

September 29, 2016

Memorandum #2016-121

TO: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers

BY: James Bourey, Chair

RE: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers Meeting - October 5, 2016

The next meeting of the Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers will be held Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 11:45 A.M. (lunch will be served at 11:30 A.M.) at the County Grill and Smokehouse (Kiln Creek Center), 1215 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA 23693.

The agenda and related material are attached.

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Attachments

Chief Administrative Officers:

James E. Baker, CH
Jim Bourey, NN
Mary Bunting, HA
Marvin Collins, WM
Tyrone W. Franklin, SY
Brent Fedors, GL
Dave Hansen, VB
Bryan J. Hill, JC
Michael W. Johnson, SH
Marcus Jones, NO
Randy Keaton, IW
R. Randy Martin, FR
Neil Morgan, YK
Lydia Pettis Patton, PO
Patrick Roberts, SU
Michael Stallings, WN
Peter M. Stephenson, SM
J. Randall Wheeler, PQ

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

**OCTOBER 5, 2016
11:45 a.m.
(Lunch served beginning at 11:30 a.m.)**

**County Grill and Smokehouse
1215 George Washington Memorial Highway
(Kiln Creek Center)
Yorktown, VA 23693**

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)

III. Meeting Minutes

The summary minutes from the September 7, 2016 Regional CAO Committee meeting are attached for the Committee's review and approval.

IV. Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

The CAO Committee Chair requests that each CAO share information on their locality's discussions/position regarding the HRCS Alternatives.

V. Regional Public Safety Discussion – Next Steps

Based on the discussion with the police chiefs at last month's CAO Committee meeting, the HRPDC Executive Director will present potential next steps to advance this effort.

VI. October HRPDC Meeting Agenda

The HRPDC Executive Director will review agenda items for the October 20 HRPDC Meeting, which will include the following:

- Regional Poverty Discussion (Norfolk to provide overview of the city's efforts)
- Regional Legislative Agenda
- HRPDC Governance Proposal

VII. Calendar/Location of Future Meetings

A schedule for the locations of future Regional CAO Committee meetings is provided below:

November 2	Portsmouth
December 7	Franklin/Southampton County
January 4	Hampton

VIII. Adjournment

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)
Chief Administrative Officers Meeting
Summary Minutes of September 7, 2016**

Jim Bourey, Newport News City Manager and Chair of the Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 2nd Floor, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, with the following in attendance:

James Baker (CH)	Randy Keaton (IOW)
James Bourey (NN)	R. Randy Martin (FR)
Mary Bunting (HA)	Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)
Wynter C. Benda (NO)	Patrick Roberts (SU)
Marvin Collins (WM)	Michael Stallings (WN)
Dave Hansen (VB)	Peter M. Stephenson (SM)
Bryan Hill (JC)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Michael W. Johnson (SH)	

The following Police Chiefs and/or representatives from locality police departments were in attendance:

Andy Barker (WM)	Michael G. Goldsmith (NO)
Tommy Bennett (SU)	Richard Myers (NN)
Cliff Bowen (PQ)	Dan Riddle (WN)
Steve Bowman (SM)	Brad Rinehimer (JC)
Jim Cervera (VB)	Terry Sult (HA)
Tonya Chapman (PO)	Kelvin L. Wright (CH)

Others Recorded Attending:

Robert Crum (HRPDC)
John Sadler (HRPDC)
Diane Kaufman (U.S. Sen. Kaine's Office)
Drew Lumpkin (U.S. Sen. Warner's Office)
Erin Carter (U.S. Sen. Warner's Office)
Esmel Meeks (U.S. Rep. Scott Rigell's Office)
Donna Sayegh (Resident)

Public Comments

Ms. Donna Sayegh from Portsmouth addressed the CAO Committee. A summary of the comments presented by Ms. Sayegh are included in the record as an attachment to these Summary Minutes. Mr. Bourey thanked Ms. Sayegh for providing comments to the Regional CAO Committee.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bourey brought CAO Committee members' attention to the summary minutes from the August 3, 2016 Regional CAO Committee meeting. The Committee unanimously approved the Summary Minutes.

Regional Public Safety Discussion

Mr. Bourey and Mr. Crum introduced this item to the Regional CAO Committee. During the past several meetings, the Regional CAO Committee has stressed the need to have a discussion around potential collaborative efforts to address public safety. In addition, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has asked the CAO Committee to review this topic and provide recommendations to the Commission for consideration.

Members of the Regional CAO Committee were asked to invite each jurisdiction's police chief to attend this CAO Committee meeting and participate in this conversation. Mr. Bourey thanked everyone for the tremendous attendance at the meeting and stressed that the goal was to have an open exchange of information and dialogue about this important topic. He noted that the meeting would begin with some brief comments from the co-chairs of the Hampton Roads Chief of Police (HRCOP) Committee. Chief Brewer from Virginia Port Authority and Chief Bowen from the City of Poquoson serve in these positions and provided the CAO Committee background information on HRCOP, examples of issues and topics that have been discussed by HRCOP and initial ideas on some of the public safety issues that our region is facing.

Following this introduction, Mr. Bourey asked Newport News Police Chief Richard Myers to provide his insights on our region's public safety challenges. Chief Myers noted concerns about the unhealthy and dangerous culture of guns and crime that is associated with high-risk lifestyles.

Mr. Bourey then lead a roundtable discussion asking each of the region's police chiefs to share information on challenges and opportunities. The following topics were addressed during this information exchange:

- Heroin abuse is a major issue for our region; this drug is making a strong comeback. Heroin is accessible to dealers at an affordable cost which results in this drug becoming more widespread on our streets.
- Drug addiction leads to personal property theft as people attempt to acquire the resources to purchase drugs.
- One city noted that there have been more drug related deaths this year than murders. It was noted that a very critical time for addicts is when they come out of rehab. They are more susceptible to an overdose at this time.

- More responsibilities are being placed on law enforcement officers to deal with mental health issues.
- More training for police officers is not always the answer. Police departments now must address mental health, drug abuse, social service and other issues in addition to law enforcement. Our police departments are becoming overburdened.
- We need to market the positive things that police do in the community.
- The main issues we are dealing with are the result of concentrated poverty. If we can develop effective strategies to address concentrated areas of poverty, we can take a huge step towards addressing our public safety issues. We must give our residents in concentrated poverty areas hope, and develop strategies to break the cycle of generational poverty.
- This is truly a regional issue that affects us all. Everyone must be part of the solution, not just the urban cities.
- We need a Regional Housing Policy that addresses the de-concentration of low income housing.
- Truancy is a major issue in some localities/school divisions; we must make sure our children are in school.
- We need to have a regional conversation with everyone in the room. Today is a great start with the police chiefs, but we must identify all stakeholders such as schools, social service and housing professionals, and have everyone at the table to address this topic.
- One area in which we could do better is the regional procurement of supplies. We all use different vendors for items such as uniforms which are basically the same across localities. We could get a better price quote if we pursued the purchase of supplies on a regional basis.
- Currently, localities have no ability to limit the number of guns that can be brought on site for special events.
- Williamsburg discussed a Health Foundation Grant for health care for high risk youth
- The underlying issues of healthy food access, education and stability were discussed as core issues to address in poverty areas.

- The Norfolk Night Hawk Program, which involved an effort to keep a Rec Center open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. was discussed along with the success this program has experienced.
- Newport News discussed its Summer Training Enrichment Program, which provides \$1.4 million this year to employ 500 school age children in the city. This program is funded by the city.
- The need for a regional anti-poverty initiative was stressed. It was noted that the HRPDC would be a good place for the region's localities to share best practices. It was noted that the October HRPDC meeting, where Norfolk is scheduled to share information on its anti-poverty initiative, could be a good start to this effort.
- The importance of bringing school superintendents to the table was stressed.
- We need to look at the data on gangs, drugs, guns, violence and poverty to understand our baseline and be able to evaluate whether our efforts are successful over time.
- A forum on poverty which includes our community partners and legislators would be impactful.
- Perhaps our region could make a legislative request for funding for a Summer Training Enrichment Forum for Hampton Roads – similar to the program being used by Newport News.

Mr. Bourey thanked everyone for the excellent conversation and for everyone's participation in today's meeting. He noted that this was a great first step as we work to determine how we can collaborate around the important topics discussed today. He mentioned that the CAO Committee will consider the feedback received today and chart a course for proceeding.

Other Business

Mary Bunting, City of Hampton, noted that the City has continued to research the issues raised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during its review of the City's flood plain management program. She noted that the Committee will recall that the City of Hampton briefed the CAO Committee on this issue a few meetings ago, and that all of the concerns raised by the City of Hampton at that time are still valid. FEMA has indicated that the City of Hampton may be required to begin permitting interior cosmetic improvements that are exempt from State Building Codes, and that this determination could set a precedent and have impacts on all Hampton Roads localities. The City of Hampton has submitted a FOIA request to FEMA asking for documentation for other communities that have received this type of finding from FEMA.

Ms. Bunting noted that she would like the support of all Hampton Roads localities, and asked that each jurisdiction consider joining Hampton by signing onto a letter expressing concerns about these FEMA findings. The CAO Committee members expressed their support for the City of Hampton's position, and Mr. Crum was asked to work with Ms. Bunting to circulate a letter to each locality for their consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Regional CAO Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Crum
Recording Secretary

Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission
Meeting of Chief Administrative Officers
September 7, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Good Morning,
My Name is Donna
Sayegh
I live in Portsmouth

This meeting's agenda is to provide a forum for a discussion around potential collaborative efforts to address public safety. In addition, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has asked the Chief Administrative Officers committee to review the Regional Public Safety topic and provide recommendations to the HRPDC for considerations.

- 1) I have met with the Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to create an Organizational chart. As you can see, I need to obtain the committees for the HRPDC. As yet, there has been no information regarding this committee. I would like to have this Organizational Chart completed so I know how the Board and committees communicate with each other. Who knows the committees of the HRPDC and Who will help me get this Organization Chart

Completed so I can get it to the printers? I need to educate the people about who is making all our decisions for us without s having a voice or vote.

- 2) There is a group of citizens on the Peninsula that have "The Support your local Police Committee". Were they invited to participate in this discussion? They will be having a Presentation on Monday, September 12th, 2016 in Newport News, a flyer is attached with the file about The Support Your Local Police Committee

We are concerned about recent developments in this country which have imposed new and dangerous burdens on our police. Harassment and outright attacks against police. In many instances, organized and controlled by subversives, criminals and illegal aliens have increased alarmingly. Court decisions have placed unreasonable restrictions on the forces of law and order while freeing many criminals from prison and imposing only the mildest of sentences on others. And far too many politicians have bowed to the disruptive tactics and outright threats of organized pressure groups.

One of the organized pressure groups is the United Nations. It is launching a major push to expand and further empower its UN "police" force known as UNPOL. At this time the UN is bringing together more than 100 national police chiefs this month at it's first-ever UN "Chiefs of Police Summit." The plan is to establish a globally controlled police by establishing regional governments: The federal government is planning to create 10 federal districts, each governed from a centrally located office of unelected staff. This is why we the people have Created: The Support your local police committee and keep them independent and for us to get out of the United Nations. Thanks for listening.