



State of Delaware  
Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(HSAC)

## Minutes

06/24/15

0900-1100

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

### 1. PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions

- Secretary Schiliro welcomed everyone and requested that everyone introduce themselves for the benefit of new attendees. He called the meeting to order at 0900 hours. A quorum of 19 voting members were in attendance as follows:

#### Voting Council Members

Secretary Lewis D. Schiliro	Department of Safety & Homeland Security - <b>Chair</b>
Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – <b>Co-Chair</b>
LTC Angela Showell	Delaware National Guard, Director, Military Support
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr.	Department of Transportation/TMC
Secretary Ed Kee	Department of Agriculture
Colonel Richard Arroyo	Delaware River & Bay Authority, Chief of Police
Ed Klima	Emergency Services Coordinator, Dover Motorsports Inc. (DMS)
Joseph Aviola, President	Wilmington University
George “Jody” Sweeney	President/Councilman DE Association of County Governments
Michael Mendoza, WATA	Dover Air Force Base, Wing Anti-Terrorism Advisor
John Sadowski	Department of Education
Wayne Smith, President	Delaware Healthcare Association
Joseph A. Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments, HS Consultant
Chief William Topping	Delaware Police Chiefs Council, Chair
Warden David Hall	Department of Corrections, Special Operations
Elayne Starkey, CSO	Department of Technology & Information

Scott Vien, Director  
Chief Paul Bernat  
Jennifer Dittman

Division of Motor Vehicles  
Delaware Police Chiefs Council, Designee  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Designee

### **Non-voting Attendees**

#### **Council Support**

Captain Daniel Meadows  
Dee L. Rivard

Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC  
Department of Safety & Homeland Security, OSEC

#### **Council Legal Staff**

DAG Lisa Morris

Department of Justice, Civil Division

#### **Federal, State & Local Partners**

SRA Jeffrey Reising  
Ken Greeson,

FBI – Baltimore Division – DE JTTF  
U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Protective Security Advisor

### **Additional Non-voting Attendees**

Dwayne Day, HS Planner  
Lt. Col. Michael Howard  
Justin Burns, Intern

Department of Transportation/TMC, Alternate  
Delaware River & Bay Authority  
Department of Safety & Homeland Security

### **Absent Voting Council Members**

Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson  
Director Jamie Turner  
Chief Robert Legates  
Steve Blessing  
Warren Jones, EM  
Walter J. Billings, WATO  
Michael McLean,  
Mayor Donald Tinari

Delaware State Police  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control  
DHSS/Division of Public Health  
Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association  
Dover Air Force Base, Wing Anti-Terrorism Advisor  
Amtrak, Regional Emergency Mgr. & Corporate Security  
Delaware League of Local Governments

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

- After Secretary Schiliro confirmed that councilmembers had sufficient time to review the minutes of the last meeting, Wayne Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented that was seconded by Gene Donaldson and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

**Secretary Schiliro** introduced Secretary Kee asking him to provide his briefing on vian Influenza.

**Secretary Kee** provided a briefing on Avian Influenza to members stating that the Department of Agriculture is preparing for avian influenza outbreaks in Delaware and on the Delmarva Peninsula.

- **High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** refers to rate of mortality, not speed of spreading. This type of avian influenza (AI) is not presently Zoonotic because it is not converting to a human health threat so far. This AI has not appeared in DE or on Delmarva at this point. Agriculture officials are preparing for the AI to make its way to Delaware next fall or winter. It is introduced by wildfowl, but flock infection is primarily by lateral infection e.g., carried on boots, machinery, truck tires, etc.
- **Scope of the Problem** - Delaware markets 225 million birds per year with approximately 50 million birds at any one time worth \$927 million in wholesale value. The Delmarva Peninsula processes an additional \$50 million birds per year with 110 million birds at any one time for a total of \$3.8 billion in wholesale value, providing approximately 20,000 jobs per year. Typical poultry houses hold 25,000 birds and will turn over at least 4 - 5 times per year. Delaware has 725 farms raising birds commercially. The largest infections in the United States are in Iowa and Minnesota, primarily with turkeys. There are 21 states with 230 confirmed outbreaks totaling 48 million turkeys lost, 7.6 million chickens lost at a cost of 41.1 million mostly for layers representing 10% of the United States inventory. Broilers comprise less than 0.01 % of the national inventory, which is cause for hope. The reason for the lower infection and mortality among broilers is that the structure of broiler houses is pretty air tight and the broilers are younger birds than the layers and turkeys with a higher rate of resistance.
- **What Happens If?** Secretary Kee informed members that if an AI infection occurs in Delaware his next steps would be to confirm the infection with the University of Delaware Lasher Lab in Georgetown, quarantine a 6 mile radius around the infection site, and de-populate the flocks upon positive confirmation. He stated that quick reaction is key; it's the only control mechanism. He briefed members on the composting and disposal of dead birds stating that the USDA has an indemnification program for growers. The key is surveillance, surveillance, surveillance! He told members that they depopulate with a machine that blows foam into the space to suffocate the birds. The machines are manufactured by a

company in Illinois. Delaware has 1 large machine and 2 small machines with another machine on the way at a cost of \$47,000.

- **Prevention & Education** – Secretary Kee told members that they ensure surveillance and that every flock is tested now and has been since 2004. The University of Delaware Lasher Lab just received a \$4 million upgrade in 2014. The state provided \$500,000 in funding for operations, bio-security on farms and at public agriculture events, farmer meetings, and the state fair. The Agriculture Department already cancelled a couple of poultry meetings this year and disallowed the entry of geese, ducks, and waterfowl at this year’s Delaware State Fair.
- **Team - No Silos** – Secretary Kee stated that with the assistance of Ray the Department of Agriculture is now working in coordination with the following organizations instead of each organization working independently.
  - DHSS Public Health
  - Department of Safety & Homeland Security - DEMA and Delaware State Police
  - Delaware National Guard
  - DeIDOT
  - DNREC - DE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
  - University of Delaware,
  - University of MD
  - USDA
  - Industry Partners including Purdue, Mountainair, Allen-Harim, Amick, Tyson
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- **Secretary Kee** told members that Ray has opened a lot of doors for the Department of Agriculture and they really appreciate it.
- He assured members that the chance of a negative impact on humans is extremely low. The Department of Agriculture is working on public outreach and has a communication plan that they are developing with Attorney General’s Public Information Officer (PIO), the Division of Public Health’s PIO, MD, and with the State of Virginia.
- Secretary Kee assured members that this AI is not going to make people sick and the chicken that you purchase at the store will not make people sick. It will

however, significantly affect exports in that it will have a negative impact because it is required that the Department of Agriculture reports it to the FDA and International Trade Groups. Some countries will understand the process but other countries, often for political reasons, will immediately impose embargo on the state's poultry products..

- Secretary Kee informed members that 18% of the poultry that are raised in the United States are exported. He explained that even chicken feet are a delicacy for people in Asian countries.
- The AI virus stays alive a long time in the bird. A bird may start coughing on a Monday and die by Wednesday; however, the virus in cold weather can stay alive in a chunk of manure for weeks. Temperatures of 85° or above knock out the virus.
- Secretary Kee assured Dwayne that there are currently no Agriculture issues related to drones.

**Secretary Schiliro** spoke about former Attorney General Beau Biden's funeral stating that he felt that it went very well considering the relatively short notice and the hundreds of visitors. He thought that the reason it was extremely well done was due to how well everyone came together and worked together. The attention to detail was second to none. The DeIDOT shuttles were phenomenal.

- The Secretary stated that even with the record number of attendees for the Firefly event and the weather related issues, he thought that traffic wise the event was extremely well handled. Adding that the funeral was a huge but sad event for Delaware.

### 3. Recurring Business:

- Strategy – See Jennifer Dittman's briefing
- DIAC Governance –
- Security Briefings:
  - 1) Captain Meadows provided members a DIAC briefing on international, national, regional, and local security events that occurred since our last meeting.

- **Captain Meadows** briefed members on a host of threats that continue to face our state including extremist groups and the current negative views targeting our law enforcement. Captain Meadows told members that the identification of diagnostic indicators is different and personal for each event. He discussed every one of 13 attacks terrorist attacks in the past year and noted the targets were pretty much divided. The take away is that we need to continue to focus on detection, disruption and mitigation as much as possible. We must improve situational awareness statewide, and ensure good access controls that can reduce the threat. Hyper vigilance is critical in this time where even law-enforcement is a target. Captain Meadows feels that we are receiving sufficient guidance from federal intelligence agencies.
- He provided councilmembers updates on recent examples including the June 17 stabbing, June 12 where two NY based individuals were arrested, and the June 2 incident when a Boston/Rhode Island area man was shot and killed after brandishing a large knife. These concerns and threats are real and will continue. On Sept 21 during part of a 14 page speech by Muhammed Abu Daqqa the speaker quoted Koranic text to reinforce the message from ISIS to strike intelligence and law enforcement. We have citizens that are willing to travel and support ISIL. He briefed members on a recent Houston, TX arrest in May of an individual that attempted to travel out of the country to support ISIL. .
- We have some very significant special events that will take place as we move into the summer. Outside of Delaware there are two planned events to draw the Prophet Muhammed. One such event is being considered in Delaware. A lot of events are occurring that could inspire extremist action. He briefed members on racially motivated violence and the climate here in Delaware with regard to white supremacist violence. Overall here in Delaware the groups lack the structure and leadership to pull off coordinated attacks. We have such extremist groups here in Delaware. He emphasized that there are a lot of concerns that threaten our state including cyber security, agriculture pandemics and terrorism, heroin, military and law-enforcement.
- DIAC Governance – Captain Meadows attended the NE Regional Intelligence Group Meeting this week in Jersey City, New Jersey, to share current threats and best

practices. The meeting hosted high level speakers. The balanced agenda was worthy of the trip.

- Captain Meadows told members about his recent trip to the 9/11 museum in Manhattan stating that he recommends everyone who has not yet visited the museum to see it. It is a very moving memorial that reminds visitors why we are doing what we are doing.
- The outreach program with Tim Kerstetter is going well. If any agency has an event that they would like to invite him to please contact him. He is actually out there doing outreach now and ensuring publication of guidance on preventing and dealing with attacks on retail shopping centers. Kerstetter recently presented the message before a large crowd at the Outlook and received positive feedback.
- DSP and the DIAC are currently in the planning stages to host the NE meeting in combination with the Hometown Security Conference here in Delaware. They are hoping to do it at the Atlantic Sands as close to Memorial Day as possible with registration open the morning of 9/17 and the meeting taking place on the 9/17, 9/18, and 9/19.

2) **Ray Holcomb** provided members a Homeland Security Briefing.

- Grant Coordination – See Jennifer Dittman’s briefing

#### **Dates to Remember**

4. Old Business – N/A

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5. New Business – N/A

6. State, Federal, Local & Private Briefings

**Ed Klima** - Firefly is an extremely complex event to put on and takes almost 2 months to construct. With a month of weather like we’ve had this June there are a lot of things that are affected. He expressed great appreciation to everyone involved. The challenge of doing events outdoors is the weather. Tropical Storm Bill caused issues Saturday night. It takes 45 minutes to an hour to evacuate attendees and the decision must be made way before the weather arrives. Storms that come across the bay can change dramatically. The importance of having a

meteorologist on sight is tremendous because they can read radar much better than we can. The Firefly evacuation went extremely well. The worst part of the storm went 15 to 20 miles to the south of the event staging area. If the Firefly grounds had been hit it would have caused substantial damage. As an example, Dover Downs had 40% of their [Glamping – a word?] Tents destroyed during last night's storm. The successful evacuation of 90,000 attendees is another example of the excellent teamwork between all of the crews involved. This will be a good case study in the music world with what can go right with planning. Chief Barnett stated that we are lucky that things went well and offered his thanks to everyone who helped. He felt that for the most part we did not have too many significant events occur at Firefly. The Secretary stated that Firefly was handled as well as possible.

**Jeff Reising** – Briefed members about that the most significant threat stream in the country's history post 9/11 is ISIS and ISIL, as these guys are really ramped up to conduct terrorism in the US. He advised that everyone should be at a heightened alert especially for the next 30 days. ISIS/ISILs message now includes sending 100,000 social media messages a day. Even though they are aware that the FBI is monitoring social media their messages still reach their true believers and really deranged individuals. ISIS/ISIL spread their message because they know we collect all of the information to analyze it. He briefed members on the male involved in the recent Charlotte, North Carolina shooting stating that he was a very troubled 19 year old kid that doesn't look like someone you would see in an Al Qaeda training camp; rather he looks like someone that would attend Firefly. Look at the damage he did in a Church in less than an hour. Imagine the damage that could be done at a large event. If someone responds to an ISIS internet message they immediately go dark to a message board that cannot be monitored. Imagine what this kid was searching for on the Internet.

**Secretary Schiliro** commented on Social Media stating that after a large scale event or terrorist action investigators typically go back and dissect an individual's website for intent, motivation, and clues. Social media monitoring is highly effective.

- SSRA Reising stated that it is a saturation issue that works well when they see it used. However the sophisticated terrorists are not tweeting out death to America. The really dangerous terrorists are the ones who stay below the surface. The reason why the individual was shot at 7:00 am in Boston was because there was someone monitoring his postings at 5:00 am in the morning and someone listening to his phone calls 24/7. It is just a numbers game. As these threats continue to build, you will see the power curve change.

- Chief Bernat felt that this emphasizes the strong need for better outreach to protect those individuals being radicalized.

**Ken Greeson** advised that most of what we see now is cyber security related and individuals trying to attack industrial control systems. Some threats are posed by people who want to cause deadly harm for any number of reasons and then there are the overseas state sponsored attacks. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) was just hit the other day. You can't risk having anybody penetrate your system.

**Elayne Starkey** shared that the primary purpose of the July kick-off meeting is to gather all of the critical infrastructure providers to talk about the frame work needed to develop a state Information Sharing and Analysis Center. The DE-ISAC is a statewide, cross sector multi-disciplinary group focused on limiting the impact of cyber disruptions in the state, ensuring effective communication and dialogue and maintaining critical services for our citizens. Like NJ framework.

- Elayne advised that the committee is particularly pleased with the outreach partnership with academia. The University of Delaware (U of D) has latched onto the lack of cyber control for small to medium sized business. We have a lot of those kinds of companies in Delaware that could benefit. U of D is looking at a model for cooperative extension services. They think they will have some grant funding to use for that as well. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Delaware National Guard (DNG) Center with a trifecta of speakers including Secretary Schiliro and CIO Collins.
- **Secretary Schiliro** shared information about the recent Office of Personnel Management (OPM) breach stating that it included present and past FBI employees in addition to active duty and retired Department of Defense and service members. He was less than impressed that OPM mailed out a form letter to affected personnel advising them that all of their personally identifiable information was breached stating not to worry because OPM is providing credit monitoring. They are talking about tens of thousands of records with names, phone numbers and addresses of employees, former employees, family members, and reference contacts.
- Elayne advised that the start of these big well known breaches helped us in the beginning but now the breaches happen so often that people are becoming immune to it. Elayne told members that one of the first things that she does is check with the agencies that were breached to see what their vulnerabilities were and whether or not our system has the same vulnerabilities. Elayne is on a call later this week to receive a briefing on the OPM

breach. Elayne feels that there is a lot of good work being done in a lot of places and this is an attempt at improving or starting to build relationships that we don't really have in place at this time.

- **Ken Greeson** told members that he was contacted recently by Chesapeake Utilities who was looking for information on cyber security information and breaches. He passed the information on to Ray who will pass it on to Elayne.
- **Captain Meadows** stated that we truly don't know where the gaps are on small to medium sized business and their ability to manage cyber security and breaches. He feels that building relationships is going to be the biggest hurdle since the DE-ISAC is government heavy.

**Jennifer Dittman** told members that Director Jamie Turner is retiring effective September 01.

- **Homeland Security Strategy** - Jennifer provided members a briefing on FY15 HSGP stating that Delaware is no longer required to have a Homeland Security Strategy. She advised that Delaware's current Homeland Security strategy is currently under revision and HSAC members as a group approve the Homeland Security Advisory Strategy following revisions. She asked members to consider whether or not Delaware needs to have a Homeland Security Strategy since not requiring one is a major change to the grant guidance.
- **Working Group Meeting Schedule** - The DHSTPWG will move from a monthly meeting to a quarterly meeting schedule effective immediately with meetings in February, May, August, and November. However, this does not affect the funding subcommittee that will continue to meet monthly.
- **State Preparedness Report/Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment** – Jennifer told members that DEMA recently received guidance for the State Preparedness Report/Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (SPR/THIRA). Following the release of the guidance Will Hayes and Arnie Maas are planning to attend training on it next month. It is due December 31 and once they return from training, DEMA personnel will begin working on the report. It doesn't appear that a whole lot has changed to the point where it will impact Delaware because Delaware is already over-achieving on the requirements and is ahead of the game. We have already developed resource requirements for every core and are already ahead of the requirements for this year.

Jennifer warned members in advance that they will probably have a 4-hour meeting sometime between October and November.

- **FY 2013 & FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program** - FY 13 closes this year on August 31. She doesn't expect any problems as they are on track to close it on time with a zero balance. FY 14 closes August 31, 2016 with about half of it already spent.
- **FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program** – Delaware's allocation was for \$3.7 million, which is an increase of \$1,050.00 over FY14. The application was due May 19 and was finished and submitted early. Jennifer expects that Delaware will receive our award by September 20. The grant has a 36-month performance period with an expiration date of August 31, 2018. She told members that for years Delaware had a 3-year performance period that was extended for two years. While that changed last year, they have received feedback that two years without extensions makes it difficult to get project requests, responses and details. Jennifer asked members not to make DEMA personnel beg for information from the disciplines.
  - DEMA did receive feedback from their FEMA Program Analyst who stated that this year's application was the best one he has seen.
  - As in previous years, 5% of the grant is retained for management and administration costs at DEMA with 25% carved out for law-enforcement terrorism prevention activities. Most of that goes toward training.
  - She reminded everyone that the projects had to have a terrorism nexus, which is a change from previous years' requirements for an all-hazards approach. Because the funding was not increased, projects funded in previous years were sustained in FY15. Grant program shifted back to a terrorism nexus from an all hazards nexus that it previously changed following Katrina. Delaware remains in a sustainment mode to sustain existing programs.
  - Every year DEMA coordinates the signing of the County MOUs with county administrators to waive the 80/20 rule. She advised that if a project is housed on state property then it automatically is a state project. The MOU gives DEMA the permission to waive the 80/20 rule and to expend funds on the locals' behalf making purchases on behalf of the disciplines. It does not work for sub grants and large pieces of equipment. The MOU draft is written and awaiting legal review by DAG Morris. Counties should expect to receive them in approximately one month. FY15

Training and Education (T & E) did take a cut but everyone took a cut. She does not foresee any issues.

- Ray stated that we could not prepare ourselves and be effective without DEMA doing what DEMA does every day with the T & E program. The program is more robust and the requirements for training are more robust than in years past.
- Jennifer shared with members that DEMA is losing one of their two trainers.
- Elayne stated that she feels that the State Homeland Security Strategic Plan is a critical document and inquired why the Feds eliminated it. Jennifer explained that the THIRA assesses the threats to our state and that the State Preparedness Report tells us how we are doing. These two documents give a true preparedness picture that enables justification of why we are receiving funding to Congress.
- Elayne recommended continuing the State Homeland Security Strategic Plan in Delaware even though it is not a requirement for the grant.

**Scott Vien** briefed members on DMV issues and items of interest stating that House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) No. 6 will have significant impact on DMV. He stated that the State Bureau of Identification (SBI) will fingerprint undocumented aliens and that DMV will verify their documents, test their knowledge, and issue driver privilege cards. He estimated that approximately 32,500 undocumented aliens are in Delaware; however, he emphasized that it will take a while to cycle through this as other states that initiated this have had significantly higher numbers than originally estimated.

- Scott said it is a valid driving privilege in the state although he is unsure if it will be valid outside of the state. He told members that we will not be able to utilize our secure system with this driving privilege because we will not have access to the databases where these documents will reside. He advised that if everything goes through as is that Delaware will have a 3-tier driving privilege with the federally compliant, non-compliant and the undocumented driving privilege licenses. He feels that the driver knowledge is the tough part while the driving test itself is not because the undocumented aliens have already been driving.
- **Secretary Schiliro** informed members that the fingerprints will be run against the Delaware database; although they will not be submitted to the federal databases. MD is also doing this. It is really up to the Feds to enforce this because it is not strictly going to be a state issue.

**Dwayne Day** provided members an update of the UAV Committee's last meeting in February stating that committee meetings were set for the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 – 3:30 at the Delaware State Fire School in Dover. He is the committee Chair and Colonel Dallas Wingate is the Vice Chair.

- The Federal Aviation Association (FAA) introduced its rules regulating the commercial use of small UAVs on February 18. The FAA's intent is to complete its review of the small UAV proposed rule comments by December 31 and transmit its small UAV proposed final rule recommendations to The White House for review. The FAA is going to try to have the small UAV final rule issued by this time next year.
- We in the state could see a proliferation of UAVs soon.. He stated that it is going to be a very interesting world in a year.
- Delaware House Bill No. 195 relating to drones creates the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system. The penalty is an unclassified misdemeanor for a first offense, a Class A misdemeanor for second and subsequent offenses, and a Class G Felony for violations resulting in personal and property damage. The legislation prohibits UAVs from flying over critical infrastructure, sporting events, concerts, automobile races, festivals, and events with more than 5,000 people in attendance in Delaware. He plans to keep an eye on this legislation.
  - Ray told members that at the committee meeting one of the representatives brought up the fact that utility companies want to be able to use UAVs. Rep Mitchell stated that it would be addressed down the line after the bill is passed.
- Dwayne told members that on April 10 the Maryland Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 370 and the Governor signed it into law on May 12. Effective July 1 MD Senate Bill No. 370 pre-empts local government from enacting their own small UAV ordinances creating one law for all of Maryland but will not override the FAA recommendations. Delaware's UAV Committee wants to propose to Representative Mitchell to incorporate the same type of law into Delaware's legislation.
- New Castle County's Police Department requested that the County Council approve their request to purchase a UAV for emergency situations and surveillance. The Council is expected to vote on their request at the end of this month.
- A commercial transport license for UAVs is still a requirement. Dwayne will have to see what the final rule is in September.

**Colonel Arroyo** thanked the Secretary and Ray for attending the DRBA Tabletop Exercise (TTX) before turning the meeting over to Captain Mike Howard who briefed members on the recent Ferry TTX.

- Captain Howard advised that DRBA's goal is response time and coordination. DRBA increased staffing on their boats and added surge patrols because violent extremists see the ferry as a very soft target. He stated that a lot can happen between DE and NJ.
- The recent TTX involved 9 different agencies with local, state, county and federal agencies having responsibility for response. It went very well. DRBA purposely included fire rescue, communications, etc., so they could understand how long it will take for response and what they need to bring to the response when they get there.
- DRBA is planning to do a communication exercise next followed by a field training exercise.
- An After Action Review is scheduled soon. He thanked Secretary Schiliro, Ray, DSP SORT and DSP Aviation for coming to the TTX.
- Captain Howard advised that DRBA must not only deal with any threat to the boat but also the issues caused by blocking a major east coast shipping lane.
- DRBA plans to continue using the facility at New Castle County Airport to train. ALERRT training is the active shooter training and having everyone in DE on the same page with response is huge.
- **Secretary Schiliro** stated that New Jersey is a complicated state with where many agencies are involved. We are fortunate in Delaware because we have a better ability to work together. New Jersey has a fairly-complicated organizational structure. Captain Howard advised that a new communications center will start construction this fall. Communication is not an issue in Delaware like it is in New Jersey.

**Ray** felt that the DRBA TTX was a very candid, pointed, and efficient exercise with good conversations for DRBA.

- He mentioned DIAC Governance stating that he had a preliminary discussion at the DIAC about ways to be more effective at coordinating information for agriculture and biological issues and events with the discussion centering on disease and whether or not it is “zoonotic,” or capable of leaping from animals to human beings. A lot of communication comes out of Washington that is in a stovepipe. We need to have someone looking at this information and ensuring that all of the right organizations see the information. A lot of the Public Health and Agriculture information coming out needs to be shared more.

- Ray shared that there is a large Cyber exercise planned in the fall that will involve DEMA. This year's exercise will probably be a continuation of last year's exercise. They are talking about having an agriculture exercise soon involving a scenario with avian influenza.
- Ray thanked DEMA personnel and DNG personnel for their cooperation.
- He told members that Secretary Schiliro will be out of town next month but they are hoping to invite the governor to the Cyber Security Event.

**Ed Klima** told members that Dover Downs has the Big Barrel Country Music Festival to get through prior to his taking vacation.

**Secretary Schiliro** congratulated Chief Horsman for his planning, coordination, and execution of the Memorial viewing for former Attorney General Beau Biden.

**Lt. Col. Showell** stated that the Delaware National Guard (DNG) could not have done what they did without the partnership of everyone involved in the Biden event.

- Lt. Col. Showell thanked the DIAC for providing updates. The DNG changed their force protection over the past couple of months as a result of all that information disseminated by the DIAC.
- LTC Showell has a FEMA planning meeting in July relating to the Papal visit in Philadelphia.
- The DNG had an unexpected mission for Firefly by establishing sheltering for Delaware's homeless that were displaced from area hotels. However, the Milford Community Shelter had enough capacity so the DNG sheltering was not needed.
- The Guard recently had a career management board and LTC Showell announced that she will be leaving us on August 1. This is due to the DNG's long term and future planning. Lt. Wiley Blevins will be the new Director of Military Support. She stated that she will send his contact information to Dee so that Dee can notify him of future meetings.
- She thanked Mike Howard from the FBI and Ken Greeson who just did a vulnerability assessment for the DNG.

**Secretary Schiliro** we deal with a lot of negative issues but a lot of our young people are giving up a lot and wanted to mention Justin Burns' background is an incredible tribute to our young people.

**Justin Burns** provided background information stating that he is from Atlanta Georgia, came to U D played Quarterback his first two seasons, before switching to Tight end and back to Quarterback this last year. Justin received his Criminal Justice degree in his first 3 years. Graduate school is what this internship is for.

- In January he is applying for OCS Seal School for Seal Officer Selection. Received unsung hero award from the football team.

**Mike Mendoza** advised members that the DAFB is in Force Protection Bravo due to still active threat streams that are classified. DAFB put out an advisory to their folks warning that they need to be aware that they are soft targets in large crowds. An Air Force Ball is scheduled at Dover Downs at the end of August; however, he is participating in meetings to see whether the event will take place or be cancelled. DAFB is also preparing for a full scale terrorism exercise at the end of October. He offered thanks to all their partners.

Verizon corrected the wireless issue and is back up.

7. Recommendations - None

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 hours

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Public Safety Building  
Large 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room