

**Hampton Roads
Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022
11:30 AM**

**American Revolution Museum at Yorktown
Education Center Classrooms D and E
(please do not use the main lobby entrance)
200 Water Street
Yorktown, VA 23690**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes (Attachment 3)

The Summary Minutes from the May 4, 2022 CAO Committee meeting are attached for the Committee's consideration and approval.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the CAO Committee. Comments should be limited to three minutes per speaker.

V. Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) - Introduction of HRSD General Manager Jay Bernas

On February 23, 2022, Mr. Jay Bernas began his new role as General Manager of the HRSD. Mr. Bernas joined HRSD in 2005, and has served as the HRSD Director of Finance since 2015. His previous positions with HRSD included Chief of Planning and Analysis and Interceptor Engineer.

Mr. Bernas will introduce himself to the CAO Committee. We will invite Mr. Bernas to address the Committee on HRSD initiatives at a future meeting.

VI. Hampton Roads Interoperability System - presented by members of the All Hazard Advisory Committee

In 2005, the Hampton Roads region was on the forefront of addressing a critical need of first responders when the region advanced plans to implement the Overlay Regional InterOperability Network (ORION). ORION is a public safety voice communication overlay system funded by the Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program.

In 2019, an operational and engineering analysis, based on information provided by stakeholders, identified a series of challenges with the ORION system. As a follow-up

to this analysis, a strategic plan was developed in 2021 that aligned with the DHS National Emergency Communications Plan and sets an interoperability course and measures of success for the region.

While the ORION command and control interoperability solution has served the Hampton Roads region well for over 16 years, there are members of our All Hazards Advisory Committee (AHAC) that believe the system needs to be modernized to meet the current needs of our region. These members endorse the implementation of the Hampton Roads – Integrated Regional Interoperable System (HR-IRIS), which leverages existing locality infrastructure to connect all localities in Hampton Roads to provide seamless interoperability. The AHAC voted (8 in favor, 2 against) to forward this recommendation to the CAO Committee for discussion and consideration.

Representatives of the AHAC will be in attendance to brief the CAO Committee on this topic, including the following information:

- Challenges with the current ORION system
- Background on the HR-IRIS system and its potential/advantages for the region
- Costs of the proposed HR-IRIS system and a potential funding approach
- Viewpoints from those AHAC members who support the continued use of the ORION system

The CAO Committee should discuss the information presented and provide direction to the AHAC on how to proceed.

VII. Update/Information Sharing on Regional Violence Prevention

A brief update will be provided on regional efforts and information sharing to address regional violence prevention efforts.

VIII. Regional/Local Legislative Items

At the July HRPDC/HRTPO meeting, discussion will begin on the preparation of the Regional Legislative Agenda for the 2023 General Assembly session. The Regional Legislative Agenda is usually approved by both Boards at their October or November meetings.

The CAOs will be asked to identify potential legislative issues for their localities and provide input on any regional legislative priorities that should be considered by the region.

IX. Other Items

- CAO Committee Vice Chair

X. Adjournment