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# Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

Sept. 4, 2019

1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**Location:** Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Dr, Hanover, MD 21076

## Meeting Minutes

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rebecca Allyn, Matthew Bangs, Bethany Brown, Marone Brown, Timothy Chizmar, Christian Cymek, Kristin Dietz, Norman Dofflemyer, Linda Dousa, Bill Dousa, John Filer, John Frank, Marty Hammond, Ray Hanna, Herb Hasenpusch, Mark Hubbard, Jeyan Jebaraj, John Jerome, Michael Krok, Randy Linthicum, Meghan McClelland, Mike McConnell, Cee Cee Mollineaux, Bob Mueck, Claude Nelson, Travis Nelson, Dawn O’Croinin, Kevin Parker, Dino Pignataro, Jim Radcliffe, Leesa Radja, Brian Rudick, John Russo, Craig Savageau, John Scholz, Steve Shepherd, Richard Simons, Steve Thomas, Ashley Wallace, Cecilia Warren

**START TIME: 1:37 p.m.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Quorum - 17 members present
- Virginia Beach could not present at today’s meeting due to Virginia State of Emergency, will present at next month’s meeting.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2019 - Motion to approve by John Filer, Meghan M. seconded - all in favor. Minutes are approved.
- SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING - October 9, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. WORK GROUP UPDATE (Sgt. Travis Nelson & Randy Linthicum)

- Logo for AAIWG -
  - Suggestions - use Maltese cross for fire.
  - Concern that circle with grid lines looks similar to a rifle scope - to play around with some other shapes. Shield is a popular choice.
    - Asked for suggestions to be sent.
- Charter Membership Update:
  - Discussion of attendance requirements of Charter.
  - Discussion of removal or amendment based on non attendance/representation.
    - Local Law Enforcement: Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office - no response to attendance letter.
      - Recommendations

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- Ocean City Fire/EMS
  - Salisbury PD
  - Worcester Co. - per Dino P. soft acceptance from WorCo Sheriff's Office.
  - Possibility of remote access discussed for Western MD and Eastern Shore.
  - Local Emergency Management: Garrett County - attempting to attend but distance is an issue.
  - Local Emergency Management: Washington County - asked to withdraw due to staffing changes.
    - Have regional representation for areas such as Western MD & Eastern Shore
      - Will require some change to the charter language to accommodate.
        - Idea was opened to group for input.
        - Would be an Emergency Mgmt seat.
        - Would result in 1 Western region vote
  - Local Emergency Management: Talbot County- asked to withdraw.
    - Caroline County or Queen Anne's - motion by Dino Pignataro to offer to either county to replace Talbot Co., Meghan M. seconded motion - all in favor, motion passed.
  - Local Fire / Emergency Medical Services: Cecil County DES - no response to attendance letter.
    - Jim Radcliffe made motion to replace Cecil with Queen Anne's DES, John Filer seconded - all in favor, motion passed.
  - Local Fire / Emergency Medical Services: Prince George's County - no response to attendance letter.
    - Jim Radcliffe made motion to replace PG with Montgomery Fire, John Jerome seconded - all in favor, motion carried.
  - Meghan McClelland recommended holding all votes on membership until a full presentation of recommendations can be made.
    - Request made to provide a listing of membership on a map to present at the October meeting for final approval.
  - As well, compile areas in need and suggested replacements and have group at October meeting.
    - Motions that have already been made for replacement regions will be offered the position and vote will be



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finalized in October.

- Cal Bowman is no longer with GOHS, Dawn O’Croinin is taking the position of chair for the Prevention subcommittee which Cal previously held.
- Subcommittee status updates:
  - Reports from subcommittees:
    - Planning & Preparedness (Bob Mueck) - reviewed MD 211 conference call & usefulness for AAIWG Guidance
      - Collected documents related to planning & preparedness - Fire/EMS, Health Care facilities, Houses of Worship, k-12 Educ., Higher Education, Law Enforcement, Emergency Mgmt.
        - Any additional documents please email to Bob Mueck
      - MD 211 conference call to host AAIWG guidance - not ideal for our purpose.
    - Prevention (Dawn O’Croinin)
      - D. O’Croinin reviewed progress of group.
      - Presentation by Kyra Dressler to understand characteristics.
      - Discussion to try & understand the why.
      - Understanding where on the spectrum is the optimal time to intervene.
      - Grievances of perpetrators
      - Lack of mental health resources state-wide & where gaps exist.
      - Inability to mandate health treatment.
      - Importance of reporting mechanisms.
      - Efficacy of the Red Flag law.
      - In the fall:
        - To reconvene to determine scope of deliverable for the AAIWG document.
        - Discuss content & resources to include.
        - Dawn participates in the Gov. Commission on Mental & Behavioral Health and will share that perspective.
      - Any additional ideas or suggestions can be sent to Dawn directly.
    - Community Outreach (Cee Cee Molineaux)
      - Kevin Lewis had to leave the group. Cee Cee Molineaux has taken over as chairperson.



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- Cee Cee introduced herself and expressed that she is looking forward to working with group.
  - Equipment (Greg Dietrich & Michael O'Connell)
    - FX - will be forming a core group - Greg D., M. O'Connell, & new Harford Co. Sheriff Deputy Wehrle to make proposals for approval by the whole subcommittee.
  - EMS Protocol (Dr. Matt Levy)
    - Dr. Chizmar - protocol recommendations are being reviewed and rolled in.
      - Whole blood for helicopters may not be until November 2020.
  - Training & Exercise (Jim Radcliffe)
    - J. Radcliffe - categorization of training discussed to create training based on those categories.
    - Ideas have been floated but would like some more input - e.g., houses of worship.
  - Communications (Capt. Scott Brillman)
    - No one present update.
  - Family Information Center & Resources/CISM (Bethany Brown, Lt. Steve Thomas)
    - B. Brown - massive data dump - all forms, plans, etc., and organizing with a table of contents.
      - Information collecting for that.
    - Sept. 17 - next meeting
    - Data completion should be completed by the end of Sept.
      - Content will then be reviewed/analyzed
    - Looking at a future training of how FIC&R and CISM will work into the AA response.
  - Integrated Response (John Filer)
    - Feedback has been received on FOG and incorporated as appropriate.
  - **Round Table -**
    - John Russo - Advisory Council Conf. on Oct. 23 at Owings Mills Jewish Community Center - focus federal and local, fire & EMS response. Will include a speaker from Las Vegas regarding their response.
    - Ray Hanna - GOHS & DHS - Active Shooter Seminar on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Baltimore War Memorial - two sessions.
      - Send Ray an email if you would like to participate.
    - Steve Shepherd - Oct. 29 Elements of an Active Shooter @ St. John's College in Annapolis.



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- Registration - \$40
  - Steve will send out information through AAIWG
  - Discussion of the use of a website for the AAIWG Guidance product
    - Discussion of website options for AAIWG
      - J. Radcliffe noted concern of AAIWG housed within another agency's website may make it difficult to access.
      - MHA suggested Healthcare Coalition website
        - HPP funded
      - J. Radcliffe supported an independent website for AAIWG
      - J. Filer recommended mimicking "Before It's Too Late" (run by the OCCC)
      - Consensus was to have an independent site for AAIWG so we will continue to pursue this option.

**3. Presentation on Virginia Beach Active Assailant Incident** - Erin Sutton - CANCELLED - unable to attend due to Virginia State of Emergency.

#### **5. Action Item Review**

- Subcommittees - another request for information/documents and communications to all be sent to **Matt Bangs and sent through the AAIWG** email account..
  - Leesa to resend the roster of subcommittees

**6. Closing Remarks & Adjourn - Meghan McClelland & John Frank 2:32 pm**