

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO CIVIL UNREST

November 15, 2017



Agenda

- Permitting Work Group Recommendations
- Preparedness and Response Work Group Recommendations
- After Action Review and Recommendations

Permitting Work Group Recommendations

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Permitting Work Group Recommendations

1. Localities should adopt a permitting process for special events

Permitting Work Group Recommendations

2. Local permitting processes should incorporate the areas identified in the Permitting Resource Document:

- The Permit Development Process
- Permit Components
 - Time restrictions
 - Threshold for requiring a permit
 - Capacity limits for public spaces
 - Tiered permit applications
 - Timeline for submitting and reviewing permit applications
 - Fees
 - Off-Duty Public Safety Officers
 - Weapons Restrictions

Permitting Work Group Recommendations

2. Local permitting processes should incorporate the areas identified in the Permitting Resource Document:
 - Permit Review Process
 - Coordination
 - Communication
 - Approval and denial process
 - Evaluation and Feedback

Permitting Work Group Recommendations

3. Modify *Code of Virginia* §15.2-915(A):

- No locality shall adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution or motion, as permitted by § [15.2-1425](#), and no agent of such locality shall take any administrative action, governing the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying, storage or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof other than those expressly authorized by statute. For purposes of this section, a statute that does not refer to firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof, shall not be construed to provide express authorization.

This section shall not prohibit localities from prohibiting the possession or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in public spaces during permitted events or events that should otherwise require a permit.

Recommendations from the Preparedness and Response Work Group

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Preparedness & Response Work Group Recommendations

1. Conduct a statewide cross-discipline capability assessment to better understand the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for and respond to incidents of civil unrest
 - Explore the feasibility of developing a statewide system for identifying and communicating availability of resources at the state and local level to support incidents of civil unrest

Preparedness & Response Work Group Recommendations

2. Develop a planning template for incidents of civil unrest that localities and state agencies may use to update emergency plans

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Work Group Recommendations

3. Provide funding for and develop regional, cross-discipline training and exercise opportunities for:
 - State and local elected officials, senior leaders and executives (i.e. college/university presidents) on relevant National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) courses and state and local laws
 - State and local agencies on Unified Command
 - Weekend, evening and virtual trainings for volunteer-based response agencies that may not be available during traditional business hours (i.e volunteer firefighters/EMS)
 - Refresher trainings to address organizational changes and changes in responsibilities
 - State and local governments to enhance information sharing

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4. Examine training opportunities for public safety agencies to ensure they are adequate for incidents of civil unrest

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5. During events requiring state resources, the consolidated, multi-agency Incident Action Plan (IAPs) establishing Unified Command shall include language on the Governor's authorities under Title 44 so the emergency powers of the state and localities are well understood, including devolution of authority

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6. For planned incidents that require the involvement of multiple state agencies, establish a cross-discipline group at the state level to include regional personnel in order to maximize state agency support, coordination, documentation, and information sharing

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7. In order to enhance regional coordination, VDEM Chief Regional Coordinators should:
 - Facilitate coordination among state agencies in the region, and
 - Educate localities on state agency resources and capabilities, as well as how to request them

Preparedness & Response Work Group Recommendations

8. Educate localities on the importance of regional all-hazard Incident Management Teams that can support localities when planning for and responding to incidents

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9. Provide funding for regional all-hazard Incident Management Teams

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10. Encourage localities and state agencies to take advantage of cybersecurity vulnerability assessments

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11. Promote enhanced information sharing between agencies and establish necessary relationships for sharing law enforcement sensitive information

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12. Ensure that a multi-agency Joint Information Center (JIC) is established and well-resourced during events

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13. The JIC should include plans for leveraging social media to ensure the public is receiving timely, accurate information

After Action Review

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Next Steps

- Present Task Force recommendations and After Action Review Final Report to Governor McAuliffe on December 1, 2017