



State of Delaware  
Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(HSAC)

September 25, 2019

Minutes

0900-1100

James Turner III Conference Room  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
Smyrna DE 19977

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

**1. Secretary-Chair** called meeting to order at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were as follows:

Robert Coupe	Department of Safety & Homeland Security- <b>Chair</b>
Solomon Adote	Department of Technology & Information
Steve Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health
A. J. Schall	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Chris Murtha	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Jessica McIntire	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Justin Puchalsky	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Joshua Kelly	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Warren Jones	Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association
Nicolas Couch	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Mike Merson	Department of Correction
Heather Hirst	Department of Agriculture
Patrick Ogden	University of Delaware Police Dept.
Joseph Aviola	Wilmington University
Richard Arroyo	Delaware River Bay Authority
Joseph Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments
Gene Donaldson	Department of Transportation

James Hosfelt	Dover Motorsport
Joshua Bushweller	Delaware State Police (DIAC)
Luis Rovira	US Dept. Homeland Security
William Kent	Delaware National Guard
Colin T. Faulkner	ALS Organization
Paige Fitzgerald	Delaware Technical Community College
Lisa Morris	Department of Justice
Tammy Menard	Department of Safety & Homeland Security
Donna Moran	Department of Safety & Homeland Security

The meeting minutes from July 31, 2019 were approved by Joseph Hughes, seconded by Joseph Aviola and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

Below is a summary of the topics that were discussed at the Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting on September 25, 2019.

#### **Delaware Intelligence Analysis Center/ Joshua Bushweller-**

- Reviewed recent Active Shooter/Mass Casualty incidents
- Radicalized Islam Community
- False Alarms- Dummy devices, hoax to distract First Responders. Recent incidents in Boston. In Delaware recently, Delaware State University active shooter report was false.
- Upcoming anniversaries of Mass casualties and violence

#### **Delaware Emergency Management Agency/Joshua Kelly, Jessica McIntire, -**

- Update on Grants closing for FY 16
- Update on FY 17 and FY18 Grant status
- Nonprofit- Recipients/New regulations for recipients and sub recipients of Grant Program, National Cybersecurity Review- an online self-assessment must be completed. More information to follow.

#### **Delaware Emergency Management Agency-AJ Schall**

- Accreditation update
- Strategies to provide community resources in the event of mass casualty or disaster

- Upcoming Presentation from Love You Guys Foundation
- School Safety Team-100% Compliance, “Stop the Bleed” Kits delivered to schools
- Drones, Federal and State Compliance
- Delaware National Guard, DIAC, DTI and DEMA to discuss Elections Security

### **Warren Jones-**

Update on 2019 Fire Conference

### **Division of Public Health/ Steve Blessing-**

- Update on Ebola cases in Africa
- CBC- TB Outbreak being monitored
- Early threats of the flu , based on studies of Australia
- Opioids, develop stabilization and prevention care
- Naxalone distribution and funding

### **DNREC/ Nicholas Couch**

- Accreditation update
- Marine Trainings- to include Fire departments, First Responders, Coast Guard to have same standards of training

### **DELDOT/ Gene Donaldson**

- Multiple Traffic plans are being updated
- Bridge Closures with inclement weather
- Evacuation Routes

### **Delaware Local League of Government/Joseph Hughes**

- Director James Collins of DTI and Carl Luft held meeting to discuss Cybersecurity needs at the local Government level. Wilmington, Lewes and Middletown have all showed interest.

The Cybersecurity Advisory Council will be taking up the issue at their next meeting in November.

**Department of Correction/Mike Merson-**

- Canine training event 9/28 & 9/29

**Wilmington University/ Joseph Aviola**

- Rave application, State signed Rave for 226 schools. Kent and Sussex County. New Castle County is further along
- Discussed Private Sectors to pay and join RAVE

**Delaware River Bay Authority/ Rick Arroyo**

- Updating Communications plan
- Traffic Officers have completed training
- Special Olympics Bridge Run 10/6

**Dover Downs/James Hosfelt-**

- NASCAR Race Weekend-10/4-10/6, Threat Assessment completed

**Delaware National Guard/Bill Kent**

- Supporting Elections Security Point of Distribution (PODS) training
- DNG providing support for race weekend and Special Olympics Bridge Run. 50+ Soldiers as flag holders for the races and two emergency vehicles to support the Bridge Run.

**Department of Agriculture/ Heather Hirst-**

- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting with two other Veterinarians to draft emergency response system
- Upcoming Annual Updates with the Sussex EOC
- Avian Influenza update

- Update on Triple EEE, West Nile and The Lantern Fly

## **DTI**

- Measures of Security being taken to protect State of Delaware Computer systems
- Malware

## **ALS Organization/ Colin Faulkner**

- Airshow had a great turnout and went well.
- Western Kent County EMS Station in progress of being built, Forest Ave. Dover Delaware

## **Delaware Technical Community College/ Paige Fitzgerald-**

- Instructor Joshua Kelly and Chair, Tucker Dempsey planning Drone classes at Delaware State Fire School, free for First Responders.

## **University of Delaware/Patrick Ogden-**

- Christiana Towers coming down, projection date, summer of 2020. Current opportunity for training.
- Large Scale Exercise with Aetna Fire Department

**Meeting adjourned at 10:16am**

Next meeting: November 20, 2019  
9:00 am-11:00 am