



State of Delaware  
Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(HSAC)

Minutes

02/01/17

0900-1100

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

**PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions**

**Secretary Robert Coupe, Chair** began the meeting and introduced himself as the new Cabinet Secretary, He called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum of members was present at 9:00 am. Chair Coupe requested that everyone introduce themselves. Those in attendance were as follows:

**Voting Council Members**

Secretary Robert Coupe	Department of Safety & Homeland Security - <b>Chair</b>
Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – <b>Co-Chair</b>
Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police
Elayne Starkey, CSO	Department of Technology & Information
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr.	Department of Transportation/TMC
Colonel Richard Arroyo	Delaware River & Bay Authority, Chief of Police
Steven Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health, Section Chief
Director A. J. Schall	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Warren Jones, EM	Delaware Volunteer Fireman’s Association
Joseph Aviola, President	Wilmington University

LTC Wiley O. Blevins  
Director Scott Vien  
George “Jody” Sweeney

Delaware National Guard, Director, Military Support  
DeIDOT/Division of Motor Vehicles  
President/Councilman DE Association of County  
Governments

Heather L. Hirst  
John Sadowski

State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture  
Education Associate, School Climate and Discipline

**Non-voting Attendees**

**Council Support**

Captain Daniel Meadows Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC

**Council Legal Staff**

DAG Lisa Morris Department of Justice, Civil Division

**Federal, State & Local Partners Non-voting Attendees**

Ken Greeson Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland  
Security

Captain Drew Aydelotte Department of Natural Resources & Environmental  
Control

Dwayne Day, HS Planner Department of Transportation/TMC, Alternate

Lt. Tim Hulings Delaware Information & Analysis Center/DSP

Joseph Hughes Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG)

James S. Markley Supervisory Special Agent (FBI Baltimore)

James Hosfelt Security Manager

Mike Merson Department of Corrections

Tim Hulings Delaware State Police

Marvin Mailey Dover Police Department

Karen Lopez Assisted State Veterinarian

William Crotty Delaware State Police (DIAC)

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Lt. Colonel Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by A.J. Schall and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance:

## **Public Session:**

### **DIAC**

Bill Crotty from the DIAC provided a briefing on bomb threats. Houses of worship have always been something that we looked at as far as threat streams. Since 9/11 there have been at least 2,400 plots with the majority of them occurring in the last 24 months. Continual outreach helps to better prepare them in the case of active threats. There has been no information from a validated source as to who was responsible for the Canadian attack. Small arms attacks and houses of worship seem to be the chosen methodology.

### **Department of Safety & Homeland Security**

Ray Holcomb just returned from an international threat briefing. Canadian authorities are being very careful of what is released. It was a classified briefing on coordinating counter messaging to counter ISIS threat and propaganda war. One of the coalition is taking down 2,000 sites per week. We are in the middle of a cyber battle with ISIS. It is hard to say who is winning right now we are just reacting. Ray also stated there is no doubt that ISIS is very effective at using social media.

Supervisory Special Agent Marley mentioned the Russian site BK that is a knock off of Facebook and Twitter, this site is popular as you won't get pulled off for anything you say.

### **Delaware Air National Guard**

Change of leadership: General Vavala retiring. Adjutant General Carole Timmons has taken over leadership.

### **DeIDOT**

Gene Donaldson has no news other than storms.

### **Delaware Fire Service**

A busy time of the year for Delaware State Fire service. About a year and a half ago a conversation took place regarding bullet proof vests. \$50,000 was received last year with the assistance of former Governor Markell. \$50,000 was recommended in this year's budget.

## **DEMA**

Personnel changes in DEMA:

Chris Murtha is in charge of Terrorism Planning.

Paige Fitzgerald is one of the Planners who will be working the disciplines.

Josh Kelly's big plan this year is to update the Homeland Security Plans.

DNDO initiative and DSP have a grant submission that is due next Friday. This is one of two competitive grants.

A.J. Schall processed the 2017 Homeland Security Grants through the Clearinghouse. A discussion about grant funding took place.

Lt. Col. Hudson, DSP has a committee taking a look at what we need to do to introduce fire and EMS to an active shooter scene. They are working on selecting the best practices to adopt. The FIRE Service is hosting a Unified Command Class in May with Doug and Scott Collins as the lead on this committee. Ray stated that DEMA has almost \$50,000 for this program and will be accepting applications in March which will cover training.

## **Delaware State Police**

Lt. Col. Hudson advised, most everyone has completed the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). The ongoing challenge in dealing with most active shooters incidents is the false reporting of other possible active shooter incidents. The next component to focus on is how we can get EMS into a scene quicker.

DSP has deployed Troopers back into the City of Wilmington working with Wilmington PD and New Castle County on Operation Safe Communities.

Colonel Arroyo has identified the funding for the northbound license plate reader and is waiting on New Jersey. They are also working on the readers for Lewes. Information sharing is an important benefit from the program. Three weeks ago DRBA hosted a TTX sponsored by the Naval Post Graduate School with 35 disciplines represented. One of the first issues they encountered was who was in charge of what. They spent a lot of time on

that issue. Getting the communications right is important. An after action report will come out in a few weeks.

### **Division of Public Health**

Steve Blessing discussed Ebola and Zika funding from the CDC. The Stop the Bleed Program was discussed; as well as opioids plaguing our state and the region. Secretary Coupe, stated the Help Is Here Delaware website is good but other Departments did not have an opportunity to join in because it was already launched before other partners knew about the project. It is important that everyone stays together and shares information on pending projects in order to ensure that everyone is current and up to date.

### **DNREC**

DNREC is working with DIAC and since January is now logging critical infrastructure into a database.

### **DMV**

Scott Vien; DMV added facial recognition in 2009 and has only found 20 duplicate identities. Facial recognition checks everyone's photo every single time they come into DMV. DMV is updating their system now so they do not have to do a scrub in 5 to 6 years down the road.

Chief Jones discussed upcoming events such as Dover Firefly and Dover NASCAR Race mentioning the short turnaround time of 9 days between Firefly and the June NASCAR Race.

### **DTI**

Elayne Starkey from DTI provided a quick cyber update. The Delaware team is expanding the focus of messaging to point out that a cyber-attack is not just an IT issue. The Delaware delegation to the upcoming conference will be represented by DSP, DEMA, DNG, and DTI. Active shooter training for DTI staff was also discussed.

Congratulations to Major Meadows on his recent promotion. Major Meadows provided a briefing on the Violent Intruder Preparedness Response (VIPR) program and discussed the

threat ideology for the recent Canadian attack and the lessons we can learn to assist us in responding to similar events here in Delaware.

## **Agriculture**

Heather Hirst provide a briefing on the Avian Influenza situation. New Deputy Karen Lopez spoke on the world situation of Avian Influenza. Heather Hirst stated that DelMarVa is on high alert due to a daily movement between states. We have an AI Response Plan and they have TTX and are working on exercises and training through the winter.

## **Education**

Dr. Aviola stated that in monitoring the international student populations, he wanted to thank SSA Markley for assisting their officers with monitoring this population.

A representative of Dr. Susan Bunting from Department of Education, is looking forward to a continuing relationship.

## **Transportation**

Dwayne Day- UAV Briefing – HB No. 195 key items prohibit Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from flying over public events with more than 1,500 people or where first responders are actively engaged. It also identifies the penalties for flying over those events and clarifies that only the State can enact regulations and laws governing UAVS. A detailed discussion took place regarding the UAS Committees in the State. Dwayne also explained the difference between UAV and UAS. Ray Holcomb added additional information about the HSAC UAV Subcommittee which was created approximately 3 years ago, and was the driving force behind the adoption of HB No. 195.

Ray Holcomb stated that we are well into developing a CONOPS and SOP for the Delaware Radiological Steering Committee with the assistance of DEMA and Frieda Fischer. Federal partners include FBI out of Baltimore and the Savannah River National Lab. Tremendous help from DSP. Objective is to look at Delaware's ability to look at radiological materials moving through our state and what our gaps are and how we can address them. The CONOPS should be done by the end of the week. This is a regional effort being spearheaded DEMA with PA, MD, NJ, and the Coast Guard Maritime. The pressure is building dramatically on ISIS and the concern is that they are going to begin to lash out in

almost unimaginable ways. As the noose tightens now is not the time to relax. Be move vigilant than ever as this is going to be a dangerous year.

Meeting adjourned following a motion made by A.J Schall that was seconded by Gene Donaldson and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance at 10:24am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Public Safety Building

Large 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room