



**State of Wisconsin
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Open Session Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021
9:00 AM – 9:43 AM

Members present: Chair Major General Paul Knapp (DMA), Superintendent Anthony Burrell (WI State Patrol), Chief David Erwin (Capitol Police), Jared Hoy (DOC), Dr. Jonathan Meiman (DHS), Acting Chief Jeffrey Norman (Milwaukee Police Department), Commissioner Ellen Nowak (PSC), Administrator Darrell Williams (WEM), Kelly Smithback (DATCP), David Woodbury (DNR), Chief Patrick Mitchell (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association), Chief Kevin Bierce (Fire Services), and Trina Zanow (DOA).

Members absent or excused: APWA vacancy.

Alternates present: Sheriff Kurt Picknell (Badger State Sheriff's Association), Ryan Shogren (DCI), Ryan Nilsestuen (Governor's Representative).

Quorum present.

General Paul Knapp called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

1. Call to order/roll call.
2. Opening remarks: Introduction and meeting directions from General Knapp.
3. Review and approval of the May 11, 2021 Open Session meeting minutes.
 - Motion made by David Erwin, second by Trina Zanow. Minutes approved as presented.



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4. Cybersecurity Sub-Committee Update

- Update from Trina Zanow. Continuing to advance physical and cybersecurity measures in the state and collaborating with various partners. The first meeting for the committee is on Thursday (July 15th). Representatives from various government bodies, tribes, and private entities will be involved, reviewing the Cyber Incident Response Annex, Cybersecurity Strategy and White House Executive order. Hoping to develop the overall cadence and rhythm of the committee and anticipate more work groups in the future. Updates will be brought back to this group.
- Introduction of Alan Greenberg, the new state Cyber Information Security Officer. Retired from the Army and worked in State government and utilities.
- Cyber Shield is next week, July 21st.

5. Homeland Security Council Strategy 2019-2022 discussion.

- General Paul Knapp asked all to review the strategy document to see if anything should be updated or changed and plan to have a discussion at the September meeting.

6. Agency Update from each Council member:

- DATCP – Kelly Smithback:
 - i. Staff are returning to the office. Preparing for Point Beach exercise and drill in August/September.
- Capital Police – David Erwin:
 - i. The Farmer’s Market is getting bigger. Security Assessment of the executive residence. Having staffing struggles, staffing down about a third. Offering signing bonuses, but also not enough academy classes.
- WI Chiefs – Patrick Mitchell:
 - i. Recruitment is down dramatically, very competitive recruitment environment. Jury trials are finally starting to resume. Large backlog in the system, will likely take years to catch up.
- DCI – Ryan Shogren:
 - i. Having retention problems, four executive team members have left DCI.
- Fire – Kevin Bierce
 - i. Also having recruiting issues. MABAS is on a day-to-day basis now.
- WEM – Dr. Williams:
 - i. Thanked law enforcement for all their efforts. Statewide drought issues, but rain has helped recently. Tracking security in Milwaukee for the Bucks games.



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- GOV – Ryan Nilsestuen:
 - i. Concerned with the situation in La Crosse.
- Badger Sheriffs Association – Sherriff Picknell:
 - i. Also seeing fewer applicants, but those that apply are of high quality.
- WSP – Anthony Burrell:
 - i. Graduating 42 cadets in a few weeks, which will break even with retirements. Will start another class in January.
- Milwaukee PD – Jeffrey Norman:
 - i. Also working on recruiting. Gave thanks for security help from State Patrol and National Guard. Getting ready for the NBA finals in Milwaukee.
- DNR – David Woodbury:
 - i. Retiring in October but will be here for the September meeting. Reviewing their Coop Plan with how things have changed in the past year. Dealing with PFAS issues.
- PSC – Ellen Nowak:
 - i. Looking to set up volunteer groups related to the water issues. Getting ready to update their cybersecurity awareness.
- DOC – Jared Hoy:
 - i. Very short staffed, down about 18% in security and about 30-40% position vacancy rates at some high security facilities, implementing mandatory overtime. Recently seen an uptick in synthetics coming in the mail at the facilities. Letters, etc. being soaked in the drug leaving no visible evidence of the drug. Had to shut down all mail at Fox Lake and had 25-30 ER visits due to drugs. Looking into shutting down regular mail statewide and using a scanning service. Original documents would be shredded, and inmates would receive scanned copies. Currently have 1,115 people sitting in local jails waiting on sentencing.
- DHS – Dr. Jonathan Meiman:
 - i. Working with the DNR on PFAS. COVID is still the focus and a large part in everything for DHS. Seeing a very slight uptick in cases statewide. Delta variant is becoming the main variant, 50% more transferrable than the UK variant, and vaccinations are still below 50% statewide, it's possible we could see a sustained uptick. Focusing on pockets of unvaccinated communities.
- DMA – General Paul Knapp:
 - i. On track for recruiting in the state and nationally in the National Guard. Have received more exposure to the public after COVID. Still have not been reimbursed by Congress for sending troops to help secure the US Capital.



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NG911 ESInet contract finalized and will possibly discuss GIS and governance of GIS data at the next meeting. Will be releasing the WISCOM RFP in a month or so. Two units from Wisconsin will be sent to the South West border. This was a presidential authorization, not from the Governor. 130 or so guard members from across the state will be going for a full year and will be paid by the Federal government.

7. Set date, time, and place of next meeting
 - September 7, 2021 at 9:00am.
8. Other Business
 - There was no other business.
9. Adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session at 9:43AM
 - Motion by Anthony Burrell, second by Sheriff Picknell.
 - Adjourn Open Session at 9:58am and take a 10-minute break.
10. Reconvene in Open Session at 11:01 AM
 - Motion to adjourn made by David Woodbury, second by Commissioner Nowak.
Motion Carried.
 - Open session adjourned at 11:02am.