

Secure Commonwealth Panel

October 8, 2008

Outreach Sub Panel
&
Education Working Group



Outreach Sub Panel

- Chairperson – Greg Lucyk
- Last met on September 25, 2008
- Membership – Secure Commonwealth Panel members, VDEM, OCP, DMHMRSAS, Citizen Corps,



Outreach Sub Panel

□ Objectives

- Develop strategies for presenting successful Secure Commonwealth preparedness activities (such as Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and opportunities for education and training) to first responders, localities, emergency response non-profit organizations, businesses, media outlets and citizens of the Commonwealth.
- Identify opportunities for developing regional forums for citizens and local industry members to provide input to the Secure Commonwealth Panel.



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- Objectives continued
 - Ensure that people with disabilities, the elderly, and diverse and underserved populations are integrated into the emergency planning process.
 - Facilitate positive working relationships with localities to ensure that a coordinated preparedness process is implemented across the Commonwealth.



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- Cross Agency Coordination – We should make efforts to facilitate inter-agency collaboration, and promote positive working relationships among state agencies and local governments.
 - ID agencies with preparedness responsibilities
 - Survey agencies regarding achievements and gaps



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- Communication - Develop strategies for presenting successful Secure Commonwealth preparedness activities.
 - Promote preparedness through existing forums
 - Develop speakers bureau
 - Survey agencies involved in outreach
 - Develop website for local government to post and search for outreach programs



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- Preparedness for Persons with Special Needs - Ensure that people with disabilities, the elderly, and diverse and underserved populations are integrated into the emergency planning process.
 - ID agencies with monitoring responsibilities
 - Survey for achievements and gaps (coordinate with cross agency coordination survey)



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- Next Steps
 - Meeting on November 3
 - Focus on survey development for cross agency coordination
 - Develop website for Sub Panel to share resources



Education Working Group

- Chairperson – Kay Goss

- First meeting
 - September 11, 2008



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□ Membership

- Federal Agencies/Gov Cabinet – FEMA, Sec. of Education,
- State Agencies – Fire Program, Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Health, Education
- Local Agencies – Harrisonburg Fire, Richmond Public Schools,
- Associations – VA School Board Assoc,



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□ Goal

- To develop a plan for incorporating the culture of all hazards preparedness into K-5 grade curriculum within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This includes identifying the approach, curriculum and potential staffing needed to successfully bring this to the public education system.



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- Identify issues to be addressed as part of process, including:
 - Identify where fire programs education programs are active/staffed (develop map)
 - Identify what is practical and realistic to require that preparedness be incorporated into K-5 curriculum in every school in Virginia (code versus SOL, politics involved, etc)
 - Identify the existing curricula/products that are already available, examine the materials for completeness (all hazards approach)



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□ Approach

- Content should be All-hazards with a goal of heighten awareness
- Existing materials are plentiful
- Most preferred the integration into existing SOLS rather than creating new SOLS



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□ Next Steps

- Develop and release survey to see what resources are available/inventory of existing curriculum programs
- Consider using the current DCJS school safety audit/survey/assessment
- Suggestion to add crisis management to survey



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- Next Steps continued
 - Develop a single place for all preparedness resources
 - Find Best Practices/look at other states and counterparts of OCP/VDEM/DOE, etc.
 - Pilot program in select localities