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OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS

The County Working Group Process

New Jersey has been and remains cognizant of the need to include and encourage the active involvement of relevant participants representing all relevant disciplines in the process of homeland security planning. Within each county government, a multi-discipline working group is convened to act on the operational and procurement details of the programs. The County Working Group (CWG) is staffed with representatives from the various disciplines of first responders and key representatives of the county governmental structure. The CWG includes the core disciplines needed to effectively and intelligently discuss issues relating to prevention, mitigation and recovery/response to a terrorist attack.

The purpose of the CWG is to prioritize and develop homeland security strategies based upon the needs and information they receive from the county, municipal and private sector participants. The CWG serves as the forum for open dialog and discussion among the various disciplines, the county/local government and the business community. Working together the CWG members determine needs, coordinate activities and monitor the implementation of homeland security initiatives. The members of the CWG are requested to meet regularly on a monthly or quarterly basis at a minimum. The CWG is minimally comprised of the following, however, as needs and situations arise, counties may invite additional participants to the CWG membership:

OEM Coordinator	County HazMat Team Representative
Freeholder Director or County Administrator	County Medical Examiner
County Fiscal Officer	County Health Officer
County Prosecutor or Designee	Largest Population City Representative
County Police Chief's Representative	Second Largest Population City Representative
County Fire Marshal or Coordinator	Critical Infrastructure Coordinator
County EMS Coordinator	Domestic Preparedness Planner
Healthcare Representative	Hospitals, Level I and II Trauma, Blood Banks

Each federal fiscal year, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) receives funding from DHS/FEMA under the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). HSGP funding is used to build capacity and enhance core capabilities at the state and local levels. HSGP funding focuses on implementing the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies and initiatives included in the Threat & Hazard Identification Risk Assessment/State Preparedness Report (THIRA/SPR). HSGP funding enhances the goals of preventing, protecting against, responding to, mitigating and recovering from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The HSGP may fund a wide range of preparedness activities, to include the elements of planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises and management and administration costs. The HSGP is comprised of two funding streams, the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI).

FEMA's grant guidelines require that 80% of the SHSP and UASI funding, awarded to OHSP, must be obligated to local units of government. The OHSP disperses the SHSP funding to each of the twenty-one (21) counties. Each county, via its respective CWG, is required to invest their pass through funding consistent with

both FEMA and OHSP grant guidelines in order to support counter terrorism and emergency preparedness initiatives. SHSP funding allocations, made by OHSP to each of the twenty-one (21) counties, is based on the relative risk profile of each county. This risk profile is comprised of population/population density, threat, vulnerability, consequence and economic impact.

Each CWG is required to participate in the preparation of the THIRA/SPR. Also, the CWG is required to prepare a strategic plan and their annual project proposals. Project proposals must be aligned with the THIRA/SPR. Project proposals must outline how sub-recipients plan to prioritize and invest their respective SHSP funding and are submitted to the OHSP for review and approval. The CWG members are required to represent their constituent first responder and emergency preparedness agencies throughout their counties in order to facilitate OHSP's bottoms-up planning approach to funding homeland security projects to meet the needs as well as the goals and objectives of the respective county and local agencies. Municipalities and agencies, within each of the twenty-one (21) counties, that have a homeland security and/or emergency preparedness mission and purpose are invited to contact their respective CWG to discuss their project proposals.

DHS/FEMA funding is to be used to supports projects that address and fill regional gaps in terrorism prevention, critical infrastructure protection, emergency preparedness, and other core capabilities that are identified by each of the four preparedness regions in New Jersey relevant to their respective THIRA/SPR assessments.

COUNTY WORKING GROUP CHAIRS:

Atlantic County	Vincent J. Jones, County OEM Coordinator
Bergen County	Matthew Tiedemann, County OEM
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Camden County	Sam Spino, County OEM Coordinator
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Cumberland County	Gabriel Scarpa, County OEM Coordinator
Essex County	Sgt. Michael Capodanno, Essex County Sheriff's Department
Gloucester County	J. Thomas Butts, County OEM Coordinator
Hudson County	James Woods, County OEM Coordinator
Hunterdon County	Brayden J. Fahey, County OEM Coordinator
Mercer County	Robert Hartmann, County OEM Coordinator
Middlesex County	Tom Bykowski, County OEM Director
Monmouth County	Mike Oppgaard, County OEM Coordinator
Morris County	Scott DiGiralomo, County OEM Coordinator
Ocean County	Captain David Schenk, Ocean County Sheriff's Department
Passaic County	Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, County Prosecutor
Salem County	Scott Haines, County OEM Coordinator
Somerset County	Doug Vornlocker, County OEM Coordinator
Sussex County	Mark Vogel, Deputy OEM Coordinator
Union County	Chris Scaturo, County OEM Coordinator
Warren County	Frank Wheatley, County OEM Coordinator