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Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council
(GEMAC) Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Attendance

Michael Berna
Jonathan Bratt
Jonathan Favorite
Dwayne Freeman
Ronnie Gill
Tiffany Green
Jasper Jones

Joseph Lafleur
Jennifer Martin
Thomas Moran
Marverley Nettles
Kevin Simmons
David Wilenborg
Russell Strickland

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome
 - a. Meeting call to business at 12:00pm by Anna Sierra, Chief Development Officer & Legislative Liaison. Brittany Cook conducted a roll call for attendance. A quorum was reached.
 - b. Director Gill, Chair of GEMAC, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.
2. Election Security: National Landscape
 - a. Adam Flasch, Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety & Homeland Security, and Travis Nelson, Acting Director for Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS), provided a briefing on priorities/posture from the GOHS perspective on Election Security.
3. State Election Preparedness Activities
 - a. Marcia Deppen, Director of Consequence Management at Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), provided a comprehensive briefing on planning and coordination up to, and on election day including the sequential days after.

- b. Brig Gen Amy Kremser, Director of Joint Staff, Maryland National Guard (MDNG), provided MDNG posture regarding election security preparedness.
 - c. Council members inquired about early detection of faulty AI and best practices if any available, including leveraging resources for debunking misinformation. MDEM will explore this topic further per the council's interest for future meetings and potential recommendation development.
4. Adjourn
- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:48pm by Director Gill.