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## HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

### Subcommittee Meeting Date and Location:

July 10, 2020

Virtual Microsoft Teams® Meeting

### Subcommittee Members Present:

David Gerstner (Chair), Jeffrey Jackson (Vice Chair), Eric Burgess, Christopher Kyer, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Michael Zorko

### Subcommittee Members Absent:

Deanna Harris, Karen Beavers, Micah Stoll,

### DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:

Robert Wagoner, Interim Executive Director; Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director; James Burke, Section Chief of Education and Testing; Ted Kienzle, EMS Support; Aria Sovann, EMS Support

### Public Present:

None

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### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 am and introductions were made.

Review of June 5, 2020 Draft Minutes

Homeland Security Subcommittee draft minutes for May 1, 2020 were reviewed.

***ACTION:*** Motion to approve the Homeland Security Subcommittee meeting minutes from May 1, 2020.

Christopher Kyer– First. Mark Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

### Homeland Security issues and concerns

There was an incident in Virginia where a man, who is a part of a group called INCELS, short for involuntary celibate, showed up at the hospital after having had an explosion in his home. The 23 year old had been amassing multiple weapons including multiple bomb making materials, some of which was triacetone triperoxide (TATP). TATP is notoriously unstable and easy to set off.



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There is a movement termed Boogaloo, which is named after an old movie from the 80s called Breaking 2 Electric Boogaloo. A group of people started using the term Civil War 2 Boogaloo with the idea that there should be a second civil war to overturn all the civil rights laws and lots of other things. This is connected loosely with the Sovereign Citizen Movement and with multiple white power movements. There have been several recent incidences of violence connected with the Boogaloo movement.

## **Standing Agenda**

### **Special Pathogens Preparedness/ Pandemic Preparedness & COVID-19 Response Issues**

The Ebola outbreak in the Northeast of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has finally come to an end up after almost two years. It was declared over by the World Health Organization (WHO) sometime the last week of June after more than 3,000 total cases and more than 2,000 deaths. Almost simultaneously in the Northwest of DRC, there was a new outbreak of Ebola.

There is new single case of bubonic plague in Inner Mongolia China. The average case in the United States (US) per year is around 8 cases, almost all in the Southwest. The bubonic plague in Wyoming had specific instructions not to go around any of the prairie dog holes or have anything to do with prairie dogs because they carry the fleas that carry the bubonic plague. Wyoming has cases intermittently. Fluoroquinolone drugs like levofloxacin (Levoquin<sup>®</sup>) and ciprofloxacin (Cipro<sup>®</sup>) can treat the bubonic plague if a person is diagnosed.

There's an outbreak of a new strain of swine flu in China.

### **COVID-19 SitRep**

The personal protective equipment (PPE) supply chain seems to have caught up for the time being; however, there's caution that there is going to be some more drain on the PPE in the coming days or weeks. The Ohio Department of Health and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is working very hard with various partners to continue to find supplies and stockpile.

A nursing home in Cuyahoga County had an outbreak in which both several residents and a number of staff have been tested positive and they were working on that situation.

Hospitals in West Central Ohio are seeing a dramatic increase of patients who are COVID-19 positive, but the number of patients on ventilators is trending down.

Dole Fresh Vegetable Company plant in Springfield, OH with 900 employees have almost 200 people who are COVID-19 positive or probable.

There 12 counties that are now listed as level 3. The alert indicator that determines this is: there are seven new cases per capita, sustained increase in new cases, proportion of cases (not congregate cases), sustained increase in emergency room visits, sustained increase in outpatient visit, sustained increase in new COVID-19 hospital admissions and intensive care unit bed occupancy. There are four levels of alert: Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple.



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Based on these the highest level is purple, which means there's severe exposure and spread. The map online is at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.

As of the evening before the meeting, there was over 400 million pieces of PPE in stock. Gowns, which are used quite a bit, are the lowest.

The Washington Post is looking at the possibility that the transmission of the COVID-19 virus may be more via aerosol and air transmission than previously thought. This is pushing filtering face respirator manufacturers to ramp up production. If this is true, the reuse of N95 or face filtering respirators may not be able to be reused and have to be discarded after each single use which is going to increase the burn rate. Whether or not it is true remains to be seen. The article is based around communication of 200 scientists who sent a letter or a memo to the WHO saying that they believe this.

CDC guidance says wearing cloth masks is beneficial and can reduce the spread from an infected person to non-infected person.

### **EMS Operational Issues, including protocols/ LE Operational Issues**

There has been a series of Project ECHO calls which, in a medical emergency, is PPE used when the caller reports indicators of ineffective breathing at any point during case entry.

A number of calls from the federal EMS office in the University of New Mexico have talked about an increase in termination of resuscitation by EMS or field terminations. More regions in the field are seeing an uptake of cardiac and an increase in the number of overdoses.

### **Personnel, budget, and personnel retention issues**

There are variances in terms of what would be allowable as far as crews to help provide relief. There have been a number of private agencies who stopped providing care because of COVID-19 risk. There have been some issues with public safety personnel being put on quarantine impacting small agencies. Some stations now have guidance for mask wearing.

### **Opportunities for preparedness/ Planning for the future of the Pandemic**

Distance can reduce the transmission and the spread. The hot zones of the map in the state include a number of the patients and congregate settings, i.e., prisons and nursing homes. Sharing best practices and raising awareness can go a long way. People that are highly suspicious or have been exposed should be tested.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

### **Old Business**

#### **Review of the Rescue Task Force/Active Shooter Training Program**

No updates.



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### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

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***ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm.*** Christopher Kyer– First. Mark Zorko– Second. None opposed.  
None abstained. Motion approved.

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### **Next meeting:**

**August 7, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Microsoft Teams® Meeting**