

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC ANNUAL RETREAT

ITEM #11: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUSTAINMENT

SUBJECT:

Through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant programs, Hampton Roads has been able to develop considerable capability to respond to both man-made and natural emergencies.

BACKGROUND:

Federal funding to support the UASI and MMRS initiatives is expected to be further reduced in the coming years. The Hampton Roads region needs to address sustainment of the capabilities that have been developed over the past several years. As Commissioners are aware, the region's localities have already addressed this issue with respect to the MMRS program. Localities currently contribute \$0.20 per capita to the sustainment of the Regional Strike Team and the various drug caches.

A number of capabilities acquired through the UASI program remain at risk if the question of program sustainment and governance is not addressed. They include communications interoperability, sheltering, medical special needs and other specialized programs.

Mr. Curtis Brown, Emergency Management Administrator, will brief the Commission on the at-risk programs and proposed regional process for determining sustainment.