information.

- Extend an invitation out to Colonel Grismer the new aviation commander at DAFB. Dwayne asked him to get up with him afterwards.
- Dwayne advised that the committee is only talking about the small UAVs not the large ones. They are popping up in different locations and being used.
- What started this committee was the federal legislation that was put out. Almost all of the states on the east coast have put out some legislation on UAVs. UAS is unmanned aviation system where the UAV is the actual flying unit. Dwayne provided a handout that summarized the information for members. He provided a list of public agencies using UAVs. ISIS was using surveillance drones to target groups.
- Secretary thinks in terms of proposed legislation being able to regulate UAVs is the most important thing this legislative session. Come October DSHS will include in our policy memorandum that we intend to propose legislation regulating UAVs. Three things can happen, one he will take it on as Governor's Legislation, two he will like it but not want it as his so it will be DSHS legislation and three he says no and it is killed. To this point he believes that we should limit it to UAV use during public events and over critical infrastructure especially since the General Assembly is very sensitive to drone usage. Assuming in October that he accepts it we will need draft legislation in December for introduction in January. The difficulty is defining areas and how far away we need to keep them. If we can define this he believes that it will be good legislation for this year.
- Agent Reising believes that the biggest effect will be during the races.
- Secretary Schiliro stated that the difficulty will be allowing event organizers or law-enforcement to use UAVs in the future. Not part of the legislation but what needs to be clarified is how we will handle violations.
- Colonel Wingate feels that one of the sensitive points to measure is using them around CI/KR and how do we do that without divulging what is critical infrastructure. He believes that the

best way may be to designate zones on maps where UAVs are prohibited. A three dimensional table that measured not only the geographical area but also the height.

- Dwayne advised that Amazon has come out with a Drone website or store that contains a link for "Fly Responsibly".
- Dwayne stated that 495 is back up and running. Social Media Committee is on hold. They took the survey and modified it a little bit and had it reviewed by their legal people who said that they would disseminate it to obtain the needs of other state agencies.
- Secretary apologies as he has to leave here in a few minutes. The Medical Examiners Officer is now part of DSHS. Hired a new Medical Examiner, Dr. Gary Collins who is currently the Deputy Medical Examiner of Philadelphia, a resident of Newark, and who will bring a wealth of information and experience to Delaware. We are currently advertising for a Director with the posting published in the News Journal, the New York Times, and with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. One of the things that Andrews Report found was that the lab did not have a Mass Casualty Plan although the DPH did. Ray has been working very hard with them and Steve Blessing's group to rectify this to satisfy the Andrews Report required recommendations. We are making good progress and will bring everyone up to date when a Mass Casualty Plan is in Place.
- Steve Blessing met with the DFS and Ray and noted that a lot of things in their plan were not in depth and relied heavily on one person doing a lot of the interaction. Now they are looking at bringing in some feds, current mortuary capacity, and cold storage capacity and hope to have the plan finished by the end of the year and would like to exercise the plan as part of another exercise planned for May.
- Captain Meadows wants to make sure that agencies have the information to know what information needs are for all of our partnerships. They are doing this through their website. Anyone needing access to their website or having questions or concerns were asked to please contact him.
- Bob Prettyman nothing
- Jennifer Dittman provided two handouts. Three of the 6 handouts identify what they are working on. They added a weather and chemical response. We are bridging the gap between terrorism and natural hazard. We go above and beyond here in Delaware. Most people are

not familiar with the Core Capability tie into all planning and grant processes and federal requirements. For November's meeting she would like to discuss core capabilities and grant processes and State Preparedness plan. There is a much more sophisticated process in place now than in years past. FY14 HSGP awarded at the end of August. FY13 closes next August. Established a very aggressive timeframe for ensuring that all of the funding is spent. When she took over 4 years ago there were 15 grants. In 2015 they are now going to be more planning heavy as opposed to the past. We are now down to just a few grants. Delaware is the only state that did not receive any violations.

- However, they did tell us that if they were to review the Homeland Security Priorities that it would have failed. Jennifer and her group are now tasked with revising this report. State Preparedness Report and the THIRA tie in but are separate processes. Planning is where she is really going to start focusing their efforts. Radiological Drill tomorrow and in December a natural hazard exercise. Have included private sector partners and utilities and the Coast Guard are now included in their planning process as stakeholders.
- Captain Meadows briefed members on the Sector Delaware Bay exercise focusing on mine sweeping in the Port of Wilmington and law-enforcement activities. It is an opportunity to become more integrated with the Coast Guard when there are exercises in the area. There will also be a Canadian Naval vessel in the bay so there will probably be a public information officer who will liaison with us. Ray does not believe that we will have an active role with this.
- Elayne Starkey has two upcoming exercises: October 9 is the annual cyber security exercise, a broad scale exercise that they have run for ten years now. This year's scenario is really interesting and modeled after what has actually happened with other states. They have 11 agencies signed up along with the cyber warfare squad of the National Guard. They will have an observer track with two 30 minute sessions one in the morning and one at 100 where you can stop by the William Penn Bldg. This year the exercise is decentralized where participants are taking part from their desk. The second exercise is October 30 and 31st where they will simulate a disruption of services from the William Penn Bldg. to alternate locations in the Dover Area and in Philadelphia. She will provide more detail at the next meeting.
- Colonel Wingate spoke about all of the individual exercises in everybody's agencies stating that it would be nice to have one major master calendar list for training exercises enabling them to also maintain a list of other exercises that they know about. For the first time in DNG

history the state law provides for the Governor to activate the DNG. The Adjutant General will be asking for a budget line to enable the DNG to work with all agencies in an active duty status to work with agencies during exercises as the Feds do not permit co-mingling.

- Steve Blessing spoke about the Enterovirus that has been in the news for the past couple of weeks. None of the tests have come back positive although regionally some in Philadelphia have tested positive. Core numbers are small so it is not alarming although it is pretty severe and some kids can end up on ventilators but Delaware has no confirmed cases. The Ebola situation, if you ever wanted to be concerned about Ebola now is the time to be concerned. Known cases are approximately 3,700 although there are a lot of things going on over there that make it difficult to get a clear picture. Out of the 3,700 cases half of them have died. There is a pretty significant screening process put in place which will enable us to control it fairly well if it does come to the United States. He does not have any information on what the expected mortality rate would be in the United States. However, he expects it to spread in other countries with areas of high population density that increase the risk exponentially. Viruses mutate fairly rapidly and if it mutated to a form that could transmit through the air then we would have a real concern with an expectation for it to come here. However, this is purely speculation and a worst case scenario. Should be talking to staff about working understaffed and washing hands, etc., and taking other precautions. The Health care environment would change significantly if it spread to the US. With the people going over to Africa that are in our military, if we had someone that was infected who died in that theatre and was brought back to the US they would come through Dover. This means that DPH should be working closely with DNG.

Lt. Col. Monroe Hudson made a motion to enter into Executive Session seconded by Steve Blessing and unanimously approved by voting members in attendance.

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION*******

Voting members of the Council entered executive session as per Title 29, Chapter 100, §10004(b)(3).

*******PUBLIC SESSION*******

Following a motion by Walter Billings to return to PUBLIC SESSION, seconded by Dwayne Day and unanimously approved by voting members the public session continued.

Lt. Colonel Hudson shared that the current DSP Recruit class consists of 30 recruits as will the 2015 Recruit class.

- He informed members that we need to have central coordination of exercises because sometimes DSP does not receive advanced notice which incurs overtime for short staffing.
- He advised that each school district was tasked under Comprehensive School Safety legislation with doing 2 exercises per year.
- Jennifer Dittman advised that a planning workshop scheduled in October may be an appropriate venue. Dwayne made a note to bring that up.
- Ed Klima advised that the issue of maximizing exercises due to staffing shortages has come up before. He stated that the same issues keep coming up time and time again and are the same in all of them. The problem is that we pay the contractors for the workshop but the people who need to be there are not coming because business is not usually discussed until after lunch when most of the key people have left.
- Ray believes that we need to centralize training exercises and issue recommendations. If you developed a good bench practice in your exercise then shouldn't everyone else know about that?
- The repository is Tom Nesbella since years ago a centralized federal database was hacked and they never recovered from that.

Dwayne Day feels that Delaware should keep it generic and scrubbed.

Jennifer Dittman advised that DEMA talked about having a portal developed in order to share the THIRA and the State Preparedness Plan

Colonel Wingate feels strongly that any centralized training exercise database should not be subject to the open meeting law because agencies are displaying the soft underbelly and vulnerabilities of their agency.

Jennifer Dittman advised that she can share sensitive information derived from exercises with people that it affects although she cannot email it.

Steve Blessing shared that there was a task appointed by the Training & Education (T & E) Committee a few years ago that bogged down due to DTI viewing it as a state only network. He feels that it may be worth going back and looking at it again as the statewide learning management system was a part of it.

Steve Blessing advised that the 3,700 Ebola cases exceed 40 years of cumulative cases. The hotspots in Africa are Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone; Nigeria is on a Level 2 right now as is the Congo with a few cases reported in Senegal. The significance of the size of this outbreak is phenomenal. He has the epidemiology report and will send it electronically to members.

5. Old Business

- N/A

6. New Business

- N/A

7. Recommendations

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8. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 with a motion made by Colonel Wingate that was seconded by Ed Klima and unanimously approved by voting members in attendance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2014

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Public Safety Building

Large 2nd Floor Conference Room