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LT. Governor Kleefisch accepts WI Homeland Security Strategy

Lt. Governor Kleefisch today accepted the Wisconsin's Homeland Security Strategy. The strategy developed by the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council is a road map for providing direction and prioritizing planning and response capabilities in Wisconsin to protect citizens.

"This strategy will ensure our first responders are trained and equipped, our critical infrastructure is secure, and we continue to plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters that may impact our state such as a cyber or agricultural event," said Lt. Governor Kleefisch. "I'm thankful for the dedication and leadership of the Homeland Security Council and their efforts to continue to protect the citizens of Wisconsin."

The new strategy replaces the document issued in 2012. It contains four priorities which include:

Cyber Security: Wisconsin's State Government has a clear responsibility to protect the state network and respond to cyber incidents. This priority is based on the leverage provided by cyber systems to accomplish essential state requirements and the importance of continuing these essential tasks in the event of a cyber-disruption.

Preventing and Protecting against Asymmetric or Terrorist Threats: Asymmetric threats include CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives), infectious disease and agricultural events which could have devastating effects. Terrorist organizations continue to try and strike the homeland via coordinated attacks and through radicalization of citizens.

Catastrophic Incident Response and Recovery: In a catastrophic incident, local and state resources may be overwhelmed and there may be significant threats to life, safety, and property. It is important to plan for high-consequence, low-probability events in order to protect our communities and enable a deliberate and full recovery following a disaster.

Sustainment of Capabilities Built Through Long-Term Investments: Homeland Security grants have been invested to build response capabilities in the state and it is vital to maintain them consistent with fiscal constraints. Significant investments have been made to create, train

and exercise a regional fire and law enforcement response system to deal with catastrophic events; to implement NIMS – National Incident Management System, via training and exercising; and to procure and train on technology that allows for coordinated operational response. The projects outlined in this priority are largely focused on sustaining current capabilities, but do include goals for expanding capabilities and staying current with industry standards as technology becomes available.

Wisconsin's Homeland Security Council is a sixteen member council appointed by Governor Walker. Members are leaders of state agencies and first responder organizations. The Wisconsin Homeland Security Strategy is updated following a gubernatorial election and is in effect for four years.

The 2015-2018 Wisconsin Homeland Security Strategy is available online at <http://homelandsecurity.wi.gov>