



Emergency Management Division Informational Letter

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Subject: State Planning Team (SPT) and 2004 Statewide Homeland Security Strategy
Attention: Local, District and State Agency Emergency Management Coordinators, State Planning Team Members, Members of MML, MTA, MAC, MACP, MSA, Michigan Fire Service

Collectively, the people and organizations of Michigan have taken many steps to improve our security since the September 11 attacks, but a great deal of work remains. The Director of the Michigan State Police has been designated by the Governor to serve as the Director of Homeland Security. As such, the Michigan State Police is responsible for serving as the State Administrative Agency for producing Michigan's 2004 Statewide Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) and administering Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Grant Programs. The Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police has been identified by the Director to serve as the SHSS Program Management Office and is responsible for facilitating the strategy development process and administering ODP grants.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has directed every state to submit an updated SHSS to ODP by December 31, 2003. The information garnered through the statewide needs assessment will be used to determine shortfalls in readiness at both the local and state levels of government. The intent of the state strategy will subsequently address how those identified shortfalls will be either eliminated or reduced by way of available resources.

In order to accomplish this objective, we have assembled a State Planning Team (SPT) representative of all eleven emergency response disciplines, representatives from local and state levels of government and the private sector. The purpose of the SPT is to ensure that homeland security strategic planning efforts are properly focused and to use available resources to maximize prevention, protection, and response readiness to terrorist attacks in order to save lives, protect property and maintain public confidence in the government.

Following is a list of SPT functional areas:

- Conduit for information flow to/from emergency response organizations
- Conduit for information flow to/from municipal, township, county and state levels of government
- Assist the State Administrative Agency (i.e., MSP) with making key decisions
- Review statewide homeland security goals and objectives and to provide input and recommendations
- Provide views on prioritizing jurisdictions for funding support
- Provide views on developing funding formulas for jurisdictions

Creating a viable homeland security strategy is, in many respects, about setting priorities-about recognizing that some actions are more critical than others. In this regard, a methodology will be developed in cooperation with the SPT to determine those local jurisdictions that may be exposed to the greatest risk. The identified jurisdictions will then be prioritized for funding to address needs in the solution areas of planning, training, exercising, equipment, and organization.

In an effort to maximize future resources, the SPT will also be exploring ways to employ regional approaches to planning and preparedness and to adopting regional response structures wherever appropriate to meeting the needs identified through the assessments and in the statewide strategy.

The recently completed state and local homeland security assessment and our new SHSS will play a key role in the identification, prioritization, and allocation of financial resources provided by future homeland security grant programs. The new SHSS will set a broad and complex agenda for all of Michigan. The strategy will define many different goals that need to be met, programs that need to be implemented, and responsibilities that need to be fulfilled. State and local funding will be allocated in support of the goals and objectives identified in the SHSS.

Keeping in step with the Governor's Executive Order No. 2003-6 ". . . it is necessary and proper to undertake all prudent measures to detect, prepare for, prevent, secure and protect against, respond to and recover from, any terrorist threats or attacks."

The final strategy will be presented to Michigan's Homeland Security Protection Board and the Governor for review, comments, and approval. Should you wish to have a specific topic considered by the State Planning Team, please contact the appropriate team member by their identified discipline.

Sincerely,



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List of Disciplines

Emergency Management	Law Enforcement
Emergency Medical Service	Private Security
Fire Service	Public Health
Government Administrative	Public Works
Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)	Public Safety Communications
Health Care	

**Not discipline related however coordination with these entities is specified in planning guidance or the activity has a significant role in the strategic planning process.*