

## **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #12: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY 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 has been eliminated in fiscal year 2012. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed reorganizing the fiscal year 2013 process for dispersing grants which could further reduce the opportunity for the region to access much needed funding for homeland security initiatives. 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 MMRS Regional Strike Team and the various drug caches.

A number of capabilities acquired through the UASI program remain at risk if 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.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group, in collaboration with the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee, Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee and other homeland security stakeholders, to develop a sustainment plan that prioritizes homeland security investments and identifies funding opportunities.