

# Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

March 14, 2019  
12:00pm – 3:00pm

## Attendees

Members: Joe LaFLur, Mike Berna, Clay Stamp, Ronnie Gill, BG Adam Flasch (on behalf of AG Singh), Jonathon Favorite

Others: Russell Strickland, Kiona Black, Terry Thompson, Chas Eby, Marcia Deppen, Myra Derbyshire, John Scholz, Bill Hildabrand, John Dulina

## Meeting Notes

The Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) meeting began with welcome and announcements from Chairman Stamp and MEMA Executive Director Russ Strickland. Chairman Stamp dedicated a moment for the late Doc Lumpkins.

### **SERC Business**

*Ronnie Gill, Vice Chairman, GEMAC*

Hazardous Materials Planning Grant will be going out shortly. The SERC has not lost anyone from the committee with administration changes

### **MEMA Organizational Refresh**

*Russell Strickland, Executive Director, MEMA*

Director Strickland discussed changes and updates on staffing at MEMA.

- 59 total PINS for MEMA
- Millenials are the most energetic work force. MEMA wants to keep bringing them on board
- MEMA HR deserves a lot of credit for keeping the organization up to speed
- 3 deep concept - wanting to have at least 3 people capable of performing someone's duties
- MEMA Systems approach to preparedness 3D model on whiteboard
  - Culture of preparedness

Local jurisdictions have expressed concerns on having limited staffing in their organizations. There was discussion on finding balance between education and on-site field training for

millenials.

### **MEMA Consequence Management and Associated Initiatives**

*Marcia Deppen, Director of Consequence Management, MEMA*

Marcia Deppen provided an overview of the MEMA agency and discussed the Maryland Emergency Management System. Marcia also discussed MEMA consequence management project priorities such as: School Emergency Management Program (GSEM) Grant, Emergency Management Accreditation Renewal (EMAP), Distribution Management Annex Creation/Coordination, MJOC Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Overhaul Internal staff training and drills (SEOC, DO/DoC, CodeRed), Filling staff vacancies Calvert Cliffs Graded FSE and Peach Bottom/Calvert Cliffs Dual Site FSE, NEMA/ASPR Catastrophic Planning and Capabilities Assessment, CCTA Program Year 2.

There was discussion on coordination between MCAC and MJOC, and effectiveness of training for both MCAC and MEMA.

*John Scholz, State IMT Coordinator*

John Scholz gave an overview of the Maryland Incident Management Team and discussed the 12 month plan.

There was a discussion about the UASI funding and how it is available for the IMT program.

*Bill Hildabrand, Regional Liaison Officer, MEMA*

Bill Hildabrand discussed the Fire and Emergency Services State Coordinating Function, as well as background, accomplishments and steps moving forward.

There was a discussion about looking into getting a copy of other states legislation that pays volunteer firefighters during EMAC deployments in include in MD title 14.

*John Dulina, Regional Liaison Officer, MEMA*

John Dulina discussed the Maryland Swiftwater/flood search and rescue response system, including an overview on the MD-Helicopter Aviation Response Team.

There was discussion on efforts for closing gaps with expenses when MDNG is activated, considering MDNG reports to the Governor.

### **Opioid Operational Command Center Update**

*Russell Strickland, Executive Director, MEMA*

Director Strickland discussed staffing updates, how the OOC team has moved to Crownsville office space, and in December will move completely under MEMA's umbrella.

### **Other Updates (Emergency Alert, Budgets, Capital, FIT, etc)**

- Emergency Alerts - have made no changes
- Recommendations from a few years have no new response from the Governor's office
- There was discussion on the frustration with lack of communication from the Governor's office

- Ronnie is the vice-chair of the GEMAC
- Set up a conference call with all the members within the next week

### **Future meetings**

- Wants to set up future meeting dates for the GEMAC to align with Bay Cabinet meetings
  - The Bay Cabinet meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, from 2-4 pm (beginning with March 19).
  - Looking at month of either April, May or June for next meeting.

### **Open**

#### **Discussion**

- Looking for a rep for volunteer fire service.
  - Check with Dick Devore to consider status.

The Council was adjourned at 3 pm.