



Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

*May 3, 2017
12:00pm – 3:00pm*

Attendees

Members: Clay Stamp (Chairman), Mike Berna, John Butler, Timothy Cameron, Richard DeVore Jr., Jonathan Favorite, Ronald Gill, Joseph LaFleur, Jennifer Martin, Stephen Wantz, David Willenborg. *Guests:* Sean Powell (GOV), Yesim Karaman (GOV), Pete Landon (GOHS), Cal Bowman (GOHS), Drake McGraw (DMIL). *MEMA:* Russ Strickland, Kate Hession, Chas Eby, Kyle Overly, Terry Thompson, Lydia Simonaire.

Meeting Notes

The Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) meeting began with welcome and announcements from Chairman Stamp and recognition of Sean Powell, the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff and Cal Bowman, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

FEMA Disaster Deductible Concept Update

Chas Eby, Director of Strategy at MEMA, provided an update on the proposed FEMA Disaster Deductible Concept and shared the following considerations:

- The deductible would not reduce cost, would shift cost to state; no ceiling on deductible
- As written, every state would be required to meet a threshold of state/local spending to be eligible for federal funds; states would be able to apply for credits to reduce deductible; personnel for hazard mitigation and local/other state agency investment in emergency management are not included as a credit
- There will be administrative costs associated with the proposed process that should be taken into consideration

MEMA is not in favor of the proposed concept as currently written and has submitted comments to FEMA outlining its concerns.

Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) Overview

Chairman Stamp provided the Council with an overview and update on the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), in follow up to the conference call held in March.

- The OCCC has broadened reach of efforts, pulled in other state agencies (insurance, commerce, et.) to support public health
 - o targeting three main areas: prevention, treatment, enforcement
- Currently focusing on launching information sharing platform, developing spend plan, and building action plan
 - o bringing on a full-time program manager and communications person; working to identify metrics to measure success/progress
- Working with local jurisdictions to stand up/identify Opioid Intervention Teams (OIT) led or supported by emergency managers

Maryland Emergency Management System

Kyle Overly, Planning Branch Manager at MEMA, shared with the Council an overview of the proposed changes to the state emergency management system

- Current system (Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program, MEPP) was established by Executive order; MEMA has drafted a new Executive order to replace the MEPP with the Maryland Emergency Management System (MEMS)
- MEMS would streamline/simplify current efforts, combining the four separate areas of the MEPP (response, recovery, mitigation, prevention/protection) under two focus areas
 - o disaster risk reduction [protection/mitigation]
 - o consequence management [prevention/response/recovery]
- Under MEMS, Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) would be combined as State Coordinating Functions (SCFs) to address all mission areas
- MEMS concept would be more adaptable and is built to reflect the way we do business now
- Questions/Considerations:
 - o Have/are other states moving in this direction?
 - o Will there be issues with consistency of terminology between state and local emergency management?

Executive Director Strickland, MEMA, shared that an Incident Management Team (IMT) workshop had been held and that the development of a state IMT is moving forward. Additionally, the development of a state water rescue response system is underway.

Discussion was held on Next Generation 9-1-1, and it was decided that the Council would schedule a special meeting in June for a briefing from an Emergency Number Systems Board representative.

The Council was adjourned at 3 pm.