

MARYLAND RESILIENCE RETREAT

November 29-30, 2018

Maryland Emergency
Management Agency
5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive,
Reisterstown, MD 21136

The State of Maryland, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Energy Administration, have partnered with the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) to host a two-day retreat on policies and strategies to improve resilience.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018	
8:30am—8:45am	Arrival and Sign In
8:45am—9:30am	<p>Welcome Remarks and Introductions Following introductions, NGA will discuss meeting’s objectives, set the day’s charge, and provide an overview of the technical assistance the NGA can provide to the state. The Maryland retreat planning team will also lay the foundation for the day’s meeting with a debrief on the state’s process for completion of the <i>State Resilience and Assessment Planning Tool (SRAPT)</i> and a high level discussion on agency responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jeff McLeod – Director, Homeland Security & Public Safety Division – National Governors Association Center for Best Practices</i> • <i>Pete Landon – Deputy Chief of Staff – Office of the Governor</i> • <i>Russ Strickland – Executive Director – Maryland Emergency Management Agency</i>
9:30am—10:30am	<p>Expert Discussion: Promising Practices in Resilience Governance National leaders will share their perspectives on improving the security and resilience of the nation’s critical infrastructure and how the states and federal government can coordinate risk reduction and consequence management efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bruce Walker – Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity – U.S. Department of Energy</i> • <i>Carlos Castillo – Associate Administrator for Resilience – Federal Emergency Management Agency</i> • <i>Stephen Flynn, Ph.D. – Founding Director, Global Resilience Institute – Northeastern University</i>
10:30am—10:40am	<p>State Agency Spotlight: The Department of Planning on the Potential Capabilities of the State Data Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Robert McCord, Esq. – Secretary – Maryland Department of Planning</i>
10:40am—11:00am	<i>Break</i>

11:00am—11:50am	<p>Current State of Resilience NGA will facilitate a conversation around defining what “resilience” means in the state of Maryland. State officials will address their current efforts to assess, mitigate, and build resilience to natural and human-caused disasters and guarantee energy assurance. Maryland will also discuss their priorities, initiatives, and current planning efforts.</p>
11:50am—12:00pm	<p>State Agency Spotlight: The Energy Administration on “Resiliency Hubs” and Combined Heat and Power Programs Contributing to a More Resilient Grid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mary Beth Tung, Ph.D., Esq. – Director – Maryland Energy Administration</i>
12pm—1:00pm	<p>Lunch & Panel: Private Sector Partners in Resilience Lunch will be served while a panel of private sector partners discuss their efforts to plan all-phase resilience and mitigate risks to their logistics, supply chain, and critical infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Flood – National Resiliency Lead – WSP USA</i> • <i>Suzanne Mora – Director of Utility Initiatives – Exelon</i>
1:00pm—1:15pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>
1:15pm—1:30pm	<p>Maryland State Resiliency Assessment and Planning Tool Results NGA and MEMA will present key results regarding the NGA’s State Resiliency Assessment and Planning Tool (SRAPT), a tool piloted in beta by Maryland prior to nationwide release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dan Lauf – Program Director, Environment, Energy, & Transportation Division – National Governors Association Center for Best Practices</i> • <i>Andrew Asgarali-Hoffman – Strategy Planner – Maryland Emergency Management Agency</i>
1:30pm—2:30pm	<p>Breakout Session Part I: Defining Resilience and Identifying Current Efforts Facilitated small groups will discuss common challenges towards resilience in the state and set initial priorities for strategic risk management.</p>
2:30pm—2:40pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>
2:40pm—2:50pm	<p>State Agency Spotlight: The Governor’s Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on the Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities in the Resilience Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kelby Brick, Esq., CDI – Director – Governor’s Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</i>
2:50pm—3:50pm	<p>Breakout Session Part II: Developing Strategic Recommendations Facilitated small groups will discuss common challenges towards strategic risk management and governance and craft recommendations.</p>
3:50pm—4:00pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>
4:00pm—4:30pm	<p>Breakout Debrief and Group Feedback Session The NGA, with the whole group, will discuss the common challenges towards strategic risk management and governance as learned from the small group breakout sessions. This session will collect group convictions regarding discussion topics from the day.</p>

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018	
8:30am—8:45am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Brock Long – Administrator – Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>
8:45am—9:00am	<p>Level Set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Maggie Brunner – Program Director, Homeland Security & Public Safety – National Governors Association Center for Best Practices</i>
9:00am – 9:15am	<i>Break</i>
9:15am—10:15am	<p>Action Planning Session: Developing a Risk Management Strategic Plan NGA will facilitate discussions with small groups around developing a coordinated strategic plan to mitigate risks identified in the <i>SRAP Tool</i>. State officials will affirm their targeted goals and identify challenges and opportunities towards achieving those goals.</p>
10:15am—11:15am	<p>Action Planning Session: Developing Actionable Goals and Timelines State teams will draft actionable goals towards overcoming barriers and mitigating risks identified through earlier sessions. State team participants will come away with an action plan that is achievable, strategic, and tied to specific timelines.</p>
11:45am—11:30am	<i>Break</i>
11:30am—12:30pm	<p>Group Feedback Session and Next Steps State planning participants will reflect on lessons learned from the retreat as well as potential follow-up assistance from the NGA Center moving forward.</p>