



# COLORADO

## Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

### Meeting Minutes

Purpose: Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee (HSAC)  
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
Time: 8:15 - 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Kassler Center (Denver Water), 11300 Waterton Rd, Littleton, Colo.

#### HSAC Voting Members Present

- Stan Hilkey, CDPS Executive Director
- Kevin Klein, DHSEM Director
- Mike Morgan, DFPC Director
- Peter Bangas, OPSC Director, Public Safety Communications Representative
- Jeremy Schupbach, Colorado Municipal League
- Rich Smith, County Sheriffs of Colorado
- Nick Nudell, Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado
- Kris Kazien, Colorado State Fire Chiefs
- Doug Stephens, Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police
- Don Brocus, Colorado Tribal Government
- Ian Anderson, Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Nicole Cantrell, Homeland Security Coordinator Representative
- Trevor Denney, Interim Director OEM, Colorado Emergency Planning Committee Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Craig Hurter, CISO, Governor's Office of Information Technology
- Bob Fifer, Colorado Department of Transportation
- Ben Edelen, Cybersecurity Subcommittee Chair
- Kevin McElyea, CIAC Director, Whole of State Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee Chair

#### Voting Members Absent

- Bruce Eisenhower, Department of Local Affairs
- Amanda Hettinger, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Lori Hodges, Colorado Emergency Management Association
- Ann Terry, Special District Association
- Stan VanderWerf, Colorado Counties Inc.
- Michael Bruno, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Becky Rouse, Public-Private, Partnership Subcommittee Chair

- Matthew Packard, Colonel, Colorado State Patrol Chief
- Matthew Mueller, UASI Representative
- Carole Walker, Private Sector Representative
- Dave Hayes, Public Safety Communications Subcommittee Chair

## **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Executive Director Stan Hilkey made opening comments and Director Kevin Klein requested that Tiffaney Brooks start the roll call to determine a quorum.

### **Determination of Quorum**

The roll-call was conducted by Tiffaney Brooks and a quorum was met with 16 members present in-person or on-line.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Executive Director Stan Hilkey asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Sheriff Lloyd Smith made a motion and Director Kevin McElyea seconded the motion. Minutes were approved. Executive Director Hilkey reminded everyone to refrain from using acronyms and to please turn their cameras on when speaking.

### **Opening remarks by Director Klein and Executive Director Hilkey**

Director Klein thanked HSAC partners and DHSEM staff for their election security work, and made special note of the importance of Information sharing to success. He also expressed appreciation to all the personnel who worked on the recent storm event. Executive Director Stan Hilkey also thanked everyone for their hard work and collaboration on both events.

## **Briefings and Presentations**

No formal presentation was conducted or slides presented. The group then departed for a tour of Strontia Springs Dam after the business meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Formulation of New Subcommittee**

OGM Director Michael Haney, Funding Subcommittee chair, is still in the forming stage of the new formulation subcommittee. He did get a couple of volunteers from the last meeting. He is looking specifically for law enforcement representation and would like to see someone from the southeast, south and north central regions. Micheal Haney received several members that would love to help support his outreach efforts on law enforcement recruitment during the meeting.

## New Business

None

## Standing Subcommittee Reports

- Colorado Emergency Planning Subcommittee, Interim OEM Director Trevor Denney, DHSEM
  - CEPC is meeting today. He thanked HSAC for the appointment of Leonard Dittmen who is a retired CSP Captain.
- Public Safety Communications Subcommittee, Dave Hayes, PSCS
  - No Report
- Private Sector Subcommittee, Becky Rouse, Private Sector
  - No Report
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee, Ben Edelen
  - The committee continues to meet to discuss 2024 grant funding. The committee has completed everything needed for submission. They have a list of eleven goals.
- By-Laws Subcommittee, Ann Terry, Special Association District Representative
  - No Report
- Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Subcommittee, Aimee Voth Sieberth, CDPHE
  - The accessibility subcommittee will meet next week on November 21st. The committee rolled out an updated version of the G197 training course which is the integrating access functional needs collaboration with California. The subcommittee contributes trainers for that and Colorado is set to bring G197 to each of the field service areas this year. Planning continues for the AFN Conference in Colorado Springs in April 2025. The dates for the AFN University were announced this week and it will be held with a hybrid option, and hosted by our partners at Pikes Peak Region.
- Incident Management Team (IMT) Subcommittee, Drew Petersen, DHSEM
  - Colorado sent teams to Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The state deployed a total of 15 IMT members on three separate incident management teams and a total of nine emergency operations center (EOC) support folks on two EOC management teams. During these hurricanes the DHSEM and IMT strategy was to push integrated support teams, vice individual personnel. The Southwest IMT held a large dam failure exercise in Mancos, with approximately 60 people attending. The IMT group is continuing its collaboration with DHSEM AFN, and working closely with the manager, Sadie Martinez, on how to integrate AFN needs staff into the IMTs.
- Funding Subcommittee, Dir. Michael Haney, OGM, DHSEM
  - Report listed above.
- Training and Exercise Subcommittee, Chris Barnholt, Garfield County
  - No Report
- Whole of State Critical Infrastructure Subcomm, Dir. Kevin McElyea, CIAC

- The subcommittee held a meeting with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to discuss grants. Director Haney and Director McElyea continue to work on a second draft of a proposal for submission to OLDCC in mid-Nov. The subcommittee continues to work on a proposed National Nationwide Conference for October 2025.
- First Responder Task Force
  - No Report

## **Public Comment**

No comments.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

## **Adjournment**

Sheriff Lloyd Smith made a motion to adjourn and Director Kevin McElyea seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. A tour of Strontia Springs Dam, for HSAC members and DHSEM staff, hosted by Denver Water staff, followed.