



Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

July 22, 2020

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

Location: via Google Meet

MEETING MINUTES

Members In Attendance:

Brown, B., Crisafulli, M., Curtis, J., Dietrich, G., Dillman, B., Dousa, L., Filer, J., Frank, J., Gordon-McCown, T., Gray, J., Hammond, M., Hanna, R., Hare, R., Hasenpusch, H., Hession, K., Hubbard, K., Jahromi, K., Jerome, J., Karaman, Y., Kashtelyan, N., Klinger, M., Landon, P., Linthicum, R., McClelland, M., Morris, S., Mueck, B., Nelson, C., Nelson, T., O'Connell, M., Parker, K., Pignataro, J., Radcliffe, J., Radja, L., Reginaldi, J., Rudick, B., Scholz, J., Sierra, A., Thomas, S., Thompson, T., Warren, C.

Quorum - established @ 16 members

MEETING START TIME: 10:07 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2020
 - B. Rudick motion to approve
 - J. Pignataro seconded
 - All in favor, minutes approved

2. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- Round Table discussion about your agency/region/jurisdiction in light of Covid-19 - Discuss realistic goals for the Work Group the rest of 2020, Identify trends related active assailant incidents
- **B. Brown: MDHS**
 - Subcommittee was/is working on emergency people tracking & recovery; working on a massive document
 - Focus on COVID-19 response & emergency feeding.
 - Formatting needs to be done
 - Realistic goal - two months to complete subcommittee document.
 - D. O'Croinin - suggested J. Gray to assist with templating.



- B. Brown - will connect with J. Gray
- **M. Crisafulli: Sheriff Worcester Co.**
 - 2104 compliance checks, 2133 COVID-19 calls, 6% of time spent on this. 383 man hours spent on pandemic.
- **J. Curtis: MCAC**
 - Threat level is still very high; homicide rate is up, gun purchases are also up - associated tracking is being done.
 - Plan to stay involved.
- **G. Dietrich: APG**
 - Primarily shut down, working remotely.
 - Equipment subcommittee - no meetings have been able to be scheduled. Not able to meet during the pandemic.
 - Still work with Deputy Werhle
 - Focus - pull together documentation - G. Dietrich will focus & get to J. Gray for formatting.
 - T. Nelson - asked if G. Dietrich could assist with the web page specifically regarding equipment.
 - G. Dietrich - his schedule currently is full but reach out to him and he will help as he can.
- **J. Filer: Charles Co.**
 - Has continued working with J. Scholz and J. Gray on the Field Operations Guide (FOG)..
 - Looking to submit the final product shortly.
- **T. Gordon-McCown: MHEC**
 - Representing E. Dow.
 - Working with higher education with schools that are opening as well as those working on line.
 - Focus is to help those institutions move ahead safely and within guidelines.
 - Includes training, vocational, as well as educational.
- **M. Hammond: GOCCP**
 - Remotely working; continuing grants work.
 - Review of current available grants.
- **H. Hasenpusch: AA Co PD**
 - Has been supporting the health department - security & traffic control at clinics, working with the sheriff's office at a homeless shelter, assisting DSS & school system with food distribution.
 - Training has been difficult - AAIWG is very limited at this time.
 - COVID issue during a role play training
 - Has seen an increase in firearms related crimes.
 - School resource officers have been used to assist with security.
 - Any talk about defunding school resource officers (SRO) anywhere in Maryland?
 - Comments:



- K. Parker - Nothing has been decided in Mont. Co. re: defunding but one County Council member has recommended abolishing all officers in schools - pending review for final decision.
- M. Crisafulli - still retaining SRO's
- D. O'Croinin - has been asked to give legal advice re: Safe to Learn and whether it requires SROs.
- J. Pignataro - MCSS is working on infograms which outline pros/cons on SROs
- J. Frank - SROs - continuing security checks at school, event security & road patrol in interim; school board is in support of maintaining SROs.
- K. Hession - Aug. 11, Understanding the SRO training course being provided to administrators & as well as SRO supervisors. MCSS has FY21 SRO grant (\$10mm) for this year.
- **M. Hubbard:GOHS**
 - Has worked with Ray Hanna/DHS.
 - Continues supporting work group efforts.
- **J. Jerome: MFRI & How Co. Fire/Rescue**
 - Have been able to meet virtually throughout COVID-19.
 - Howard Co. F/R - focused on COVID incidences.
 - Running COVID calls daily
 - Call volume is down (at about 75%) from last year.
 - Managing exposure is a challenge.
 - Training has been impacted - moving quickly towards online.
 - Trainee class in session with 43 people - practicing infection control, class lasts 7 months.
- **B. Mueck:Planning & Preparedness**
 - Waiting on the website to get up & running.
 - Focus of subcommittee is the web page.
 - Waiting for the fall semester.
- **K. Parker: Mont Co. PD**
 - Training has been impacted by COVID
 - Resumed in-service training at academy, other training is limited.
 - The Special Operations Division (SOD) has been supporting patrol & acquiring PPE.
- **J. Pignataro/K. Hession: MCSS:**
 - Center has been upstaffed, staff provided tools to work remotely.
 - Continuing to collect emergency plans (due by Aug.).
 - Use of force data is being collected.
 - Converting what training can be done to virtual for SROs.
 - Working on how to move ahead with drills during COVID-19.
- **J. Radcliffe: MRFI**
 - MRFI has gone through reorganization (March)



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- Jim has moved to Quality Improvement/Assurance & Compliance Officer.
 - Continuing doing virtual training and are in the process of moving other classes to virtual or a hybrid of virtual/in person.
 - Continuing to certify new EMTs.
 - Training Committee - have met w/ Planning & Preparedness as well as the web page committee and willing to help where needed.
 - **B. Rudick:SSA**
 - I was recently promoted to the Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. In this role, I not only oversee Workplace and Domestic Violence and Active Shooter, I also oversee Continuity of Operations, Insider Threat, Emergency Operations, our Incident Command Center, and our GIS staff. I feel this can only aid in what I bring to the workgroup.
 - Almost all employees working remotely.
 - New policy - any employees coming in must wear a mask.
 - Wish to continue to participate in the workgroup & offer help.
 - B. Rudick - working to see what they can add.
 - T. Nelson - any additional screening measures?
 - B. Rudick - they have not implemented thermometers at this time.
 - **A. Sierra: Caroline County Department of Emergency Services**
 - Supported Health Dept. mid-March through July.
 - Catching up on de-prioritized tasks due to COVID-19.
 - Plans to continue with a workgroup.
 - Training has also been a challenge - hoping to do some level of training in the fall.
 - Much of the training is done in schools which will pose an issue since some schools may not be open to allowing USSS to use their facilities (sanitizing expense, etc.).
 - Hoping to get some guidance from this group.
 - **J. Frank: Garrett Co.:**
 - Long EOC activation.
 - The Emergency Planning Committee had been moving forward with drill/TTX but it was tabled.
 - Hoping to get back on track.
 - Have a Western MD CCTA AAR conference call coming up.
 - Seen a huge increase in recreational activities.
 - A lot of COVID-19 positive folks have visited.
 - **J. Reginaldi & T. Thompson:MEMA**
 - State EOC (at Reisterstown) that has been reduced to being handled through duty officer, duty director & MJOC.
 - Continue to process requests working with Dept. of Health, regular calls.
 - Working with some other agencies in support.
 - Thanks from MEMA for everyone's assistance during this pandemic.



- **C. Warren:MD Dept. of Disabilities:**
 - Operationally, staff assigned to various agencies on mutual COVID-19 projects.
 - Rewriting the state's disability plan.
 - Manage complaints re: denial of support services.
 - Number of commissions they are working with (e.g., Next Gen 911).
- **R. Hanna: DHS:**
 - DHS partnered with GOHS & Balt. Co. PD last week - 300 participants for an AA presentation included a Stop The Bleed presentation.
 - Concern with targeting of hospitals to limit response to COVID-19; to impact critical infrastructure.
 - Offered DHS support to those who need it.
 - Daily push notification available if anyone wants to sign up.
- **K. Dietz:MDH:**
 - Thank you to all who have assisted MDH during the pandemic.
 - Most staff on telework & admin. leave.
 - Work on PPE surveys & many other COVID-19 related activities.
 - Resources will be curated and not just a laundry list.
 - Plan to continue participation in the AAIWG.

3. WEBPAGE UPDATE

- J. Gray - presented on the status of the web page.
 - Staffing changes at DoIT but have updated layout, included current resources.
 - Geared to be a resource versus re-writing a guidance document.
 - Website designed as a resource - toolbox approach.
 - Will be looking for feedback post meeting.
 - Will include the material/information that the AAIWG needs to maintain for public access.
 - Governance tab - looking for input as to how much detail this should include.
 - Goal is also to keep the website maintained and up to date, as well.
 - Screenshots will be sent out for the group to review.

4. ACTIVE ASSAILANT TRAINING & DRILLS

- Discussed an opportunity to collaborate with MCSS to develop guidance on conducting active assailant training and exercises during Covid-19
- K. Hession - re: guidance on how to continue with AA drills while considering COVID-19 restrictions and how schools will be operating (virtual or physical or some combination).
 - D. Pignataro - began with tracking of fire drills and evolved into seeking to determine how trainings for AA can be continued in the COVID-19 environment.
 - T. Nelson - what is the delivery tool needed?
 - D. Pignataro - a one-page infographic.



- J. Radcliffe - if masks & social distancing are required then while inside to proceed as normal (with masks) and then social distancing put in place once participants outside.
 - D. Pignataro - OSFM also supports the same idea for fire drills.
 - Concern about how this will impact long term “second nature” of AA training.
- T. Nelson - possibly a group to work on this project?
 - After developing this could be adapted to other areas such as the work place.
 - Goal to draft something for presentation & approval at the next AAIWG meeting.
 - If interested, contact L. Radja through AAIWG email.
 - Please respond by FRIDAY, JULY 24.

5. DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

- Provide an overview of documents that need to be reviewed by the Work Group:
 - Logo Policy
 - D. O’Croinin - currently in a draft format - seeking review and approval.
 - Anyone using the logo on documents that are external has to be approved by the work group.
 - Review would take approximately 30 days to complete
 - Some items may need to be reviewed by the State Ethics Commission
 - Table vote until next meeting - lost quorum of voting members.
 - Field Operations Guide Field Operations Guide (FOG)
 - J. Gray & J. Filer gave an update.
 - Trying to create an app format for FOG (J. Scholz).
 - J. Gray - minor formatting remains to be done.
 - To get an updated version distributed next week and to vote on at the next meeting.

6. WORK PLAN UPDATES

- Review work plan status -
 - Had 29 objectives total
 - Completed 3 of 29, 15 making progress, 2 are ongoing, 9 unstarted.
 - 28 had due dates of July or earlier.
 - Some staffing changes within subcommittees
 - Discuss next steps for updates
 - J. Gray - will be reaching out to discuss goals (considering impact of COVID) and establish new due dates.
 - J. Gray available to help where needed.



7. ACTION ITEM REVIEW

- Review assigned action items discussed during the meeting
 - SROs opinion draft project
 - AA Training in schools guide in the COVID-19 environment - request for volunteers - Due 7/24/20 by Friday.
 - Voting at next meeting - July minutes & logo policy
 - FOG review/voting
 - Website screenshot feedback
 - J. Gray - reaching out to subcommittees re: objectives
- Expect a list of action items to come out sometime next week.
- Schedule next meeting - Leesa to do a Doodle poll.

8. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN - MEETING END TIME: 11:38 a.m.