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Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2022

Purpose: Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee (HSAC)

Date: Monday, March 14, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Members Present by Phone: Kevin Klein, Stan Hilkey, Mike Morgan, Bruce Eisenhower, Peter Bangas, Matthew Packard, Jon Barba, Ben Tisdell, Carole Walker, Meghan MacKillop, Jon Montano, Kris Kazien, Doug Stephens, Don Brockus, Ann Terry, Matthew Mueller, Dave Hayes, Eugene Wade, Kevin McElyea

Members Excused: Greg Stasinis, William Chumley, Nicole Cantrell, Mike Willis, Jill Fraser

Members Absent: Alan Colon, John Spezze, Ian Anderson, David Callahan

Welcome Remarks and Determination of a Quorum

- Director Hilkey called this meeting to order. The meeting started by determining a quorum. Seventeen members attended virtually.
- Today is the last day for law enforcement to donate used body armor for the Ukraine war effort. They are working with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and other agencies to get these sent to the Ukraine. As of last Friday, 970 helmets and 770 sets of ballistic armor going to citizen soldiers defending that country.
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - February meeting minutes were approved. Dave Hayes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a second by Ben Tisdell. All members voted in favor of approval of the February meeting minutes.

Briefings and Presentations

- N/A

Old Business

- **Legislative Update - Director Klein**
 - The Digital Trunk Radio System (DTRS) bill has not been introduced yet. This would transfer the program from the Office of Information technology (OIT) to the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS). The subcommittee reviewed the last draft and it will be introduced soon. A draft will be released to the rest of the stakeholders.
 - Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets and Eliminating Signature Requirements are making progress.
 - Several grant programs are making progress; the Nonprofit Security Grant, Preventing Identity Based Violence grant, and School Safety Disbursement grant.
 - Mike Morgan – The Resources for Volunteer Firefighters, HB-1194, for the Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant, provides funding for personal protective equipment and training. SB-2 provides funding for mental health and the heart and cancer trust. The Wildfire Camera bill provides funding for early detection of wildfire notifications. The Wildland Fire Investigations bill would put two fire investigators in each district across the State and provides money to reimburse local resources.
 - Ben Tisdell – Any bills introduced related to the Fire Commission work?

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- Mike Morgan – An addendum was sent out in January with recommendations from the Fire Commission:
 - o Better support local governments in fire training
 - o Recommends changes to the interagency dispatch centers and processes
 - o Scientific based recommendations about fire issues in Colorado
 - o Community risk reduction
 - o Subcommittee based on the governors request to look at development, land use, and building resiliency
- o Good news for the CDPS in the Long Bill – Rightsizing CBI is moving along.
- o Insurance bills as a result of the Marshall Fire.
 - Carole Walker – HB1111 the Wildfire and Insurance Bill addresses some of the claim's issues, including underinsurance with the Marshall Fire.
- **COVID 19 Response & Vaccination Update – Director Klein for Director Willis**
 - o Governor Jared Polis and the COVID response team released “Colorado’s Next Chapter: Our Roadmap to Moving Forward” to detail the winding down of our current operations and getting ready for any resurgence.

New Business

- **Cyber Security – Ben Tisdell**
 - o Heighten the importance of cyber security around current geopolitical concerns. From a county perspective, they are being barraged with updates on phishing and suspicious emails.
 - o Director Hilkey – Jill Fraser provided very good information about assessing and minimizing risk.
 - o Director Klein – Working on outreach with local governments, critical infrastructure providers, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The Governor sent out a reminder on these concerns to report phishing and/or any attacks to the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC). This lower threshold for reporting will help detect any cyber security issues.
- **Integrated Preparedness Planning (IPP) Process – Lin Bonesteel**
 - The process within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to coordinate the IPP process with the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) requirements, Homeland Security Grant, and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) grants have become much more of a lift. They are trying to be more thoughtful about the process and ensure all of the partners and stakeholders involved are heard, and not overtasked with work. She will provide a document with more information ahead of next month’s meeting. The Office of Emergency Management with DHSEM is making changes to the structure specifically around IPP. On April 23rd, Director Willis will present a TED Talk that will address this restructuring. Information to attend this TED Talk will be distributed prior to the meeting if anyone is interested in attending. They are working on clear direction on templates to ensure consistency for a smooth roll out.
 - Director Klein – The goal is for the three grant programs, EMPG, Homeland Security, and Public Health, to be harmonized and efficient in the requirements.
- **FY22 Homeland Security Grant Program Process – Lin Bonesteel**
 - o Lin is expecting the Notice of Funding Opportunities to be released from the federal government within the next few weeks for the both the Homeland Security and nonprofit suites. Expecting an increase in funding in the nonprofit pot and encouraging nonprofit partners who may meet eligibility requirements based on their higher terrorism risk. Contact Lin and her team will reach out to the interested partners. They are hosting a series of application webinars on the application process and how to verbally explain the threats and risks around the applicant’s facilities. If the legislation comes through, that will be dovetailed on to the federal process they have in place. From the Homeland Security/UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) side, the funding looks to be the same as last year. They are making a few changes to the systems/requirements this year. Requests for the Unmanned Aerial Systems will be vetted by the CIAC prior to being submitted to the feds for consideration. They are reaching out to the regional boards in this calendar year to ask for updates to their operational charters to ensure consistency and also placing restrictions on procuring food for exercises.

Standing Reports

- Colorado Emergency Planning Commission (CEPC) – Director Willis
 - No report
- Public Safety Communications Subcommittee (PSCS) – Dave Hayes
 - Radio Summit still planned for May 4th and 5th, location to be determined.
 - The steering committee is working with CDPS Executive Directors Office staff and Office of Information Technology (OIT) staff to partner with Public Safety. The legislative committee has received email addresses from the Colorado Chiefs Association and will be ready to testify in favor of the bill.
- Private Sector Subcommittee – Eugene Wade
 - The next meeting is next month. No other updates.
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee – Kevin McElyea for Jill Fraser
 - No other update besides the previous emailed recommendations for cyber threat. Contact Kevin if you missed this information from Jill.
- Information Sharing Subcommittee – Kevin McElyea
 - Tracking extremist involvement with the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
 - Situational awareness bulletins will be focused on three prongs related to infrastructure protection: infrastructure protection, cyber security, and preventing targeted violence.
 - Monitoring increased phishing campaigns.
 - Continued Fentanyl awareness.
 - Monitor and maintain awareness regarding adversarial posture on social media.
 - Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) conference May 4th at the Arvada Conference Center.
 - Monitoring US citizens travelling to the Ukraine to fight.
 - The next meeting is the last week of March.
 - Matthew Mueller – What guidance is being developed for a potential nuclear strike?
 - Director McElyea – They have not engaged in that threat assessment yet.
 - Director Klein – Internally they are assessing the threat with twice weekly updates from US Department of Homeland Security
 - Matthew Mueller – The notification of an inbound nuclear strike is not clear, who is triggering what Alerts? What is the role of local emergency management in alert and warning of a strike?
 - Director Klein – There is a presidential warning element designed for that type of event. He will prepare a classified brief.
 - Director McElyea – Please contact him if interested in a classified brief.
- First Responder Safety Task Force – Jon Barba
 - Moving forward with Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Conference in September. It will be a hybrid approach to include the practical application in person.
 - Working with the Federal Highway Administration to provide mid-level manager training/workshop in May. This will complete all three levels of traffic incident management training: line-level responders, mid-level management, and briefing for executives.
- Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Subcommittee – Sadie Martinez
 - Working on the draft of the Annual Report and getting feedback from stakeholders.
 - Access & Functional Needs Conference is in Estes Park April 12th and 13th.
 - Celebrating the Communications Maintaining Health Independent Support Services and Safety Transportation (CMIST) Response Team after a successful meeting in the southeastern region.
 - The Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) is participating in the AFN Conference as an exhibitor and participant.
- By-Laws Subcommittee – Ann Terry
 - No report
- State Resource Mobilization Subcommittee
 - No report
- IMT Subcommittee

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- o No report
- Funding Formula Subcommittee – Lin Bonesteel
 - o Meeting next week.
 - o The name of this subcommittee will change in the future due to shifting conversations.
- Training & Exercise Subcommittee – Chris Bornholdt
 - o No report

Administrative/Public Comment Period

- Director Hilkey – Updated guidance is coming on the in-person Boards & Commissions meeting and the possibility of future HSAC meetings returning to in-person status.

Closing Remarks and Motion to Adjourn

- Next meeting is April 11, 2022.