



GEMAC Quarterly Meeting

August 23, 2017

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Agenda

Attendees

Members: Clay Stamp (Chairman), John Butler, Richard DeVore Jr., Jonathan Favorite, Joseph LaFleur, Jennifer Martin, David Willenborg. *Guests:* Pete Landon (GOHS), Drake McGraw (DMIL), Ken Hasenei (MSP). *MEMA:* Russ Strickland, Kate Hession, Donald "Doc" Lumpkins, Terry Thompson, Lydia Simonaire.

Meeting Notes

The Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) meeting began with welcome and announcements from Chairman Stamp. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

Director Strickland provided the Council with an update on the proposed Maryland Emergency Management System (MEMS). MEMA has drafted a proposed Executive order and is working with the Governor's office on suggested revisions. Chairman Stamp informed the Council that any action on the recommendations provided in the GEMAC report submitted to the Governor last year would be addressed within the broader implementation and timeline of MEMS.

Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) Update

Maryland remains under a state of emergency for the heroin and opioid crisis and will likely continue due to the national move towards a state of emergency. Potential courses of action should the President issue a Presidential Memorandum declaring a national emergency:

Option 1: Under Presidential Policy Directive 44, the President designates the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the Lead Federal Agency

- Under PPD-44, HHS can request FEMA to provide incident management support and they can leverage the Emergency Support Function Leaders Group (ESFLG) for coordination.
- HHS could concurrently declare a Public Health Emergency, which would allow them to use a fund specific for that purpose. It is not clear however that there is any significant amount of current appropriations in that fund; as such, they would need to go Congress for an appropriation.

Option 2: Stafford Act declaration, utilizing Disaster Relief Fund

There has been no clear decision/mobilization on the federal level yet. State and local coordination and engagement continues as the OOC is working to shift from an incident management posture to long-term program management.

Next Generation 9-1-1 Update

- Senator Kagan will be submitting 9-1-1 legislation in the upcoming legislative session
- The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) is working on legislation relative to NG911
- The Numbers Board is continuing to work towards the transition to NG911

FirstNet Update

Major Ken Hasenei from the Maryland State Police provided the Council with an overview/update on FirstNet.

- FirstNet is a federal government entity tasked with establishing, operating, and maintaining an interoperable public safety broadband network
 - AT&T has been selected as contractor
 - Verizon is also in conversation with FirstNet
- Each governor has been presented with draft state plan and given 45 days to review and then 90 days window to make a decision to opt-in or opt-out
 - States can either opt-in to FirstNet at no charge or opt-out and cover cost of building infrastructure
 - 17 governors have opted in early to draft plan
- Maryland is waiting for official plan to come out in September to make decision
 - There are some concerns with security and coverage in the draft plan
 - Recommendation in state and region is to wait and evaluate AT&T and Verizon as both are built out

The Council decided on November 1st for its next meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

