



**The Final Report  
of the  
WISCONSIN HOMELAND  
SECURITY COUNCIL\***

**\*A non-statutory committee created under  
§14.019(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes**

**MAJ GEN PAUL E. KNAPP, HOMELAND  
SECURITY ADVISOR**

**January 2023**

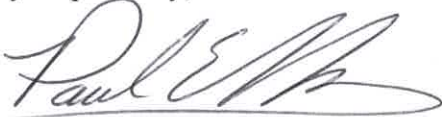
# LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

January 3, 2023

Dear Governor Evers:

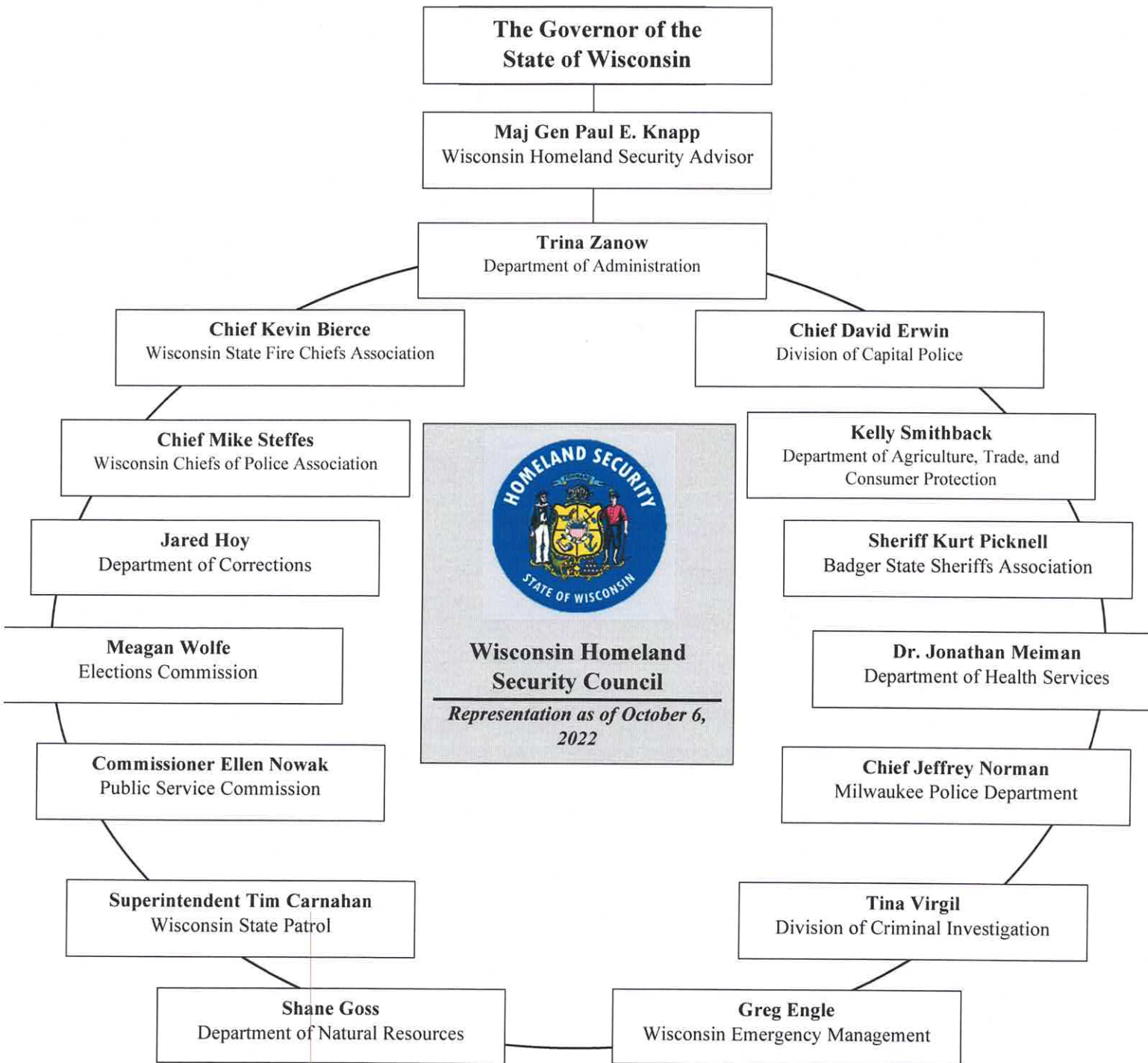
Enclosed is the final report of the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council, which was established by Executive Order #6. This report complies with section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which requires governor-created non-statutory committees to prepare and submit final reports to the governor-elect by the start of his or her new term. Besides addressing the council's purpose and composition, the report provides a chronological review of its activities and initiatives, starting in January 2019 and ending in December 2022.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul E. Knapp". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Paul E. Knapp  
Maj Gen, WI Department of Military Affairs  
The Adjutant General  
Wisconsin Homeland Security Advisor

# CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL



**Alternates include:**

DOA: Alan Greenberg  
 WEM: Katie Sommers, Paul Cooke  
 DHS: Natalie Easterday  
 DCI: Marshall Ogren  
 DOC: Joshua Nolte

PSC: Bob Seitz  
 DATCP: Lisa Broderick  
 WEC: Robert Kehoe  
 DNR: Brian Knepper  
 State Patrol: David Fish

Cap. Pol: Malanie Von Haden,  
 Chris Litzkow  
 Badger  
 Sheriffs: Mark Podoll  
 Police Chiefs: Jim Olson

# Executive Order #6



## **Executive Order #6**

### **Relating to Recreating Non-Statutory Committees**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14.019 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Governor, by executive order, to create and abolish non-statutory committees to conduct studies and advise the Governor;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 14.019 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, each committee created by the prior administration shall expire on January 28, 2019, unless a new executive order is issued to provide for the committee's continued existence;

**WHEREAS**, individuals now serving on such committees remain members until they resign, or until they are removed or replaced by action of the Governor, and

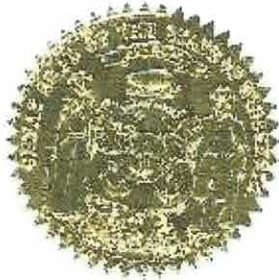
**WHEREAS**, such committees provide a valuable service to the people of the State of Wisconsin;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, do hereby recreate the following councils and committees, effective January 24, 2019, and require each council and committee to submit to me a final report, as required under Section 14.019 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes:

1. Early Childhood Advisory Council
2. Bicycle Coordinating Council
3. Birth to Three Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council
4. Council on Autism
5. Council on Veterans Employment
6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
7. Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities
8. Governor's Council on Financial Literacy
9. Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health
10. Governor's Council on Workforce Development
11. Governor's Information Technology Executive Steering Committee
12. Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Council
13. Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission
14. Historical Records Advisory Board
15. Homeland Security Council


16. Humanities Council
17. Independent Living Council of Wisconsin
18. State Rehabilitation Council
19. Telecommunications Relay Service Council
20. Wisconsin Coastal Management Council
21. Wisconsin Shared Services Executive Committee
22. Wisconsin Technology Committee

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty eighth day of January in the year two thousand nineteen.



  
TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State



## 2019 Highlights:

Conferences and Seminars	Events, Issues, or Topics Discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security.</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Counterterrorism Conference.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Cybersecurity Summit.</li> <li>• 2019 Wisconsin Interfaith Safety &amp; Security Symposium.</li> <li>• 2019 Dells-Delton Area Response Exercise Series Business Seminar.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterinary Medicine Disaster Selective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic briefing on Russian government cyber actors and election security needs.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on Russian influence in Venezuela and San Diego synagogue shooting.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on use of synthetic cannabinoids in prisons.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on drones.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on e-cigarette-related lung disease.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on bomb-making materials awareness.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on Wisconsin Homeland Security Strategy 2019-2022.</li> <li>• Member agencies of the Council participated in the following training exercises:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ebola transfer exercise</li> <li>○ InfoSec Security IQ Solution</li> <li>○ Fentanyl training</li> <li>○ Agricultural terrorism tabletop exercise</li> <li>○ Field force operational training</li> <li>○ Incident Command System training</li> <li>○ SIMCOM exercise</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member agencies responded to the following real-world man-made and natural hazards:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flooding</li> <li>○ Bovine Tuberculosis</li> <li>○ Ebola</li> <li>○ African swine fever</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussed the Disaster Recover Reform Act.</li> <li>• Homeland Security grant, EMPG performance grant, and EPCRA grant being rolled out.</li> <li>• FEMA Joint Field Office closed.</li> <li>• Licensure of industrial hemp.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Working Groups and Subcommittees</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wisconsin Cyber Strategic and Planning Working Group included refined goals in Wisconsin Homeland Security Strategy.</li> <li>• Comprehensive Response Working Group worked on a new damage assessment process.</li> <li>• CI/KR Working Group updated certain infrastructure lists.</li> </ul>	

**One Homeland Security Council Meeting in 2020 was held to focus on planning for 2021. All other meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19 safety precautions.**

## 2021 Highlights:

Conferences and Seminars	Events, Issues, or Topics Discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 National Summit on State Cybersecurity</li> <li>• 2021 Wisconsin Cybersecurity Summit</li> <li>• Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic briefing on the Christmas Day Nashville bombing.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on the SolarWinds data breach.</li> <li>• Strategic briefing on breaches at Federal Bureau of Investigation offices.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Working Groups and Subcommittees</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cybersecurity Subcommittee formed to emphasize awareness of cybersecurity threats.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reviewed the Cyber Incident Response Annex, Cybersecurity Strategy and White House Executive order.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposal that a Homeland Security Council Strategy working group be formed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the National Terrorism Advisory System bulletin and Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism.</li> <li>• Update on the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• Review of Homeland Security Grant Program Priorities.</li> <li>• Updates on cybersecurity threats (e.g., ransomware attacks, text hijacking)</li> <li>• Member agencies of the Council participated in the following training exercises:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Stand-down” for extremism</li> <li>○ Cyber-attack preparation</li> <li>○ Cyber Response Team quarterly training and annual exercise</li> <li>○ Search and Rescue training</li> <li>○ REP exercise for Point Beach</li> <li>○ Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member agencies responded to the following real-world man-made and natural hazards:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PFAS contamination</li> <li>○ Vaccine clinics</li> <li>○ Afghan refugees</li> <li>○ Swine fever</li> </ul> </li> <li>• National Guard Counterdrug Program conducted a campaign against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the homeland.</li> <li>• Prepared for National Basketball Association finals in Milwaukee.</li> <li>• Review of civil unrest protests from 2020.</li> </ul>



## 2022 Highlights:

Legislative Acts of Note	Events, Issues, or Topics Discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act allows for investment that modernizes roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, airports, broadband, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted a combined response to the Department of Homeland Security 2022 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and the Strategic Plan.</li> <li>Strategic briefing on misinformation on the internet.</li> <li>Strategic briefing on Chinese competition mechanisms.</li> <li>Strategic briefing on Russian cyber activities in Ukraine.</li> <li>Strategic briefing on domestic violent extremist threats.</li> <li>Strategic briefing on election security.</li> <li>Overview of current critical infrastructure provided.</li> <li>Overview of FFY 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program</li> <li>Member agencies of the Council participated in the following training exercises:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyber Response Team training</li> <li>Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant exercise</li> <li>Wisconsin Elections Security tabletop exercise</li> </ul> </li> <li>Member agencies responded to the following real-world man-made and natural hazards:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil unrest</li> <li>Avian flu</li> <li>Ukraine/Russia war</li> <li>Roe v. Wade protests</li> <li>Wildfires</li> <li>COVID-19</li> <li>RSV</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wisconsin Statewide Threat Assessment showed an increase in threats directed at government.</li> <li>Discussion on addressing disinformation regarding foreign influence and political violence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conferences and Seminars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management &amp; Homeland Security.</li> <li>2022 National Summit on State Cybersecurity.</li> <li>Women in Cybersecurity Conference. 2022 Wisconsin Cybersecurity Summit.</li> <li>2022 Wisconsin Governor's Cybersecurity Summit.</li> <li>Annual National Association of CIOs Conference.</li> <li>National Emergency Management Association Annual Forum.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Working Groups and Subcommittees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wisconsin Homeland Security Council Strategic Plan Working Group outlined the timeline for developing the plan.</li> <li>Cybersecurity Subcommittee developed action with government funds for education and training and revised the governing charter.</li> <li>Election Security Working Group discussed a scenario threatening elections security in a tabletop exercise.</li> </ul>	