



Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) Meeting Agenda

Date: 12 May 2020

Time: 1100 - 1130 hours

Call-In Information:

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Location: Virtual

Invitees:

Name	Position Title	Designation	Attendance
Adrian Grieve	Division Disaster State Relations Director (PA, MD, DE, DC & FEMA RIII), American Red Cross	Member	P
Anna Sierra	Director, Caroline County Department of Emergency Services	Member	A
Bruce Wahl	Former Mayor of Chesapeake Beach	Member	P
Clay Stamp	Assistant County Manager/Director of Emergency Services, Talbot County	Member	P
David Willenborg	Sr. Engineer, Technical Support, Department of Defense, NAVAIR	Member	P
Douglas Brown	Deputy Director, Carroll County Department of Public Works	Member	P
Dwayne Freeman	Director of High Homeland Security, Washington County Public Schools	Member	P
Earl "Buddy" Hance	Commissioner, Calvert County	Member	A
Jasper Jones	Budget Analyst, USDOT	Member	OOO
Jennifer Martin	Deputy Commissioner, Population Health and Disease Prevention, Baltimore City Health Department	Member	P
Johnathan Bratt	Executive Director, UMB Office of Emergency Management	Member	P
Jonathan Dayton	Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Alleghany County; Vice President, Alleghany and Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association	Member	P
Jonathan Favorite	Director of Technical Services, Communications Electronics, Inc.	Member	P
Joseph LaFleur	Manager, Crisis Management/Business Continuity/IT Disaster Recovery, GP Strategies Corporation	Member	A
Kevin Simmons	Director, Office of Emergency Management, City of Annapolis	Member	P
Mike Berna	Fire Chief, Maryland Fire Chief's Association	Member	P
Robert Poole	Retired Special Agent, ATF; ODNI, Insider Threat SME	Member	A
Ronald "Ronnie" Gill	Director of Emergency Management/Deputy Director of Homeland Security, Prince George's County	Member	P
Ryan Miller	Principal, Critical Functions, LLC	Member	P
Stephen Wantz	Commissioner, Carroll County	Member	P
Thomas Moran	Executive Director, All Hazards Consortium	Member	A
Tiffany Green	Fire Chief, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department	Member	P
Timothy Cameron	Sheriff, St. Mary's County	Member	P
MG Timothy Gowen	The Adjutant General	Ex-officio	A
Walter Landon	Deputy Chief of Staff; Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security	Ex-officio	P
Russell Strickland	Executive Director, MEMA	Ex-officio	P
Terry Thompson	Executive Liaison, MEMA	Ex-officio	P
Chas Eby	Deputy Executive Director, MEMA	Ex-officio	A
BG Adam Flasch	Director, Joint Staff, Maryland National Guard	Ex-officio	P
Myra Derbyshire	Executive Assistant to the MEMA Executive Director	Staff Support	P
Blake Langford	Maryland State National Capital Region Program Manager, MEMA	Staff Support	P



Purpose:

- To fulfill the statutory requirement, as articulated in MD Pub Safety Code § 14-105 (2017), “the Council shall advise the Governor on all matters that relate to emergency management.”

Objectives:

- Adjudicate and resolve any SERC Business
- Receive a COVID19 briefing from MEMA Executive Director and Prince George’s County EM

Intended Outcomes:

- To increase the general preparedness and situational awareness of all stakeholders, the GEMAC is provided with the opportunity to share information amongst its members (i.e., ask questions, answer questions, discuss, and advise) on any matter related to COVID19 response/recovery operations.

Agenda:

1100 hrs 1. SERC Business

- No outstanding business

2. State-level COVID19 Brief

- The MEMA Executive Director provided a high-level overview of the state response to COVID19
 - Response actions started gearing up in January but activated the SEOC in early March
 - SEOC is operational 7 days a week 0700 -1700 hours
 - Three focus areas include: Resource Management, Messaging through the Joint Information Center (JIC), Coordination with Private Sector and Non-Governmental Services including Volunteers and Donations Management
 - Coordination with all the state agencies but specifically MDH, MIEMSS, and DGS has been key.
 - The event has been unique with the creation of many task forces (e.g., hospital surge task force)
 - Reevaluating the word “demobilization.” We aren’t really demobilizing. A better word may be “restaging.” We want to make sure everything is accessible should we experience a resurgence.
 - COVID19 has caused challenges with the state budget. As such, the State is evaluating its options moving forward.



3. Local Jurisdiction COVID19 Brief

- The Prince George's Emergency Manager provided a high-level brief to characterize local EM actions
 - Everything Russ provided is a good snapshot of local actions just retranslated to a local government level
 - Snapshot of COVID19 statistics including: deaths, hospitalizations, and ICU bed capacity
 - Population of a million but we have a less-than-required hospital infrastructure – Baltimore has 11 systems but Prince George's only has 4 hospital systems and all of them are satellite campuses
 - Prince George's benefits from their 911 call center being embedded at the EOC
 - Operations started at the hospital operation centers, eventually everything transitioned to the EOC
 - OEM has worked hand-in-hand with lead doctors since the start
 - Overwhelming is a good way to characterize the local situation; we average 9 to 11 calls a day
 - Last week OEM had a conversation with CA (King County & LA) to get some lessons learned and best practices since it seems they are a few weeks ahead of us
 - We have a testing task force, fiscal management task force, and government operations task force
 - Local budget reductions are similar to the state's
 - Governor's reopening plan may be slightly premature from a local government perspective
 - The National Capital Region (NCR) is a unique area with unique considerations.



4. Group Discussion/Q&A

- Comments from the GEMAC in response to briefs include:
 - Grueling and exciting time in EM right now; we can't really see an end in sight which is non-traditional
 - EM discipline has established a mutual trust in the local jurisdictions to assist in non-traditional situations
 - As hard as it is to say, this is an opportunity for EM to really support the organization of this event as we move forward. I think we are going to see a lot of legislation akin to the Katrina-era legislation
 - Great idea to hop on the phone with California counties
- The GEMAC Chair will send out the synthesis of the notes with CA counties to the group to share best practices

5. Group Updates & Next Steps

- Schedule another GEMAC meeting for next quarter
- The group will collect thoughts as we go through this event and provide any thoughts that may include future legislative action

1130 hrs 6. Adjourn