



**State of Wisconsin
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Open Session Meeting Minutes

Department of Military Affairs
2400 Wright Street, Room 230
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Wednesday, November 20, 2019
9:25 AM – 9:46 AM

Members present: Chair Major General Donald Dunbar (DMA), Chief Kevin Bierce (Fire Services), Chief David Erwin (Capital Police), Jared Hoy (DOC), Sheriff David Mahoney (Badger State Sheriff's Association), Bill Nash (DOA), Brian O'Keefe (DCI), Kelly Smithback (DATCP), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Members absent or excused: Superintendent Anthony Burrell (WI State Patrol), Dr. Jonathan Meiman (DHS), Chief Patrick Mitchell (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association), Chief Alfonso Morales (Milwaukee Police Department), Commissioner Ellen Nowak (PSC), Administrator Darrell Williams (WEM), and APWA vacancy.

Alternates present: Chris DeRemer (DCI Brevet), Greg Engle (WEM), Gene Essex (DOA), Brian Knepper (DNR), Chief Greg Leck, Michael Linsley (DATCP), Jeffrey Phillips (DHS), Bob Seitz (PSC), and COL Chuck Teasdale (WSP).

Others present: Ryan Nilsestuen (Governor's Representative), Elizabeth Altman (USAO), LTC Max Brosig (DMA-J34) LTJG Bridget Brown (USCG), CPT Sarah Czepczynski (DMA-J2), Danny Day (FBI), Ed Gleason (DHS-CISA), Michael Hinman (DMA), Heather Harris-Fatty (DMA) Meredith Hauge (DMA), Bob Kelley (USDHS), 1LT Tricia Larson (DMA-J357), COL Eric Leckel (WING), Elizabeth Makowski (USAO), Mark Michie (DMA), Dallas Neville (WEM), Katie Reinfeldt (DMA), Erik Viel (DMA).

9:25 AM: Re-convene in open session.

5. Announcement of closed session discussion and action



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Chair Dunbar recapped the closed session, which included the 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 October 10, 2019 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Chief David Erwin and seconded by Bill Nash to approve the open session meeting minutes, as presented. **Motion carried.**

7. Agency reports.

- WSP (Colonel Chuck Teasdale): Nothing to report.
- Capitol Police (Chief David Erwin): Nothing to report.
- DHS (Jeffrey Phillips): 1) Influenza has been moving into the state of Wisconsin. The Department of Health Services encourages all to get vaccines as the best defense. 2) DHS will be creating a Health Data Surveillance Center in preparation for the DNC. This will be a centralized location to report epidemiological incidents.
- DNR (David Woodbury): 1) The 2019 Deer Hunting Season will begin on November 23 so the next 9 days will be very busy for us. 2) We're working through a \$4.6 million radio upgrade. With this upgrade we'll be able to connect to more local LMR systems. 3) The DNR is launching a 6-person drone response team in preparation for the DNC.
- WEM (Greg Engle): On November 13-14, 2019, we conducted the GRIDEX power outage exercise. The state EOC was elevated to Level 1. We had participation from over 30 organizations from around the state. All of the state's main power companies attended, along with some electric cooperatives as well as fuel and retail representatives. It was a great exercise and there was good participation. The event also included policy discussions on cybersecurity and an emergency fuel plan.
 - DOA/DET (Bill Nash): At last week's GridEx V exercise, I was able to train Tricia Janssen



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in the SEOC operations as a backup to myself. In addition, partners from DET, WING, WSIC, and DMA did a “Cyber Huddle” each day of the exercise to further dive into the scenario and discuss the cyber response. The exercise identified opportunities to strengthen our capabilities particularly related to resourcing and managing simultaneous incidents.

- WEM (Greg Engle): There is currently a propane demand issue. Late spring planting and early cold weather have caused a late corn harvest this year in Wisconsin. Farmers are currently using propane to help dry corn. That combined with the early cold temperatures have caused an increased demand for propane. The Canadian National Railroad also just recently went on strike which will affect shipments of propane. The US Office of Energy is monitoring the situation.
- DCI (Administrator Brian O’Keefe): Nothing to report.
- DATCP (Kelly Smithback): Our Emergency Services Coordinator Michael Linsley will be leaving DATCP. He’s retiring from State service and has accepted a position with FEMA Region V. We’re sorry to see him go, but we’re happy for him on his new role at FEMA.
- DOA/DET (Bill Nash): Nothing to report
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association (Chief Greg Leck): Nothing to report.
- Badger State Sheriffs Association (Sheriff David Mahoney): Nothing to report.
- Fire Services (Chief Kevin Bierce): Nothing to report.
- DOC (Jared Hoy): We’ll be conducting a COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) Event. This event will involve 6 probation units. This will take place in July of next year.
- Public Service Commission (Bob Seitz): Nothing to report.
- Milwaukee Police Department: No representative present.



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- APWA-WI: No representative present.

8. Working Group reports.

- Joint Services Working Group (Mark Michie): Nothing to report.
- CI/KR Working Group (Greg Engle): Nothing to report.
- Wisconsin Cyber Strategic and Planning Working Group (Bill Nash): November 5, the second in the series of regional cyber workshops for local government was held in the City of Altoona. Approximately 60 people attended from local government including elected officials and IT staff. These workshops include briefings on cyber threat, cyber hygiene, election security, and resources available to local government, plus a short cyber tabletop exercise.
- Comprehensive Response Working Group (Greg Engle): Engle gave an update on the group's DNC planning, as well as the current memorandum of understanding pertaining to the 211 system.
- Information Sharing Working group (Chris DeRemer): DeRemer gave an update regarding a recent 30% cut to one of the bureau's budgets. These cuts will affect the bureau's cyber security efforts.

9. Other business:

- Updates from Chair Dunbar:

General Dunbar reported on the CISA Tripwire Report related to IED incidents. CISA, a by-product of 9/11, helps with IED related incidents. More documents are available from DHS. Dunbar noted that this is the 5th time DHS has produced this summary of key questions asked.

General Dunbar also reported on foreign-based election interference and the importance of our security infrastructure. General Dunbar emphasized the need to restore the public's confidence



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in our election process and procedures.

General Dunbar also gave an update on the transition from F-16's to F-35's. The environmental impact comment period has ended, and all community input has been sent to the Air Force Secretary and will be used in making their decision. We're expecting to have a report on this in 2020. Madison is hopeful to make this transition to the F-35's by 2025.

10. Next meeting:

- Chair Dunbar: For the record, the next Council meeting is currently scheduled for December 4, 2019 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at DMA.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sheriff David Mahoney and seconded by Kelly Smithback to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.