



Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group

November 29, 2023

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis, 210 Holiday Court

IN ATTENDANCE: R. Mueck, A. Frenette, L. Spicknall, A. Flasch, J. Pignataro, J. Curtis, M. Deppen, D. McGregor, R. Linthicum, T. Nelson, H. Hasenpusch, L. Jones, S. Haas, L. Morris, E. Borneman, J. Immler, K. Burnett, M. Klinger, M. McConnell, J. Friedman, L. Radja, J. Gray, K. Bryson, D. Corbin

MEETING MINUTES

START TIME: 1:19 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS - quorum not met

- Introductions - introduced Josh Friedman, Asst. Atty General acting as AAIWG legal representative.
- Approval of meeting minutes from 9/8/23 - deferred to next meeting
- Group photo

2. MCAC CURRENT EVENTS UPDATE

- Overview of recent active assailant incidents and successful prevention activities - presented by Jessica Curtis/MCAC

3. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Review status of subcommittee activities
 - Emergency People Search (Bethany Brown)
 - Completed a pilot training this morning
 - Community Outreach/Website (Karl Burnett)
 - Photo to update website
 - Links are all updated
 - First Responder Guidelines (Scott Haas)
 - One document pending - Weapons Guidance for Training document, pending final recommendations
 - Ballistic document is finalized - needs to be added to website

4. RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Review recent and upcoming events with AAIWG participation
 - Mid-Atlantic Life Safety presentation - successful conference
 - Will check Google analytics for the website to check response
 - ALERRT Conference
 - M&T Exercise - 12/6/23
 - Will be looking at after action from this exercise



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- Homeland Holiday Hero Award - State Homeland Security Person/Team of the Year - Travis & Randy will be recognized on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023
 - 2024 Conferences:
 - MSFA
 - Mid-Atlantic Life Safety
 - MHEC, Univ of MD System – hosting a campus safety summit next Monday in Baltimore
 - Others? - Please submit recommendations

5. 2024 AAIWG SYMPOSIUM PLANNING

- Initial planning discussion related to hosting an AAIWG symposium event in 2024
 - Grant funding available
 - Early 2024
 - Review of 2022 symposium
 - High no show rate
 - Request for breakout sessions
 - Shorter keynote
 - QR code to express interest in planning & suggestions
 - Suggestions from work group:
 - MFRI – strongly worded email the first time, bottom of the list second time, denied training third time.
 - If you are coming, confirm. If you do not reply, you're off the list.
 - Look at conference platform options (Canva).
 - Pre-registering for breakout sessions.
 - Exec Brief portion.
 - Agencies responsible for their own people – Marcia can corral MDEM people (for example).
 - Assign rep at each agency to manage their agency's RSVPs.
 - Like that the symposium is not every year, so content isn't redundant.
 - Crowded in the room during last year's symposium, even with 100 no-shows. Maybe reduce # of available seats or a different venue.
 - Consider long tables instead of circular/diff room configuration.
 - Aim for early spring 2024.

6. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE



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- DHS/A. Wilson - DHS Science & Technology is working with MSite - study on threat assessment & management - would like to interview actual users - please send any suggestions to Ashely Wilson
 - MCSS/D. Pignataro - recommending "I Love You Guys" materials and would like feedback from the AAIWG.
 - A. Flasch - in response to meeting with multiple houses of worship and facility security coverage. Some houses of worship feel targeted (Jewish and Muslim congregations). Having security personnel on site with the ability to be armed will slow down an assailant.
 - Security Guard funding - \$40K cap, getting \$1 million out the door. Helps to offset the cost of security, bridges the gap.
 - Designated for NGOs and Houses of Worship. Grant. Many will apply, will get evaluated based on grant criteria, then award.
 - \$15mm for physical upgrades for facility.

7. ACTION ITEM REVIEW

- First Responder Guidelines - Ballistic document is finalized - needs to be added to website
- Submit any conference recommendations for 2024
- 2024 Symposium - respond to QR code
- Feedback to Bethany's EPS&R training requested
- Potential to repeat this style meeting once per year? Feedback appreciated.

8. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN

END TIME:2:00 p.m.