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Open Session Meeting Minutes

US Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC)
6001 Manufacturers Drive,
Room J220
Madison, WI 53704

Tuesday, January 4, 2022
9:02 AM – 10:36 AM

Members present: Chair Major General Paul Knapp (DMA), Chief David Erwin (Capitol Police), Jared Hoy (DOC), Commissioner Ellen Nowak (PSC), Chief Patrick Mitchell (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association), Superintendent Anthony Burrell (WI State Patrol), Administrator Tina Virgil (DCI), Sheriff Kurt Picknell (Badger State Sheriffs' Association), Trina Zanow (DOA), Chief Jeffrey Norman (Milwaukee Police Department), Administrator Meagan Wolfe (WI Elections Commission).

Members absent: Chief Bierce (WI State Fire Chiefs).

Alternates present: Brian Knepper (DNR), Katie Sommers (WEM), Jeffrey Phillips (DHS), Lisa Broderick (DATCP), Jay Jurci (DCI).

1) Call to order/roll call.

- a) General Knapp called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
- b) Roll call taken, quorum present.

2) Opening remarks.

- a) General Knapp introduced incoming members of the Council:
 - i) Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission.
 - ii) Tina Virgil, Administrator of the Division of Criminal Investigation.



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- 3) Review and approval of the November 2, 2021, Open Session meeting minutes.
 - a) Motion made by Chief Erwin, second by Commissioner Nowak. Minutes approved as presented.
- 4) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2022 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR) and the DHS Strategic Plan – WI Inputs. MAJ Robbins.
 - a) General Knapp explained that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is in the process of conducting a strategic review of the threat environment and DHS essential mission functions to inform the development of the 2022 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and the DHS strategic plan.
 - b) DHS is seeking input for the review and the plan. This council will assist in providing the requested input. Specifically, the council will submit a combined response to the DHS questionnaire. The Homeland Security Review Report will offer recommendations on long-term strategy and priorities for Homeland Security.
 - c) Major Robbins facilitated discussion about the following:
 - High-priority missions for DHS and available resources.
 - DHS’s “blind spots.”
 - Future trends and threats.
 - Strategy for threats to cybersecurity
 - Aligning DHS’s performance management process to address the nation’s priorities.
 - Potential improvements to DHS’s capacity to use data and analytics for strategic policy development and decision making.
 - Lessons learned from COVID-19 to help prepare for future pandemics.
- 5) WI Homeland Security Council Strategic Plan Working Group Update. MAJ Robbins
 - a) Outlined the timeline for developing the plan and advised the need for additional members.
- 6) Cybersecurity Subcommittee Update. Ms. Zanow



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- a) Three new active members, DMA, DPI and UW. Developing action with government funds for education and training. Next meeting will highlight calendar of events, roles/responsibilities, who/when. Should be clear who is in the lead. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a one-time funding source - what is the best use from the state's perspective?

7) The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. LTC Sarah Frater

- a) LTC Frater identified key provisions of the Act, including funding and reporting requirements. There is a need for a committee staffed by cyber and IT professionals. They must be active participants. The ask is that Council members submit names by the end of January. The hope is to draft plans by March, but exact timeline has yet to be developed.
- b) Ms. Zanow commented that 80% of cybersecurity funding is applied to local governments. Training is not the best use of funds. Security assessments are a thing that can be performed. State matched funds make it difficult to enact who supports hardware and sustains it ongoing costs. One-time funding but a percentage must go to rural districts. Waiting on guidance regarding the specifics.
- c) LTC Frater suggested we could use initial one-time funding to purchase/upgrade systems to two-factor authentication as it would be costly to purchase at first and would have lower on-going costs afterwards.

8) Agency Update from each Council member.

- a) State Patrol - Superintendent Burrell:
 - i) One trooper from the State Patrol was lost due to COVID
- b) DOC – Mr. Hoy:
 - i) Putting finishing touches on disturbance exercise plan. Discussed recent storm damage clean-up. Fentanyl and synthetic drugs; there has been an uptick in the mail. Hired 3rd party vendor to image, scan, and copy mail. Inmates don't receive mailed copies unless it is a legal document.



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- c) DHS – Mr. Phillips:
 - i) Ft. McCoy is down to 5400 guests from Afghanistan. This number is down from approximately 13,000. Majority of remaining are medically fragile and awaiting a final settlement location.
- d) DMA – General Knapp:
 - i) National Guard is working with Department of Health Services to train temporary nursing assistants. They are receiving on the job training, and it is good for academic credits toward CNA.
- 9) Set date, time, and place of next meeting.
 - a) March 1, 2022, at 9:00am at AFRC; pay close attention to any changes/updates.
- 10) Adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session at 10:34 AM.
 - a) Motion by Chief Norman, second by Sheriff Picknell.
 - b) Adjourn Open Session at 10:34 am and take a 10-minute break.
- 11) Reconvene in Open Session at 11:06 AM.
 - a) Motion to adjourn by Sheriff Picknell, second by Ms. Virgil.
 - b) Motion carried. Open session adjourned at 11:08 AM.