



Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

February 26, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Hybrid – Virtual & MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt Street, Room 212

MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Allyn, Rebecca	Morris, Lori	Baker, Thaddeus	Hughes, Carrie
Barra, Sara	Mowbray, Jason	Bryson, Katie	Kamberger, Joseph
Bennett, Kaylee	Mueck, Bob	Burnett, Karl	Krempel, James
Borneman, Eric	Rosano, Tony	Calaban, Vanessa	Pearsall, Brian
Corbin, Donald	Singh, Perminder	Chizmar, Timothy	Robinson, Michael
Jones, Lyndon	Sperlein, Jennifer	Collins, Marcos	Rudick, Brian
Klinger, Mark	Tome, Wayne	Gray, Jennifer	Sawyer, Anissa
Linthicum, Randy	Wollek, Scott	Harvey, Tim	Perlewitz, Jessica

MEETING START TIME: 10:06

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- A motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/13/2025 was made by Bob Mueck and seconded by Lyndon Jones. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- All voting members were reminded that they need to be on a subcommittee.
- First Responder Guidelines
 - Jennifer Gray reported updates on behalf of the First Responder Guidelines subcommittee.
 - The Combined Equipment Guidelines and Body Armor for EMS documents, created in conjunction with DHS, NUSTL, and BCF is complete but has not been finalized for publication yet. Once the document is formally adopted, it will replace existing AAIWG products.
 - Subcommittee members participated in a joint BCF-AAIWG meeting on 1/22 where a joint update or redevelopment of an ICS field operations guide was discussed. It was noted that Maryland is already notably further ahead of



other states regarding field operations guidance; this topic warrants further discussion before a decision is made.

- **Next meeting: TBD**
- Mass Casualty Support Services
 - Katie Bryson reported updates on behalf of the Mass Casualty Support Services subcommittee.
 - The group will reconvene in March to continue working on the Support Services for MCIs document revamp. The document will contain an introduction which explains the background information and context for a trauma-informed approach; a section on planning guidance in alignment with CPG101; and a section containing checklists and job aids for practitioners.
 - Please consider providing input, proofreading support, etc. even if meeting participation isn't feasible.
 - **Next meeting: 3/25, 10am**

3. MCAC CURRENT EVENTS UPDATE

- Kaylee Bennett, MCAC, presented on recent events.
- Brian Rudick requested a copy of the slidedeck; Kaylee will share a public version if possible.
- Dr. Chizmar commented on an item from the presentation regarding a new first responder best practice (patients experiencing life-threatening blood loss should be transported by personal vehicle rather than waiting formal ambulance/EMS transport).
 - Maryland's whole blood program is now available in a majority of counties; he recommended that law enforcement working in jurisdictions with whole blood/Blood on Board programs should work with their EMS agencies to align these efforts.

4. RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ASIM course - 2/3/26 - 2/6/26
 - Feedback was overall very positive (50% response rate)
 - Looking to secure a Train-the-Trainer course in future
 - A "watered-down" TTT course might be available, which would mimic a table top exercise and a 4-hour block of instruction
 - Could serve as an in-service or refresher training
 - Lyndon Jones remarked that it was an excellent class with great instructors, noting that the rotations of positions held was an effective way to understand the unique perspective of each role in the command structure.
- Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference - 9/16/26
- AAIWG 2027 Symposium
 - No date determined yet, but likely March 2027



- Similar theme as last year (“before, during, and after an incident”)
- More active planning will begin soon, but send ideas to aaiwg.mdem@maryland.gov
 - Waiting for date and location before concrete planning takes place
 - Potential venue - Bowie State

6. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

- Lyndon Jones asked about the cost of the ASIM class.
 - The February course was funded by DHS through TEEX; cost was about \$2,000 per student.
- Mark Klinger spoke about an initiative to establish a statewide mapping system for blue-force tracking, eventually looking at Android team awareness kit (TAK)
 - This will help bridge the gap of geospatial awareness and put maps in hands of public safety users (similar to a find-my-friend for first responders)
 - Meeting in the next month to analyze costs for a statewide vs. regional program; several local servers are already being stood up, but need to determine the best way forward to either augment or support what already exists.
- Dr. Chizmar talked about the expansion of whole blood programs across the state through rural health transformation grant program money.
 - Additionally, paramedics and EMTs will be advised to reevaluate tourniquet placement, especially when hastily applied by bystanders; tourniquets can potentially be removed and converted to pressure dressing, or reapplied during transport.
 - Members are advised to make note of this change: EMS might be removing tourniquets rather than leaving in place, which is a departure from current guidance.
- Jim Krempel announced that Anne Arundel County is sponsoring a 3-month seminar on protecting houses of worship.
 - Seminars will cover physical and cyber security, as well as active assailant threats and a table top exercise.
 - Two seminars to be held online and one in person.
 - Information will be distributed to the group; members are encouraged to share with their jurisdiction’s houses of worship.

7. ACTION ITEM REVIEW

- Kaylee Bennett will resend briefing slides without MCAC branding if possible
- Kaylee Bennett will follow up on information regarding radio emergency button details from the Florida county mentioned in her briefing
- Jim Krempel will send information on the houses of worship seminar
- Mark Klinger will research the ASIM Train-the-Trainer course cost



8. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Rudick and seconded by Sgt. Baker. Motion was approved.

MEETING END TIME: 10:49