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Open Session Meeting Minutes

Department of Military Affairs
2400 Wright Street, Classroom 230
Madison, WI

Tuesday, July 16, 2019
9:40 AM – 10:25 AM

Members present: Chair Major General Donald Dunbar (DMA), Superintendent Anthony Burrell (WI State Patrol), Ronald Hermes (DOC), Sheriff David Mahoney (Badger State Sheriff's Association), Dr. Jonathan Meiman (DHS), Chief Patrick Mitchell (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association), Bill Nash (DOA), Administrator Brian O'Keefe (DCI), Kelly Smithback (DATCP), Administrator Darrell Williams (WEM), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Members absent or excused: Chief Kevin Bierce (Fire Services), Chief David Erwin (Capital Police), Commissioner Mike Huebsch (PSC), Chief Alfonso Morales (Milwaukee Police Department), and APWA vacancy.

Alternates present: LTC Tim Carnahan (WI State Patrol), Matthew Crampton (DOA), Chris DeRemer (WSIC), Greg Engle (WEM), Teresa Hatchell (PSC), Brian Knepper (DNR), Michael Linsley (DATCP), David Melby (DOC), Captain Cheryl Ravenscroft (Capitol Police), LT Branco Stojavljevic (Milwaukee Police Department/STAC), and COL Charles Teasdale (WI State Patrol).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA), COL Jeffrey Alston (WING-J6), Molly Boss (OEC), LTC Max Brosig (WING Provost Marshall), LTJG Bridget Brown (USCG), PSA John Busch (USDHS CISA), Matt Cain (Green Bay Police Department), PO Ruben Cardenas (Milwaukee Police Department/STAC), SSG Matt Cole (DMA J2), CPT Sarah Czepczynski (DMA J2), Dante Dewane (USCG), PSA James Ford (USDHS CISA), Larry Fuchs (DOC), Lori Getter (DMA), Michael Hinman (DMA), Bob Kelley (USDHS), Melinda Landon (DMA), 1LT Tricia Larson (DMA J3), Matt Lopnow (TSA), Elizabeth Makowski (USAO), Mark Michie (DMA), Dallas Neville (WEM EPS), Matthew O'Neill-Levine (TSA), Katie Reinfeldt (DMA), Mikayla Sandin (DOC-PERS), Omar Ullah (DHS), and Brett Van Ess (WSIC).



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9:40 AM: Re-convene in open session.

5. Announcement of open session discussion and action

Chair Dunbar recapped the closed session, which included review and approval of previous meeting minutes, agency and working group confidential intelligence reports, and a strategic briefing on intelligence and threats.

6. Review and approval of June 19, 2019 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Administrator Brian O'Keefe and seconded by Bill Nash to approve the open session meeting minutes, as presented. **Motion carried.**

7. First Responder and Agency reports.

- WSP (Superintendent Anthony Burrell): Nothing to report.
- Capitol Police (Captain Cheryl Ravenscroft): Nothing to report.
- DHS (Dr. Jonathan Meiman): There is an Ebola outbreak situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The World Health Organization will meet this week and report to the public that it is a public health emergency of worldwide concern. Since it looks like it may spread, there is an element of concern. The CDC held a call for all state health departments to plan for how to care for those coming back from that country. I want to put this on everyone's radar. We continue to be prepared and to talk about that situation.
 - Chair Dunbar: You mentioned systems of prevention, has this been spun up to the hospitals? If you need the Wisconsin National Guard team, we are ready to help. We have those processes written down and I'm wondering if you have a plan to exercise those processes?



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- DHS (Dr. Jonathan Meiman): We exercised this a few months ago and have plans in place should there be a concern. We exercised transferring a patient to a national center. We actually drove the patient to the Twin Cities. We will exercise this again next year, which is done in cooperation with regional players using good communication plans.
- Chair Dunbar: I know it has been awhile since the Wisconsin National Guard exercised this scenario. We want to be sure we do not let you down if something gets out of control. The Wisconsin National Guard will be available, if you need them.
- DHS (Dr. Jonathan Meiman): Thank you sir, I appreciate that. 2) The second item is the training on fentanyl protection for law enforcement officers. We are finalizing the training for the academies. We have also just completed a statewide survey on hazardous substances in the field. We were able to identify gaps and I think the information would be useful for law enforcement. I would be happy to brief the Council on this in the next couple of months.
 - Chair Dunbar: That is a good idea, please plan on doing that.
- DNR (David Woodbury): Nothing to report.
- WEM (Administrator Darrell Williams): I would just like everyone to know that the Joint Field Office will be closing on July 19, 2019.
- DCI (Administrator Brian O'Keefe): Nothing to report.
- DATCP (Kelly Smithback): 1) Today, there is a livestock movement tabletop exercise addressing an African swine fever outbreak and what to do if the USDA were to implement a 48-hour livestock movement hold. The exercise focus is on how the industry, Department, and private partners would handle that. 2) On July 17, 2019, there will be a Democratic National Convention Consequence Management Subcommittee meeting. 3) The Department is in the second year of licensing industrial hemp. There were 250 licensed growers last year with the lab performing 320 samples. This year we have licensed over 1,400 growers and need to expand the lab to test over 2,000 samples. We are trying to gear up staff and equipment. DATCP is providing a presentation on industrial hemp and CBD issues at a DOJ Conference



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this August. We are willing to provide a similar presentation at a future Council meeting this fall.

- DOA/DET (Bill Nash): 1) As of last week, our 2019 state employee security awareness training program is officially underway. The 10 training modules are available in the Enterprise Learning Management system and take approximately 1 hour to complete. The expectation is that the modules will be completed by the end of this year. 2) Last week, David Cagigal and I attended the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) Summit. This annual Summit is for state CIOs and CISOs only with no vendors allowed. There were multiple cyber topics covered including election security and working with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to harmonize federal compliance regulations. One key item I want to mention is that the FEMA Region V State CISOs are working together to expand the Cyber Response Team efforts that we have in Wisconsin and Michigan to the other FEMA Region V states. The hope is that this will create a model for the rest of the states to follow. By expanding the cyber response capability to other states, it will also enable sharing of cyber responders across state lines. Chris DeRusha from the State of Michigan will be coordinating further discussions with the FEMA Region V CISO's. Assuming this gets traction, I will coordinate this with our Wisconsin Cyber Strategic and Planning Working Group.
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association (Chief Patrick Mitchell): Nothing to report.
- Badger State Sheriffs Association (Sheriff Dave Mahoney): Nothing to report.
- DOC (Ronald Hermes): Nothing to report.
- Public Service Commission (Teresa Hatchell): Nothing to report.
- Milwaukee Police Department (LT Branco Stojisavljevic): Nothing to report.
- Fire Services: No representative present.
- APWA-WI: No representative present.



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8. Working Group reports.

- Joint Services Working Group (Mark Michie): Nothing to report.
- CI/KR Working Group (Greg Engle): 1) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers critical infrastructure generator assessments were completed on June 24 - 28, 2019. They completed a total of 128 assessments which included 55 water, 19 communications, 8 energy and fuel, and 8 government facilities. We are excited and pleased with the outcome. Data was provided to facility management and owner/operators so those facilities in the state, as a whole, are better prepared to install temporary generators during power outages. 2) The CI/KR Working Group met on June 20, 2019 to update certain infrastructure lists and will have another meeting on July 31, 2019 to continue that process. 3) There will be USDHS data calls starting on August 1, 2019 through September 12, 2019 to develop a process for planning for special events. This will be published on WebEOC.
- Comprehensive Response Working Group (Administrator Darrell Williams): Nothing to report.
- Wisconsin Cyber Strategic and Planning Working Group (Bill Nash): Planning continues for the Cyber Response Team exercise scheduled for September 11-12, 2019. In addition, we are working with the WEM grant management team to potentially utilize grant funds that have been turned back to offer a week-long group cyber training event in October 2019 and possibly another in the spring of 2020. This may prove to be a great way to provide in-person instructor lead training to multiple cyber response team members. 2) Registration is now open for the 2019 Wisconsin Governor's Cybersecurity Summit scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019. The Summit will take place at the Gordon Dining & Event Center on the University of Wisconsin - Madison campus.
- Information Sharing Workgroup (Administrator Brian O'Keefe): Nothing to report.

9. Briefing on the Wisconsin Interfaith Safety & Security Symposium.

Presentation by PSA John Busch, USDHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency. See



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Attachment #1, 07/16/2019 HLS Open Session Meeting. Thank you, sir. At the last Council meeting, I was asked to brief and provide a summary of the Interfaith Safety and Security Symposium held in Milwaukee, WI at the Miller High Life Theater on June 11, 2019. LT Branco Stojasavljevic from the Milwaukee Police Department/STAC and Chris DeRemer from WSIC will also provide additional insight. I want to say that this was not a USDHS event but was a collaborative effort from both state and local partners.

As background, threats and security concerns to faith-based communities and houses of worship are not new concerns. We are all familiar with the attack to the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, WI in 2012 to the attack at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX in 2017. I started here in July 2018 and in working with the STAC and WSIC, we started talking about holding a conference for the faith-based communities that are the most vulnerable and have the least access to resources. When the Tree of Life Synagogue attack occurred in October 2018, we were already in the planning stages for this Symposium and we had no doubt that these attacks would continue. We realized that they know the threats to their communities but do not know where they could go to get the information and resources. We came up with the idea that we all have something to provide so why not bring all the partners together and bring the faith communities to us so we can provide answers to them. We decided to coordinate these efforts with the Fusion Centers (STAC and WSIC), federal, and state partners as well as the private sector.

The key was to get buy-in and support from the faith-based communities. We did not want to push this onto these communities if they did not want it. We started to connect with interfaith communities of the greater Milwaukee area by making them aware of the Symposium. The faith-based partners conveyed their concerns and we were able to collectively work together to find the right agencies and partners to address their concerns. We started developing an agenda based upon these concerns. The Symposium had two main components: training and resources. We chose June 11, 2019 as the date of the Symposium for a specific reason because that date had no significance to any faith organization. The Symposium was developed to be presented in phases, with the first half to provide training, take-aways, and a base of understanding. The second half of the Symposium was to provide resources that they could take advantage of such as contacts for training and resources. We brought all the partners directly to them.

This was a good way to set the stage for an introduction about suspicious activity reporting. For example, if you take my church there are glass entry doors and the ushers/greeters do not



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understand suspicious activity. We, in this room, all understand who to report to and how to report, but they do not. We needed them to understand what the thinking is in law enforcement and to take away something they could use to prevent future attacks. We gave them information on what to watch for; like a person asking when their doors are locked or if they have armed security. Those are the kinds of things that should be reported to law enforcement. We also provided training on de-escalation techniques. The focus was to briefly educate faith-based partners about someone who may have depression, schizophrenia, or paranoia and how to engage them, understand, and identify the possible problem. We also gave information on FBI threat assessments and how they could develop threat assessment teams. The key-note presentation was Brian Harrell, Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security Division in CISA, who did a great job and is very knowledgeable. We told them about the many resources available to their community and FEMA Region V talked about emergency operations plans. USDHS wrapped up by talking about the federal resources available. Lastly, there was a wrap-up panel discussion with a Q&A session.

The feedback was that this information was very valuable. A majority of the feedback we received was Very Good to Excellent. We had over 330 people in attendance and we received some good media coverage. Every major faith-based group in the region was represented with strong support from public and private sector agencies. We had six hours for this Symposium. The Miller High Life Theater offered their facility for free and we also had some anonymous donors. The ability to get someone to attend an event from 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM takes some work. We were able to provide pastries and water and we were efficient with the time involved. We wanted to provide value without overloading the attendees. The event flowed well and we talked about different training and resources. I wanted to tie back in to why I am here today. I believe this event was well received and that was because of the coordination between all of the agencies and partners. That is a testament to what happens in Wisconsin. When we started throwing ideas around a year ago, everyone wanted to tackle this problem. We did not have any territorial fighting between the agencies, and no one was trying to take all the credit. I do want to call out Liz Makowski. She was an integral part of making this event happen, and although she will never take credit, I wanted to thank her for all of her hard work.

In reviewing our final thoughts and next steps, this was the first faith-based event of this type hosted in Wisconsin, and possibly in the nation. It was well coordinated with collaboration from state and local partners which was the key to the success. Since this event, we have had requests for future events like this in Wisconsin. With that in mind, my suggestion would be to focus on



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how to do it even better in the future and how to build more collaboration. We are looking at a future event in October 2020. There is a high level of demand and interest in doing another Symposium in the future. I can tell you that what we did was a collaborative effort and I am proud of that. Now I want to invite Chris DeRemer and LT Bronco Stojavljevic to share their thoughts, they were an integral part.

- WSIC (Chris DeRemer): The STAC and John Busch did the majority of the work and it shows what collaboration can do. Over the past twelve years, we have educated law enforcement, EMS, and the private sector but we missed these faith-based communities. This was a good first step. There is still a lot of work to be done and by word of mouth our message will spread. We are trying to do an assessment in every church as we go to work in more of the outlying areas of Wisconsin. The key to keeping them safe is identifying how they can help and protect themselves. We told them to contact their local law enforcement agencies. We are not sure how much time law enforcement and the faith communities spend getting to know each other, or whether law enforcement knows where they are even located. The event was well attended. People from every walk of life and denomination came together with a common goal of making their communities safe.
- Milwaukee Police Department/STAC (LT Branco Stojavljevic): I thought it was great to see the communications and responses between all the groups. We appreciate the Miller High Life Theater for providing the space and venue free of charge. We also received some great media attention. I wanted to thank Liz Makowski as well for all the administrative work. We are looking to hold this type of event again. Since the event, we received suspicious activity reports from one of the suburbs in Milwaukee from individuals who attended the event. It was a great event that gave everyone a chance to meet and help each other out.
- Chair Dunbar: Thank you all for that great briefing. Is it fair to say that most of those that attended were from the Milwaukee area?
- USDHS (John Busch): In looking across the spectrum, the greater Milwaukee area was about 50% of the attendees, although some came from as far away as Wausau, Green Bay, and Appleton. We also had some attendees from Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. Some attendees reported that they expect that the true value of the Symposium was



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underestimated. We have been told that at the next event they would like to send many more people. We are expecting the number could exceed 400-500 at a future event, if we can support that.

- Chair Dunbar: This is within the wheelhouse of the Fusion Centers. Hats off to the federal partners for taking the lead and driving forward.
- USDHS (John Busch): We do not want to be perceived as big government, we are here to support. I think that it is probably best being driven from the state and locals to roll up their sleeves and we will dig in with wherever is needed. It is important that it comes from a local focus perspective, we will do as much as we are able to make it better in the future.
- DMA (LTC Max Brosig): Do most faith-based communities provide their own security during times of worship?
- USDHS (John Busch): We are starting to see some trends based on the denomination or faith community. For example, some houses of worship have hired armed off-duty law enforcement officers, so they are getting more security conscious. The faith-based community can also take advantage of suspicious activity training for their ushers/greeters which is another option at a lower cost. We did not want to provide just one option that would cost money, we want to make them aware of other resources they could take advantage of.
- WEM (Administrator Darrell Williams): I would like to give some feedback about the relationship between churches and schools. Was this addressed?
- USDHS (John Busch): We did not receive that specific feedback. That is an interesting point.
- WEM (Lori Getter): Do you have information on a website?
- USDHS (John Busch): I sent the information to all the participants.
- WEM (Lori Getter): We could put information on the Wisconsin Homeland Security



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Council website for those that could not make it to the training.

- Chair Dunbar: If that helps, we would be happy to post that information. It sounds like a fantastic Symposium and great leadership. Thank you for taking that on.
- USDHS (John Busch): We will take it.
- WSIC (Chris DeRemer): We could bring this event to Madison. Some of these planning resources will make a difference.
- Chair Dunbar: That is a great point about Madison as well as other regions of the state.
- USDHS (John Busch): To your point Chris, we would prefer to have a venue out of a downtown metropolitan area, especially in the southeast part of the state. It could make accessibility from other parts of the state difficult. The other focus of this Symposium was that after the Christchurch attacks occurred, people became paranoid and began concealed carry in churches. This event was also meant to counter that paranoia and to empower individuals to understand what they can do that is effective. This will raise the collective level of awareness throughout the faith-based community.
- Chair Dunbar: Well done. Thank you, John, Bronco and Chris.

10. Other business:

- Milwaukee Police Department/STAC (LT Branco Stojsavljevic): 1) I want to update the Council that Milwaukee Police Department Assistant Chief Caballero has recently retired. 2) The Democratic National Convention Executive Steering Committee has convened, and 27 Subcommittees have been formed. If anyone has been missed that you believe should be involved, please let us know. Mutual aid requests have been going out to law enforcement agencies. If you have any personnel available, please let us know and we will work with you on reimbursement. A DNC special email account has been setup at dncmpd@milwaukee.gov. You can send requests or questions to that address.

11. Next meeting:



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- Chair Dunbar: The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 am at DMA.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kelly Smithback and seconded by Bill Nash to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.