



Secure Commonwealth Panel

West Reading Room – Patrick Henry Building

1111 East Broad St.

Richmond, Virginia 23219

May 21, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Hon. Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Cathie Hutchins, Designee for Attorney General Mark Herring

Jim Redick, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response – City of Norfolk

Lt Col. Patrick DeConcini, President of DeConcini & Associates, LLC

Mike Hamlar, Owner, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home

John Bell, Deputy Chief of Police, Virginia Beach Police Department

Del. William DeSteph, House of Delegates of Virginia

Sen. John Watkins, Senate of Virginia

Dan Jenkins, Director, Corporate Security, Safety & Health, Dominion Resources Services, Inc.

Dr. Rueben Varghese, District Director, Arlington County Health District

John Braun, President and Chairman of the Board - Dynamis, Inc.

Tim Janes, Capital One

Dario Marquez, President, Chairman, CEO, & Co-Founder, MVM, Inc.

Ronique Day, Designee for Aubrey Layne, Jr. Secretary of Transportation

Clerk Mercer, Designee for Lt. Governor Ralph Northam

Mike Mohler, President, Virginia Professional Fire Fighters

Del. Joseph C. Lindsey, House of Delegates of Virginia

Dr. David Trump, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Secretary Brian Moran, Chair, opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

Member Introductions

Introductions were made by the Panel.

Adoption of Minutes

Isaac Janak suggested approving the meeting minutes from October 21, 2014, and February 12, 2015. Secretary Moran, with the consensus of the Panel, approved the minutes.

Cyber Security Update

Mr. Janak updated the Panel on cyber security efforts throughout the Commonwealth. He informed the Panel about the Cyber Crime Working Group partnering with the Office of the Attorney General and the Virginia State Police to gather statistics on cyber crime cases and investigations.

Health and Human Resources Sub-Panel Update

Bob Mauskapf updated the Panel on the emerging Ebola threat. He informed the Panel Liberia has not seen a new case in months. He stated 11,000 people in New York, Maryland, and Virginia processed through monitoring programs since October.

Mr. Mauskapf informed the Panel of an exercise which occurred this past November. A proof of concept, after action report, and updated plan were all established. The exercise assisted local municipalities understand what to do in a worst case Ebola scenario. In the event of an emergency, there is a website which provides pre-scripted messages including a list of state and federal resources available and accessible by the public.

Dr. Marisa Levine reported on national level efforts to better prepare the United States healthcare system in responding to Ebola type events.

Dr. David Trump indicated Virginia has two Ebola treatment centers: UVA and VCU. VCU also leads the effort in FEMA Region 3 which includes: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Law Enforcement Technology Sub-Panel Update

Deputy Chief John Bell provided an update on their discussion held in Virginia Beach. He reported a number of issues discussed surrounding law enforcement technologies including privacy issues concerning the circumstances in which an officer would have the right to record the public. Another issue discussed during the Sub Panel meeting was whether or not video recordings would be eligible for exemption under the current Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) statutes.

Senator Watkins indicated the sub-panel would develop several actionable recommendations for the Panel to consider at its next full meeting.

Dario Marquez asked whether recommendations would focus at the local or state law enforcement levels and recommended local stakeholders participate in formation of any recommendations. Deputy Chief Bell concurred and indicated the Sub Panel would ensure collaboration with appropriate stakeholders.

HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition

Deputy Secretary Thiel briefed the Panel on the National Disaster Resilience Competition. He reported Virginia was announced as a Phase 1 winner in mid-June so now the state will participate in Phase 2 of the competition. Phase 2 will outline and nominate specific resilience projects for consideration in the state application. The application is due in late October.

Governor's Rail Safety and Security Task Force Update

Deputy Secretary Thiel reported the initial Railroad Safety and Security Task Force Report was released on May 1, 2015, one year and a day after the Lynchburg derailment. Multiple state agency and railroad industry representatives were involved in providing input to the report. There were more than 100 recommendations which were consolidated down to 55.

While the final report has been published, Deputy Secretary Thiel emphasized the work of the Task Force is not complete. The Task Force will continue its efforts in researching specific planning considerations for high hazard flammable trains and additional notification requirements to better protect the Commonwealth.

Mike Mohler asked if the Task Force discussed recommendations to hire more railroad inspectors. Deputy Secretary Thiel indicated within months of the derailment, the State Corporation Commission (SCC) hired additional inspectors.

Hurricane Preparedness

Curtis Brown reported the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) has focused on hurricane preparedness plans over the past year. The In-Season Review resulted in over 4 dozen recommendations made by over 200 stakeholders. Ongoing efforts include enhancing readiness, sheltering, and resilience.

Secure Commonwealth Strategic Plan Revision Discussion

Deputy Secretary Thiel indicated the draft plan in 2013 was never executed by the Secure Commonwealth Panel. The principal responsibility of the Panel is to draft, review, and approve the Secure Commonwealth Plan.

John Braun indicated the plan is too detailed and recommended it focus on strategy without language discussing implementation.

Tim Janes asked what the protocol for modifying the document would be. Deputy Secretary Thiel recommended rewriting the plan but ultimately, that decision is left to the Panel.

Secretary Moran suggested lengthening the agenda of the next meeting and setting aside more time for a detailed review of the current plan.

Dario Marquez mentioned with large groups, it is sometimes difficult to have meaningful discussions. He proposed forming a smaller group dedicated to reviewing and revising

the plan. Mr. Marquez also mentioned the previous plan was not flexible and treated all sector specific issues the same.

Deputy Chief Bell suggested having small groups to start the rewriting effort, then opening up at the end for the whole group while involving those Members who wrote the initial draft.

Lt Col. Patrick DeConcini suggested opening up a short period of time, e.g. 1 month, to comment, review, and update the Secure Commonwealth Plan. He then recommended holding a working group meeting to review all the comments and request public comment once a draft is compiled.

FirstNet and Interoperability Program Update

Deputy Secretary Thiel briefed the Panel on interoperability and explained interoperability includes the ability for different organizations to speak to each other across a network, not only by voice, but by data and video transmission as well. Deputy Secretary Thiel informed the Panel Members that the Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security would be partnering with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) to assist in data collection and outreach for FirstNet.

Deputy Secretary Thiel mentioned VDEM will engage staffing efforts and hiring a program manager to help with FirstNet.

Closing Remarks

Secretary Moran adjourned the meeting.