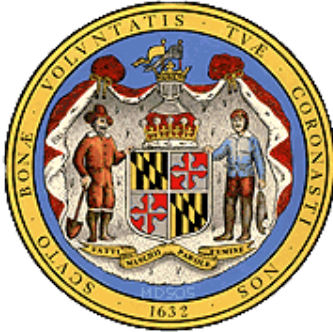


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TO: Maryland Senate President, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
Maryland House Speaker, Michael E. Busch

CC: DLS Library and Information Services

FROM: Clay B. Stamp, Chairman of the Governor's Emergency
Management Advisory Council (GEMAC)

RE: 2015 GEMAC Annual Report

DATE: December 3, 2015

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Attached you will find a copy of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council's 2015 Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly as required under MARYLAND CODE ANNOTATED, PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE § 14-105(e) and in accordance with the reporting requirements specified in MARYLAND CODE ANNOTATED, STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 2-1246.

Sincerely,

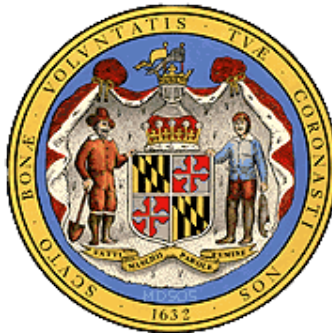
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Annual Report
of the
2015 Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC)

A Report to the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly

December 1, 2015

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Executive Summary

The Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC) is created by statute and is charged with advising the Governor on all matters that relate to emergency management in Maryland. The GEMAC serves as an independent advisory body, comprised of individuals with special expertise in areas critical to homeland security and emergency management, as well as individuals broadly representative of business interests, public utilities, and other communities (e.g., non-governmental organizations) within Maryland.

The membership of the GEMAC includes subject matter experts from a wide range of disciplines, backgrounds, and geographic areas including local emergency responders, and experts from both the public and private sector. The GEMAC has representatives from across the emergency response and management spectrum including police, fire, public health, emergency services, utilities, and communications.

The newly appointed GEMAC held its first meeting in November to provide an orientation to the members, discuss administrative items, and consider the role of the GEMAC for the future.

I. Purpose, Mission, and Scope of Work

The GEMAC serves as an independent advisory body and advises the Governor on all matters that relate to emergency management in Maryland focused on the mission areas for preparedness: prevention/protection, response, recovery, and mitigation strategies, policies, and programs.

Maryland employs an all-hazards approach to emergency management, encompassed in the Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program (MEPP), to ensure that Maryland families, communities, and key stakeholders have access to the resources they need to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the consequences and impacts of emergency and disaster events. A primary focus of the State's overarching emergency management strategy is a whole-community approach, working not only with government stakeholders at the federal, State, and local levels, but also with non-governmental organizations, private sector partners, communities, and individuals throughout the emergency management system.

A. Chairman and Membership

In keeping with this whole-community approach, the GEMAC brings together customers, partners, and stakeholders to discuss and develop specific recommendations for further study or investigation by emergency management officials. GEMAC members are given the opportunity to provide input and comment to the State's activities as we move Maryland forward and develop a comprehensive emergency management program.

The Chairman of the GEMAC is Clay B. Stamp, Assistant County Manager and Director of Emergency Services in Talbot County, and a Senior Adviser to the Governor. By law, the GEMAC must include: fair and reasonable representation for local government; representation for organizations that represent volunteer firefighters and rescue squads; and representation from manufacturing, utilities, and communications industries. There is no size limit or minimum membership requirement for the GEMAC. Currently the GEMAC is composed of 14 members, including the Chairman, all newly appointed in 2015.

GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name	Title
Clay Stamp (Chairman)	Assistant County Manager /Director of Emergency Services, Talbot County
John Allen, Jr.	Vice President, Delmarva Power
Mike Berna	Fire Chief, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
Becky Brashear	Assistant General Manager, Maryland State Fair
John Butler	Fire Chief, Howard County
Timothy Cameron	Sheriff, St. Mary’s County
Richard DeVore, Jr.	Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Jonathan Favorite	Director of Technical Services, Communications Electronics, Inc.
Ronald Gill	Director of Emergency Management/Deputy Director of Homeland Security, Prince George’s County
Joseph LaFleur	Manager, Crisis Management/Business Continuity/IT Disaster Recovery, GP Strategies Corporation
Jennifer Martin	Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Baltimore City Health Department
Thomas Moran	Executive Director, All Hazards Consortium
Stephen Wantz	Commissioner, Carroll County
David Willenborg	Sr. Engineer, Technical Support, Department of Defense/NAVAIR

II. Activities and Topics During 2015

A. November 4, 2015 Meeting

The first meeting of the newly appointed GEMAC was held on November 4, 2015 at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide the members with an introduction and orientation to the GEMAC, discuss administrative matters, and consider the focus of the GEMAC in the upcoming year.

The Council identified several potential focus areas for the GEMAC in the upcoming year, including:

Succession training: Identify, find, train, and motivate the next generation in both the public and private realms. Make internships and entry level opportunities available to provide practical experience to those entering the field from an academic background.

Public/private collaboration: Make efforts to identify and utilize untapped resources in the private sector and capitalize on the ability of the private sector to sustain projects/ideas in ways

that constantly revolving public administrations cannot. Explore areas for increased volunteer engagement and opportunities. Identify key individuals in the private sector and provide them with targeted information on relevant issues and priorities.

Continuity of operations: Utilize local resources and reduce dependency on federal assets and partners. Be proactive vs. reactive. Compare emergency management in Maryland with other states (e.g. North Carolina).

Emergency management system: Review legal mandates and practical application of emergency management in Maryland. Develop ideas for potential change. Explore short term vs. long term consequence management. Define resiliency and engage whole community in building resiliency from the bottom up. Refer to other states for models and ideas.

Local emergency management: Explore how to bridge gaps and find a common platform in light of diversity of local emergency management needs. Address concerns regarding sustainability on the local level. Improve/facilitate communication and interaction between federal military bases and local emergency management.

III. Prospective Outlook for 2016 – *Changing Maryland for the Better*

A. Overview

In the coming year, the GEMAC intends to conduct a review of statewide emergency management efforts to determine if the present system meets or exceeds standards in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery, to include potential revisions to Maryland Public Safety Code Ann. § 14, regulating emergency management in Maryland. The GEMAC will also review what its role should be with regard to the SERC. Additionally, the GEMAC plans to invite Chairpersons of prior GEMACs, as well as other emergency management partners, to provide specific briefings as to what previous Councils have done in the past.

B. Upcoming Meetings

Dates are as follows:

January 2016

April 2016

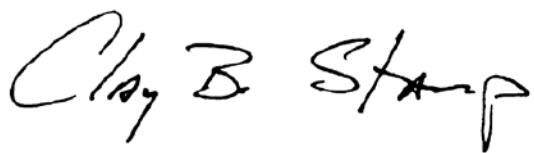
July 2016

October 2016

IV. Conclusion

The GEMAC hereby submits this report along with its wishes of sincere appreciation from the individual members of the Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of December, 2015:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clay B Stamp". The letters are cursive and fluidly connected.

Clay B. Stamp, Chairman
Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council