



GHSAC Business Priorities Work Plan

1.) Counter UAS Working Group

- A. Description of Project: The need for coordination between local, state, and federal actors for understanding the designated boundaries and authorities of countering rogue UAS systems is paramount. With the rise of commercial UAS systems and their mass production making them more accessible, states and the federal government need a coherent action plan that encourages coordination to be able to respond to these situations. A greater interest in this topic has taken form since the release of the FAA regulations concerning this process and with the uptick in events that GHSAC members are facing where rogue UAS systems will appear at specialized events in their states.
- B. Membership Interest: 48% (14 of 27) of respondents on the GHSAC Business Priorities Survey listed this issue as a top issue.
- C. Activities & Deliverables: Potential deliverables that the GHSAC can take on for this priority include:
 - I. Host GHSAC call with DHS IGA and receive a briefing on CISA identified Soft Targets
 - II. Appoint a working group of GHSAC members (with 1 executive committee member) to push future engagement goals on this issue forward and identify ways to strategically engage DHS on UAS
 - III. Appoint a Counter UAS Liaison
 - IV. Develop recommendations on counter UAS policy to be submitted to DHS

2.) HSGP/Cybersecurity

- A. Description of Project: HSGP/Cybersecurity grant funding remains an important issue for members of GHSAC. There is a continued interest in making sure that FEMA provides a reliable funding source for this and a manageable way for states to use this funding for how it best fits their homeland security and cyber needs. Of particular interest is economies of scale for funding cybersecurity projects benefiting local governments. In the past year, the GHSAC conducted a survey with its NEMA partners to help identify what items related to the HSGP/Cybersecurity grant would be important to them and what changes members would like to see for it in relation to what FEMA released next.
- B. Membership Interest: 68% (20 of 27) of respondents on the GHSAC Business Priorities Survey listed this issue as a top issue.
- C. Activities & Deliverables: While conversations regarding how GHSAC members would want to contribute their time to this business priority is ongoing, there is some consensus that it would be in the best interest of the GHSAC to do another survey surrounding this issue. The survey would be more scoped in its questions and could serve as a benchmarking tool to see how interest regarding this issue has evolved from the previous year. Other potential deliverables could include:
 - I. Identification of GHSAC members who want to lead efforts related to HSGP/Cybersecurity

- II. Utilizing the GHSAC EC – FEMA Grants Call as an avenue to strategically lobby on this issue with input from GHSAC Plenary body members (this can be sourced via a plenary call or through the second survey)

3. Preventing Targeted Violence (PTV)

- A. Description of Project: The Preventing Target Violence (PTV) project is being led by members of the Homeland Security Program at NGA. The project in its current form concludes in June. Some states that are represented in the current project include Virginia, Colorado, and Michigan—all GHSAC Executive Committee member states. As extremism in all forms of ideologies continues to be a serious threat, HSAs continue to express interest in increasing their teams' awareness on this issue and employ mitigation strategies. GHSAC members attending the Winter Meeting received a presentation surrounding this topic.
- B. Membership Interest: PTV was not listed as a choice on the GHSAC Business Priorities Survey, but it was found as a top choice in many of the free response answers HSAs provided.
- C. Activities & Deliverables: NGA has an in-house expert on this issue and developed a network of experts on this issue across the country. The GHSAC could build out on the work already done by some of its members involved in this process and move forward on the following potential deliverables:
 - I. Conduct and facilitate a GHSAC PTV summit to discuss emerging trends and best practices they employ in their states
 - II. Host PTV seminars in-states to expose their staff to techniques and trainings not previously known to them
 - III. Commission a PTV best-practices study