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**Homeland Security Advisory Committee**

**Monthly BVCOG (Region 13) Meeting**

1330 June 29, 2022

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| Committee Chairman | Shelly Butts – Emergency Management Coordinator  Madison County Office of Emergency Management | | |
| Committee Vice Chair | Erik Maiorano- Emergency Management Coordinator- Robertson County | | |
| Type of Meeting | Monthly HSAC Meeting with Virtual Option | | |
| BVCOG Staff Members in Attendance | Cagan Baldree – Public Safety Planning Manager | | |
| HSAC Guests in Attendance | Cory Matthews- City of Bryan; Jason Ware Brazos Co. OEM; Judge Joe Fauth III Grimes Co.; Rob Santarsiero Brazos Co. Sheriff’s Office; Rich Giusti Fire Chief Bryan; Mitch Castor Buffalo ISD PD; Jeanelle Gottlob EMC Bryan FD. | | |
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| Homeland Security Advisory Committee Members in Attendance | | | |
| Brazos County | | | |
| Eric Buske |  | Patrick Corley |  |
| Peggi Goss | **Present** | Leslie Lutz | **Present** |
| Monica Martinez |  | David Dibello |  |
| Michele Meade | **Present** | Steve Aldrich |  |
| Paul Martinez |  | Kenneth Utz |  |
| Curtis Darby | **Present** | James Arnold |  |
| Rodney Sigler |  | Scott Smith |  |
| Santos Navarette |  | Tradd Mills | **Present** |
| Burleson County | | | |
| Charles Barnes |  | Dennis Gaas |  |
| Gene Hermes |  | Bill Perry |  |
| Duane Strange | **Present** | Jake Sullivan |  |
| Grimes County | | | |
| Katherine Dornak (Lee) |  | Todd Greene |  |
| Jason Katkoski |  | David Lilly | **Present** |
| Neal Wendele |  | Sinda Phelps |  |
| Leon County | | | |
| Byron Ryder | **Present** | Jerrod Jones |  |
| Jim Carrigan |  | Bobby Walters |  |
| Linda Richardson |  | Victor Smith |  |
| Jim Scott |  | Jackie Morrow |  |
| Kyle Workman |  | Jimmy Gifford |  |
| Madison County | | | |
| Bobby Adams |  | Richard Morris |  |
|  |  | Shelly Butts | **Present** |

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| Robertson County | | | |
| Adam Gallagher |  | Karen Box |  |
| Diana Ferrell |  | Rosa Hoyt |  |
| Erik Maiorano | **Present** | Gerald Yezak |  |
| Chuck Hairston | **Present** | Joe David Scarpinato | **Present** |
| Nester Leamon | **Present** | Dr. Stacy Allen Cude | **Present** |
| Washington County | | | |
| Kirk Hanath |  | Kevin Deramus |  |
| Dant Lange |  | Larry Neveux |  |
| John Chancellor | **Present** | Bryan Ruemke | **Present** |
| Jamie Woodall |  | Trey Holleway |  |
| Damon Cunningham | **Present** | Brian Sheffer |  |

1. **Call to Order** – Ms. Shelly Butts called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.
2. **Invocation –** The invocation was delivered by Ms. Shelly Butts.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Introductions** – Introductions were made by all members and staff physically present.
5. **Action Items**
   1. **Consider for Approval May 25, 2022, HSAC Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Michele Mead made a motion to approve the minutes with proposed changes, and Mr. David Lilly seconded. The motion carried.
6. **Committee Reports**
7. **Intelligence Subcommittee – Mr. Rob Santarsiero**: a. The Real Time Crime Center Grant was approved. This grant provides $388,000 to build the infrastructure and purchase equipment. While the infrastructure is waiting to be completed, the center will be housed at the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Santarsiero plans to meet with Sheriff Dicky soon to discuss the next steps. Mr. Santarsiero also plans on setting a date for an intelligence subcommittee to meet to discuss the needs of Brazos County and regional partners moving forward with the development of the Real Time Crime Center.

Mr. Santarsiero brought to attention that Crime Stoppers has announced a new car and the development of a local version of the DPS Stash House program. The Brazos County program will pay $1500 for information leading to what investigators believe will lead to a source supplying local dealers or towards the discovery/recovery of a trafficking victim. If the case looks transnational, it will be sent to DPS so the higher amount may be paid for the information.

BCSO was approached by Unbound seeking a partnership to develop a human trafficking task force for the region. This partnership would be OVC grant funded. The grant has been submitted and with a 25% match; it is a $2 million grant that will be split between BCSO and Unbound for 3 years. This funding will provide intelligence support along with additional advocates and resources for Unbound. This partnership will also involve FBI Houston and the BCSO is hopeful to receive the grant but will know by October 1st if it has been awarded the grant. This partnership has only been established in McLennan and Tarrant County so far.

1. **Strategic Documents Subcommittee – Mr. Cagan Baldree:** Mr. Baldree relayed that 24 finalized SPR questionnaire responses have been submitted. Mr. Baldree will disseminate the SPR responses out via email. Using the SPR questionnaire responses is necessary to start working on the SPR.
2. **County Updates:** Brazos County implemented a burn ban and is currently in the processing of preparing for a cyber security exercise, which will take place in August. An invitation is to be sent out to jurisdictional partners for the exercise soon. Grimes County is preparing for the 4th of July weekend by putting out citizens' advisory stating a burn ban and the potentiality of fines to a citizen for firework related fires in the county. In Burleson County, they completed the tower in Caldwell for BVWAC. They are currently waiting on equipment to be shipped from Motorola to finish the dispatch project. Burleson County also established a burn ban. Robertson County is implementing a Level 1 burn ban at midnight. Madison County is currently under a burn ban as well. Trying to get cybersecurity in line and working on transportation and annexes for TDEM to be submitted.
3. **Homeland Security Planner Updates- Cagan Baldree, BVCOG**:  Mr. Baldree announced a new incoming Homeland Security Planner and received official word from the state on the exact amount of funding given. Mr. Baldree presented the exact total numbers for SHSP grants. While projected to receive $375,000, the state awarded around $384,000. This amount is the normal SHSP and does not include the $388,000 for the new crime center. The state took cyber security and responding to DVE and pulled those out that this was 15% of State funding and from there they had statewide individual funding competitions based on those projects. The crime center was funded from state competition, while the Cybersecurity advisory committee was not funded by the state. All programs and items ranked from 3 to 10 down will receive partial funding. Mr. Baldree will email out that encompasses the information presented.

Mr. Baldree discussed the Percentage 5-year average completion report, stating that both adult and juvenile completeness reports need to be above 90% for each county. This completion above 90% allows eligibility for criminal justice and homeland security funding. Mr. Baldree emphasized that those processing reports need to be informed and set out to meet the turn in deadline of August 1st.

1. **Program Updates**
   1. Brazos Valley Communications Project- The construction of both projects in Madisonville and Caldwell has been completed. The grant aspects of the project are still being processing while waiting to see what future funding will be given for the upcoming fiscal year. This would be a 2-year grant and will not receive an answer on funding until the end of the summer or potentially the end of fall. The hope is to continue to fund more project and continue to build up the communications network more.
   2. Community Emergency Response Team- No updates given.
   3. Criminal Justice- No updates given.
   4. Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council- No updates given.
   5. Hazard Mitigation: Cagan Baldree- Public Safety Planning Program Manager-. Regarding the CDBG-MIT MOD Mr. Baldree clarified that the CDBG mitigation money that the state received was broken up into different categories. The 4 original national disaster declared counties told they had the potential to receive a large sum of money, in tangent to the money allocated for counties was a large sum allocated for state competitions. The sum of money set for state competitions differs from the allocated CDBG-MIT MOD funds that the BVCOG distributes.

Mr. Baldree informed the committee that Todd Mission and Midway have completed and submitted surveys to the state for approval to receive a more accurate LMI number. Once the state gives approval, Mr. Baldree with schedule the second hearing on the subject. The documents are expected to be processed within the week and Mr. Baldree will continue to provide updates with information as he is informed.

1. **Important Dates –**

a.    **7/5:**The National Critical Infrastructure Protection Program nominations for the region are due. Mr. Baldree has scheduled a call with DPS to receive more information on what information it should include in the list of nominations. DPS is collecting information for DHS, will also look at contacting DHS for more information.

b.    **8/3:** Bryan Police and Fire Departments, along with community members, will spearhead an active shooter/active assailant exercise and will provide more information in the future.

1. **Public Comments:** The G449 class has been cancelled because of a lack of students that meet course prerequisites and a lack of instructors making Brazos County unable to host.

Mr. Baldree opened discussion revolving around the TDEM conference, discussing presentations appreciated at the conference and the potential for a HSAC guest speaker.

All counties in the Brazos Valley are under a burn ban, not a firework ban, with Washington County being the exception.

Mr. Strange informed that to prepare for the 4th of July weekend that Somerville and Snook Fire and Police Departments are in possession of radios.

Mr. Santarsiero announced that with the overturn of Roe v. Wade, there is a possibility of a “night of rage” on the 4th of July.

Mr. Chuck Hairston stated that the State of Texas has dipped into emergency funds and pulled out over $100 million After Uvalde. These funds are to be given to Independent School Districts using police to purchase shells, entry gear, mental health services, and more in the package through the emergency declaration.

1. **Adjourn at 1441 Hrs. –** Ms. Meade made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Bryan Reumke seconded. The motion carried, and Ms. Shelly Butts adjourned the meeting.