

Mr. Mauskapf reported the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) embraced Costco as a distribution point for the public in dispensing medical countermeasures.

Mr. Mauskapf explained the VDH utilizes planned events as opportunities for training exercises. At the World Police and Fire Games, VDH supported Fairfax by deploying medical reserve to track any diseases and unknown pathogens by using a surveillance program.

Mr. Mauskapf updated the Panel on the Ebola global situation and how it is now subsiding. The Ebola incidents in Liberia have almost been zeroed out.

Panel member Margaret Vanderhye asked Mr. Mauskapf if with the next crisis, there could be a use of drone technology to deliver medicine to inaccessible areas. Mr. Mauskapf discussed recent used case study going in southwest Virginia. The drones in the study are small, so they could only deliver to one person at a time. To deliver a mass amount of medicine, there would need to be a larger drone or many smaller drones.

Law Enforcement and Technology Sub-Panel Update

Nicky Zamostny briefed the Panel on the last Law Enforcement and Technology Sub-Panel meeting which focused on body worn cameras. Arizona representatives presented to the sub-panel and reported on their extensive pilot program. Arizona was able to derive results from their study.

Secure Commonwealth Strategic Plan Revision Discussion

Deputy Secretary Thiel reported to the Panel that the Secure Commonwealth Strategic Sub Panel met for the first time on July 13th to discuss the existing draft plan. The Sub Panel will send the draft to the full panel in the next week with instructions on how to provide comments. The final draft will be ready for the November 19th SCP meeting.

Deputy Secretary Thiel highlighted efforts to transition from being a detailed strategic plan to more of a framework and policy document.

Panel member Mike Melo was pleased to see the document as easy to understand and how it accurately reflects the challenges seen by first responders today.

Review Potential Legislative Recommendations

Deputy Secretary Thiel briefed the Panel on recommendations for considerations in the future. The Cyber Commission's report is in its final state, and anticipates recommendations coming from the commission once published. Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission will have their next meeting on August 31st. Many working groups have come up with recommendations that will generate legislative ideas for the coming session.

UAV/Drone Use in Virginia

Deputy Secretary Thiel reported activity regarding UAV use. The Governor has recently announced a commission on unmanned systems. We are still identifying the need to bring together subject matter experts to look at use cases, model policies, and guidelines for first responders.

Secretary Moran mentioned the Governor has created a commission revolving around research and education on drones. Virginia Tech is one of six test sites that use and test drones.

Delegate Bill DeSteph mentioned that the Panel needs to focus on what needs to be done and what has already been covered. He would like to serve on the Panel.

Panel member Jim Redick would like to leverage this technology. Drone use with cameras could be made available to emergency managers in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and help different agencies.

C-THIRA & SHSP Grant Allocations

Brett Burdick briefed the Panel on the Commonwealth Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (C-THIRA) which discusses the threats and hazards confronting the Commonwealth. The difference between THIRA and C-THIRA is that THIRA is federally mandated and C-THIRA is state code mandated. C-THIRA may assist localities to better focus their priorities for grant applications by understanding the threats they face.

In reference to DHS grant funding, Panel member Marquez asked if grant funding is year to year, and if it is going down. Mr. Burdick responded that it is decreasing.

Dr. Stern explained to the Panel that 83% of emergency management in the Commonwealth relies on federal grants. Contingency plans are under development to identify what critical function would continue should this funding end.

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Marquez suggested approving the meeting minutes from May 21, 2015. Secretary Moran, with the consensus of the Panel, approved the minutes.

HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition

Deputy Secretary Thiel updated the Panel on the National Disaster Resilience Competition. He reported that Virginia was one of forty jurisdictions moving onto Phase 2. The deadline for the Phase 2 application is October 27th. Because of HUD's stringent guidelines, Virginia includes three eligible localities.

Governor's Rail Safety and Security Task Force Update

Deputy Secretary Thiel reported to the Panel that shortly after the initial Task Force report was released, there was an Amtrak derailment. Agencies are working on training, and the Department of Fire programs is looking at additional resources for firefighting. Fire programs and VDEM completed training on a new statewide mutual aid tracking system that will help better manage and leverage statewide and regional assets.

Panel member Marquez asked if the state has a classification system about information being sensitive. Deputy Thiel said that Virginia can't classify anything, and that the Commonwealth can only safeguard information.

Cyber Security Update

Shawn Talmadge briefed the Panel on cyber security throughout the Commonwealth. The Cyber Commission Report, due to be published in September, contains twenty-seven recommendations. The recent focus of the Cyber Response Working Group has been an annex to the Commonwealth Emergency Operations Plan. It is in the second iteration of draft.

Closing Remarks

Secretary Moran adjourned the meeting.