

Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

November 29, 2023



Welcome & Introductions

- ❖ **Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
- ❖ **Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
 - Introductions
 - Housekeeping
 - Restrooms
 - Wi-Fi
 - Breaks



Agenda

- ❖ **Presentation on Response & Recovery from 2018 Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting**
- ❖ **Support Services for Mass Casualty Events Pilot Training**
- ❖ **Working Lunch - Pilot Training Hotwash**
- ❖ **AAIWG Q4 Business Meeting**
- ❖ **Action Item Review**
- ❖ **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**



Response & Recovery from 2018 Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting



Presentation Feedback

Please share your feedback using the QR code below



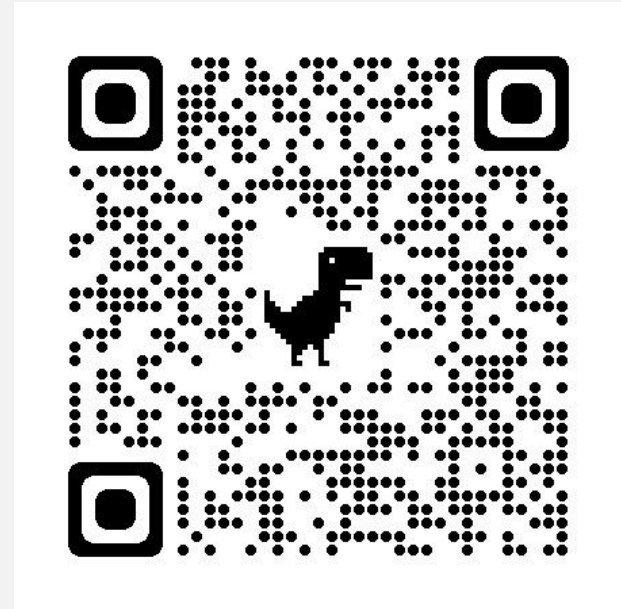
Support Services for Mass Casualty Events

Pilot Training



Support Services for Mass Casualty Events - Hotwash

- ❖ Identify aspects of the training content and/or structure you liked.
- ❖ Identify suggestions for improving the training content and/or structure.
- ❖ Now that you have seen the pilot, who should attend the first full offering?



Maryland AAIWG Q4 Business Meeting



Q4 Meeting Agenda

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ MCAC Current Events Update
- ❖ Subcommittee Updates
- ❖ Recent/Upcoming Events
- ❖ 2024 AAIWG Symposium/Workshop
- ❖ 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 September 8, 2023
 - Welcome back Tetra Tech support
 - Group photo



MCAC Current Events Update

- ❖ **Jessica Curtis, MCAC**
 - Current events update



Subcommittee Update

- ❖ Emergency People Search & Recovery
- ❖ Community Outreach/Website
- ❖ First Responder Guidelines



Emergency People Search & Recovery

- ❖ **Ms. Bethany Brown, MDHS**
 - Pilot training continued development
 - Next meeting




Community Outreach/Website

- ❖ **Ms. Rebecca Allyn, GOCPYVS**
- ❖ **Cpl. Karl Burnett, Prince George's Co. Sheriff Office**
 - Progress update
 - Next meeting



First Responder Guidelines

- ◆ Scott Haas, Queen Anne's Co. DES
- ◆ Jerry Immler, SHA, Office of Homeland Security & Occupational Safety
 - Ballistics Protective Equipment Guidance & Recommendations for Fire/Rescue/EMS finalization update
 - RTF Exercises: Weapons Guidance 1-pager
 - Next meeting


Rescue Task Force Exercises: Weapons Guidance 

This document provides considerations for planning, conducting, and evaluating a Rescue Task Force exercises where Fire/Rescue, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Law Enforcement personnel will be participating. Specifically, this document focuses on considerations surrounding the use of weapons as part of exercise play and details a step-by-step process for determining an exercise weapons policy that best meets the needs of all participants. The information contained herein was compiled through various documents authored by subject matter experts and aims to serve as guidance and recommendations, not as prescriptive requirements.


Pre-Exercise

Successful exercises require significant planning to ensure a productive and safe learning experience for participants. Like any other exercise, rescue task force exercises should follow the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) process to plan, deliver, and evaluate the exercise. The steps below are intended to provide additional context to exercise planners as they implement the HSEEP planning process.


What are the objectives of the exercise?


 The exercise planning team should first determine the objectives of the exercise, prior to determining what types of weapons are most appropriate. Consistent with HSEEP, the initial step in planning any exercise is to first determine the objectives of the exercise. Rescue task force exercises are no exception to this process. The exercise planning team should first determine the objectives of the exercise. In some cases, an exercise may be designed to allow participants to gain familiarity with rescue task force operations and support skill development for participants who may have less experience. In other instances, exercise objectives may seek to create a highly realistic environment for more experienced participants to refine their skills.


Which type(s) of weapons best support exercise objectives?

 Weapons should be selected to best support exercise objectives, weighing the pros and cons of each weapon option. Once exercise objectives have been developed, the exercise planning team can determine the most appropriate type of weapon to help achieve exercise objectives. If participants have less experience and the exercise is focused on skill development, simulated weapons might be most appropriate. However, if the exercise seeks to create a highly realistic experience for more experienced participants, real weapons might be a better option. The exercise planning team will also need to consider the resource requirements associated with each option in making this determination. Using real weapons requires additional safety checks and personnel to ensure a safe exercise environment.

Who needs to be notified?

 Exercise participants should be notified ahead of time of the weapons policy for the exercise. Once a decision has been made on the appropriate type of weapon, that information should be regularly communicated throughout the exercise planning process. Additionally, participants should be made aware of the weapons policy when they are invited to the exercise so there is no confusion on exercise day. The general public should also be made aware that an exercise is happening through public information officers for participating organizations.



 Questions? Email aaiwg.mdem@maryland.gov DRAFT



Recent & Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
- ❖ **Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
 - Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference
 - ALERTT Conference
 - M&T Exercise (12/6/2023)
 - Homeland Holiday Hero Award - State Homeland Security Person/Team of the Year
 - Upcoming conferences in 2024?



2024 AAIWG Workshop Planning

- ❖ **Sgt. Travis Nelson, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
- ❖ **Mr. Randy Linthicum, Co-Chair, MD AAIWG**
 - Review 2022 hotwash takeaways (Dec. 2022 meeting)
 - 2024 Workshop planning discussion



Summary of 2022 Symposium Feedback & Hotwash

❖ Topics/Presentations:

- Shorter keynote
- Breakout sessions to allow smaller groups and more targeted topics
- Like learning what other counties are doing
- Lessons learned from recent events/case studies
- Rescue Task Force

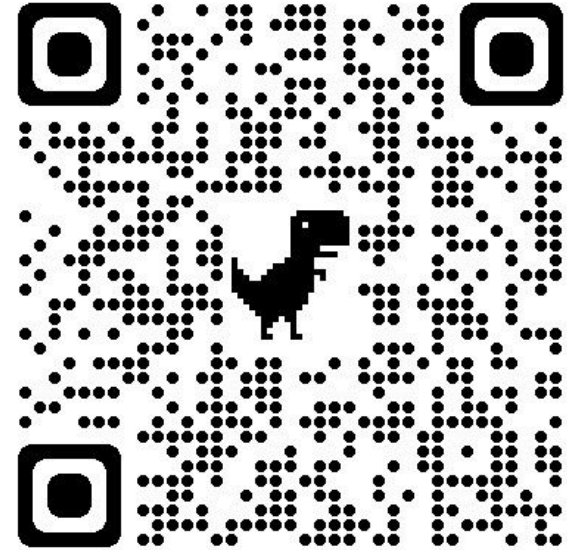
❖ Logistics:

- High no-show rate (101 no shows, 221 attendees)
- A/V issues
- Slides available for note-taking



2024 AAIWG Workshop Planning Discussion

- ❖ Interest?
- ❖ Date, Location, Target Audience
- ❖ Topics
- ❖ *Please scan the QR code and complete the form if you are interested in supporting Workshop planning*



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
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Adjourn

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