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HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Date and Location:

February 7, 2020
1970 W. Broad St., Conference Room 1106
Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present:

David Gerstner (Chair), Deanna Harris, Eric Burgess, Jeffrey Jackson, Christopher Kyer, Mark Resanovich

Committee Members Absent:

Karen Beavers; Micah Stoll; Dr. Michael Zorko

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:

James Burke, EMS Chief, Education/Fire Testing; Aria Sovann, EMS Support

State Partners Present:

None

Public Present:

None

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am and introductions were made.

Review of January 10, 2020 Minutes

The minutes for January 10, 2020 meeting of the subcommittee were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Homeland Security Subcommittee meeting minutes from November 1, 2019.

Christopher Kyer– First. Jeffrey Jackson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Homeland Security issues and concerns



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- Vice Chair of Homeland Security Geoffrey Dutton has resigned. Jeffrey Jackson has stepped up and volunteered as Vice Chair, and was approved unanimously.
- There has been a big increase of attacks around the world. A subcommittee from Dayton MMRS met and discussed issues related to terrorist risks for healthcare and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The increasing attacks include edged weapons and usage of fire and smoke as weapons (FSW). Law enforcement and other agencies have been hit with cyber attacks known as doxing. Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) is being used to encourage attacks.
- In Hong Kong a building that was going to be used to quarantine people for coronavirus was firebombed in protest.
- Ohio Health Department's (ODH) advice regarding the Coronavirus is to quarantine or isolate at home if hospitalization is not required. For those who cannot quarantine at home, every county in the state of Ohio has a plan for safe housing; however, this does not come without issues.
- A women in a Florida Walmart was arrested after trying to ignite a bomb with materials that she gathered inside the store.
- The committee came up with goals for the year 2020. Things to focus on are: RTF, TEMS, triage, and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Manual. The Human Resource Committee (HRC) pillars will not be returning to Homeland Security. There will also be future discussion and preparing documents for improving preparedness of EMS of Ohio in the event of a pandemic.

New Business

Novel Coronavirus 2019

The Governor's cabinet met and ODH was tasked on taking point on the Corona Virus. The recommendation for the Coronavirus and other respiratory viruses are use of N95 or higher masks for providers. N-95 masks must be fit-tested.

People who are traveling and are coming back from China are categorized depending on their risk levels. An individual who is actually sick is the highest risk level. He/she is put into a hospital and is isolated. Some persons are categorized as Persons Under Investigation (PUI). Some individuals are told to self-monitor. In some cases



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there is active monitoring where the health department is going out to see the individuals and checking their temperatures.

There are no confirmed cases in Ohio. Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Washington, and Arizona have US cases. The Coronavirus is transmitted easily. Mortality rate has dropped to 2%, but is still higher than the seasonal influenza rate. 99.2% of all cases are inside of China. The United States (US) has taken extraordinary steps to combat the virus. A person cannot enter the US from China unless they are a US citizen or an air crew. Recommendations from ODH for transferring a PUI is close to the Ebola standards. The PUI is only to be transported in sealed medic that can be easily decontaminated. The driver's compartment must be sealed off, N95 mask are to be worn by the crew, and the air should not be recirculated.

Report to the Board

Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) is having their Board meeting on February 11-13, 2020. Newly appointed Vice Chair Jackson will be representing Homeland Security committee at the Board meeting. He will be presenting the Board with Homeland Security Committee accomplishments. Homeland Security has worked closely with ODH, Human Resources Committee (HRC), and OPATA.

Homeland Security worked with ODH in getting the CHEMPACK training out and to help produce and disseminate a job action sheet.

Updates from HRC are requested every meeting.

Rescue Task Force (RTF) was reviewed, updated, and improved upon with the help of Homeland Security. There will be a RTF conference this year.

New assignments by Scope of Practice (Medical Oversight Committee)

Tactical EMS (TEMS)

The committee is waiting on language to be finalized and approved by the Board for the endorsement.

Rescue Task Force operations

No further updates on these items this month.

Old Business

CHEMPACK

No further updates on these items this month.



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Rescue Task Force “Best Practices” Conference

RTF Conference will be held sometime between the end of September and the beginning October in conjunction with the Attorney General (AG) Law Enforcement Conference. Guest speakers for the conference will be from the Cincinnati Fire Department and Las Vegas Metro Emergency Management.

Review of the Rescue Task Force/Active Shooter training program

No further updates on these items this month.

Improve Quality of Patient Care Pillar – Human Resources Committee update

HRC will be presenting their continuing education proposal at the upcoming Board meeting.

Improve Population Health through Prevention & Wellness Pillar– Human Resources Committee update

HRC met with Columbus/Dublin Springs Mental Health and Save a Warrior (SAW) group. They are looking into developing a train-the-trainers class on techniques and protection against post-traumatic stress (PTS).

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Manual

No further updates on these items this month.

Recap of action items

No action items were assigned this month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 12:18 pm. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

April 3, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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