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HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee Meeting Date and Location:

September 11, 2020

Virtual Microsoft Teams® Meeting

Subcommittee Members Present:

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

Subcommittee Members Absent:

Deanna Harris, Micah Stoll

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:

Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director; Aria Sovann, EMS Support; James Burke, Chief of EMS & Fire Education; Ted Kienzle, EMS Liaison

Public Present:

Nathaniel Bowers, IT Support; Jay Rhoades, IT Support; Ahamdu Sarnor, IT Support

Welcome and Introductions

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

Review of July 10, 2020 Draft Minutes

Homeland Security Subcommittee draft minutes July 10, 2020 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Homeland Security Subcommittee meeting minutes from May 1, 2020.
Christopher Kyer– First. Karen Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Homeland Security issues and concerns

The National Counterterrorism Center has a First Responder Toolbox that provides information about the persistent threat of terrorist ambush attacks on first responders and ISIS continuing to encourage arson attacks. Both are on the Communication & Information Management System (CIMS) website.



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There is a FBI document on personal protective equipment (PPE) fraud schemes. One of them is about a phishing scam that gave a phone number claiming to be the FBI stating that someone can call to verify if your PPE was coming from a valid supplier.

There have been multiple ramming attacks, including in Iowa and Germany, in the last few months.

Two members of the extremist group Boogaloo Bois were charged in Minnesota with conspiring to aid Hamas, a foreign terrorist organization,. They are members of a subgroup of called Boojahideen, whose stated goal is overthrowing government and replacing police forces.

Standing Agenda

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

The PowerPoint draft for EMS training module for influenza vaccination was shared with the committee and reviewed for questions and comments. A motion was made to accept the draft and to present it at the next Board meeting for approval. Once approved, the PowerPoint will be available on the Ohio Public Safety Training Campus.

ACTION: Motion to accept the PowerPoint draft for EMS training module for influenza vaccination.

Karen Beavers– First. Eric Burgess– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

COVID-19 SitRep

No updates.

Dispatch Issues, EMS Operational Issues, including protocols/LE Operational Issues Personnel, budget, and personnel retention issues Opportunities for preparedness/ Planning for the future of the Pandemic

The subcommittee members were polled regarding any activities in their respective local regions. The University of Dayton had a large COVID-19 outbreak. Other county cases are slowing down or staying the same.

A couple of long-term care facilities have refused readmission of COVID-positive patients. One nursing home was trying to send anyone who was COVID- positive to the emergency department to get them out of the nursing home and then would not accept readmission. If there is an incident like this, it needs to be reported to the Ohio Department of Health as they are the agency that is tasked with educating long-term care facilities. The facilities should have an area sequestered within the facility for persons under investigation or COVID-positive patients. EMS needs to report this type of activity to their local health department as should all hospitals and healthcare facilities that are trying to return patients back to their long-term facilities. Every long-term care facility needs to institute the measures necessary to house COVID-positive patients or persons under investigation in a manner that protects the residents and the staff of the facility.



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There have been reports of private EMS serves that are not willing to transport known COVID-positive patients. This may be due to multiple factors including, but not limited to, removal of an ambulance from service in an agency or community where this resource is extremely limited. This is one factor that can impact the decision-making process for the transport of a person with any highly infectious disease.

The CDC has an updated interim EMS guidance found on their website addressing protocols about how to decontaminate an ambulance to get it back in service.

One county is using an electrostatic spray gun to disinfect. Other counties are using some form of Ultraviolet C (UVC) in terms of rapid decontamination.

New Business

For awareness purposes only, Dr. Cunningham informed the Subcommittee that there have been some issues surrounding the safety of ketamine as highlighted in the media following deaths during or shortly after persons being placed in police custody. The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Medical Directors Council had a meeting to discuss the subject. They are exploring a potential partnership of NASEMSO with the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to generate a unified position statement to support the safety of administration of ketamine by EMS providers within their role of providing medical care to agitated or uncooperative patients.

Old Business

Review of the Rescue Task Force/Active Shooter Training Program

No updates.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51pm.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 11:51 pm. Karen Beavers– First. Jeffrey Jackson– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

October 2, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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