## Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group June 23, 2023



# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Moment of Silence
- Subcommittee Updates
- Upcoming Events
- Charter/Executive Order Progress Update
- MCAC Current Events Update
- Next Gen 911
- Member Roundtable
- Action Item Review
- Closing Remarks & Adjourn

# **Call to Order**

- Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
- Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
  - > Introductions
  - > Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2023



### **Moment of Silence**



### Linda Dousa



### **Terry Thompson**



# **Subcommittee Update**

- Ms. Jennifer Gray, Contract Support Tetra Tech
- Ms. Katie Bryson, Contract Support Tetra Tech
  - Emergency People Search & Recovery
  - Community Outreach/Website
  - First Responder Guidelines



### **Emergency People Search & Recovery**

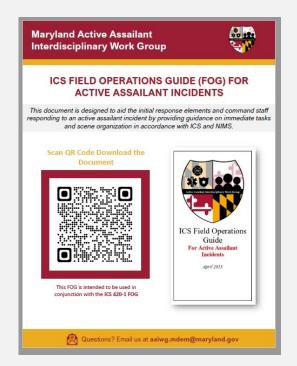
- MDEMA Conference Presentation
  - Great attendance and participation
  - Multiple follow-up meetings have been scheduled
- ✤ Pilot Training
  - Recording case studies and introductions
  - Scheduling 2 in-person pilot deliveries for late July/early August
- Next meeting: July 19





# **Community Outreach/Website**

- Major resource library update in progress
  - Removing broken links
  - > Adding new resources from 2021 Present
- Resource One-Pagers for Conferences
  - Email <u>aaiwg.mdem@maryland.gov</u> for copies
- ✤ Next Meeting: June 30



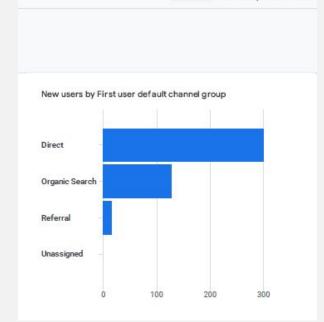


# **Google Analytics for Website**

Last 90 days Jan 28 - Apr 27, 2023 \*

### ✤ Google Analytics

- Most users are government or education
- > 445 new users in a 90 day period
- Vast majority (90+%) on a desktop/laptop
- Avg engagement time about 1 minute
- Most popular pages:
  - Homepage
  - Resources
  - Emergency Management & Public Safety
  - Meetings





## **First Responder Guidelines**

- Body Armor for EMS
  - Draft document developed
  - > Tasking based on discussion at December 2022 quarterly meeting
- Rescue Task Force Training & Exercise Best Practices
  - Identified gap in existing resources available
  - Subcommittee willing to tackle this
  - > Open to suggestions for most useful format for a resource
- Next meeting: July 5

# **Body Armor for EMS Document**

- Guidance and recommended best practices, *NOT* prescriptive requirements
- Encourages the development of a *PROGRAM*, rather than simply purchasing equipment
- Please submit comments to <u>aaiwg.mdem@maryland.gov</u> by June 30
  - Reference line number and suggested revisions

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#### BALLISTIC PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDANCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIRE/RESCUE/EMS

#### Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the following organizations who contributed resources and supported the development of this document:
- AAIWG First Responder Guidelines Subcommittee
- Montgomery County
- Harford County
- Prince George's County
   Orean City

#### 9 Additional Resources

- MD AAIWG Equipment Guidance Recommendations, 2022
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards 0101.06, Body Armor Selection, Care, and Maintenance

#### A. Purpose

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This document details the considerations for Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) first responders

- 15 when procuring ballistic personal protective equipment (PPE), or body armor, and placing that equipment 16 in service for staff involved in active assailant response or other high threat or volatile response. The
- 16 in service for staff involved in active assailant response or other high threat or volatile response. The 17 information contained herein was compiled through various studies and documents authored by subject
- information contained herein was compiled through various studies and documents authored by subject matter experts and aims to serve as guidance and recommendations, not as prescriptive requirements for
- 19 first response entities. This document can be used as a guide to develop a robust and comprehensive
  - program that includes familiarization training, opportunities for practicing donning and doffing equipment, and proper storage and maintenance.

#### 22 B. Background

23 As discussed in the Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group's Equipment Guidance &

- 24 Recommendations document published in October 2022 ballistic protection should be provided for
- 25 EMS/Fire/Rescue personnel who are expected to operate in the active assailant environment. While guidance on this topic may vary, it is a best practice for all personnel operating in areas of direct or indirect
  - guidance on this topic may vary, it is a best practice for all personnel operating in areas of direct or indirect threat (Hot and Warm Zones) to wear ballistic protection.
- 28 Keeping with the national preparedness model of plan-organize-equip-train-exercise, organizations
- considering the purchase of ballistic PPE should consider all aspects of preparedness, including the need
- 30 to develop and implement appropriate policies and procedures, and the need to provide training and 31 exercise opportunities to familiarize staff with the appropriate use of body armor. Purchasine body armor
- exercise opportunities to familiarize staff with the appropriate use
   should be one aspect of a comprehensive ballistic PPE program.
- 33 It is important to note that each local emergency medical response agency and/or organization establishes
- 33 it is important to note that each local emergency medical response agency and/or organization establishes 34 its own policies regarding the use of body armor. While some jurisdictions or companies may require
- wearing a soft protective vest as part of their daily uniform, others may not have a policy regarding use of
- 36 ballistic protective gear.

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# **Recent/Upcoming Events**

- Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
- Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWGMs. Sabrina Chase, Legal Counsel
  - Recent/Upcoming Events with AAIWG representation/participation:
    - Maryland Emergency Management Association (MDEMA) Conference -May/June
    - Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Conference Presentation June 19
    - Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) Conference July 19 and 20
    - Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference September 19



### **Executive Order and Charter Progress Update**

- Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
- Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
  - Review requirements of the AAIWG per the Executive Order and the Charter
  - Discuss progress on these activities



### **Executive Order**

### Requirements:

- ➢ Update 2014 Guidance Doc
- > Monitor best practices
- Meet at least quarterly

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<u> </u>	EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2018.08
A	ctive-Assailant Incident Preparedness and Coordination
WHEREAS,	Active assailants are individuals who participate in ongoing, random, or systematic killings in a short time, or who use improvised explosive devices or other weapons with the intent to inflict mass casualties;
WHEREAS,	The State of Maryland is susceptible to a wide range of threats that have the potential to negatively impact individual Marylanders, education, commerce, critical infrastructure, and the government prior to, during, and following active-assailant incidents;
WHEREAS,	Law enforcement officers who are in tactical situations may need to provide initial lifesaving care for victims, and emergency medical, fire, or rescue services personnel may need to enter areas experiencing an active-assailant incident;
WHEREAS,	Sectors deemed to constitute critical infrastructure are chemical, commercial facilities, communications, critical manufacturing, dams, defense industrial base, emergency services, energy, financial services, food and agriculture, government facilities, healthcare and public health, information technology, nuclear reactors, material and waste, transportation systems, and water and wastewater;
WHEREAS,	To ensure a safe, secure, and resilient Maryland, the Governor is committed to a coordinated effort throughout the state, including on and in public gathering areas, educational campuses and grounds, and the 16 critical infrastructure sectors, to prevent, identify, and protect against threats;



## **Per the Charter**

- Identify and develop *procedures for preventing* active assailant incidents
- Create minimum guidelines and standards for training and education statewide on active assailant incidents
- Continuously work to *enhance the ability to prevent, respond, manage and recover from* active assailant incidents
- Establish methods to coordinate and share active assailant plans between private, nonpublic and public institutions and law enforcement, emergency management and emergency responders
- Update Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incidents
- Monitor best practices, develop and revise active assailant guidance as needed to ensure Maryland remains prepared and resilient

Procedures for preventing	Prevention and Early Intervention     resources/templates
Minimum guidelines and standards for training and education	
Enhance the ability to prevent, response, manage and recover from	<ul> <li>Equipment document</li> <li>Support Services for MCIs document</li> <li>Field Operations Guide</li> </ul>
Methods to coordinate and share active assailant plans	
Update guidance to first responders	<ul> <li>Field Operations Guide</li> <li>Equipment document</li> <li>Body Armor for EMS document</li> </ul>
Monitor best practices, develop and revise active assailant guidance	AAIWG website



## **MCAC Briefing**

Ms. Ariana Shockley, Intelligence Analyst, MCAC

Overview of recent active assailant incidents and successful prevention activities



## Next Gen 911

Ms. Tenea Reddick, 911 Director, Baltimore City Fire Department

Overview of upcoming Next Gen 911 changes that could impact active assailant responses



### **Member Roundtable Discussion**

Discussion of items of interest or concern from any voting member



# **Action Item Review**

- Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
- Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG



## **Closing Remarks**

- Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG
- Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG



## Adjourn

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