HOMELAND SECURITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (HSEC) PRIORITIES

Human Services Policy Committee

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Homeland Security Executive Committee (HSEC)

- The HSEC is the senior-level policy-making group charged with establishing a shared perspective among local, state, and federal decision-makers on the risks and unmet security needs of the region.
- The HSEC exists to foster regional collaboration, establish priorities, and set direction.

Mission: To help jurisdictions across the NCR prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from all-hazards, public safety, and homeland security events that require regional coordination and response.



Regional Priorities – NCR Regional Guidance

The NCR Regional Guidance helps drive strategic investments of the region and assist local jurisdictions incorporate regional priorities into local planning efforts. The Regional Guidance informs local, state, and federal stakeholders to work towards common regional objectives.

- The NCR Regional Guidance is made up of priorities and future state outcomes.
 - The goal of the regional priorities is to effectively build and sustain capabilities, mitigate or close capability gaps, drive strategic investments, and buy-down risk across the NCR.
 - The future state outcomes are the region's strategic priorities and build towards the realization of the identified priorities.



Regional Priority: Operational Coordination

Priority Statement: Regional coordination of capabilities and resources for an effective operational response to incidents in the NCR.

Future State Outcomes:

- Strengthen regional governance, policies, and processes for coordinated response operations during large-scale, multi-jurisdictional incidents.
- Coordinated regional information-sharing and integration of intelligence analysis among regional stakeholders before, during, and after incidents.
- Standardized regional governance, policy, and equipment, for the operationalization and maintenance of interoperable communications.



Regional Priority: Cybersecurity

Priority Statement: Regional approach to prevention, mitigation, and response to cyber events.

Future State Outcomes:

- Mechanism and associated governance to increase the coordination of cyber threat analysis across the region and the sharing of time-sensitive information on cyber events with regional partners.
- Regional methodology to strengthen critical infrastructure against cyber events, including cross-discipline and cascading supply chain impacts.



Regional Priority: Workforce

Priority Statement: A quality, diverse, and effective workforce across public safety disciplines in the NCR, with an emphasis on recruitment, retention, mental wellness, and leadership development.

Future State Outcomes:

- Identification of challenges and solutions to workforce recruitment, training, and retention across public safety disciplines.
- Regional commitment to new and ongoing mental health and wellness initiatives in the public safety disciplines.
- Leadership development training for future leaders in public safety disciplines to ensure an ongoing commitment to regionalism, knowledge sharing, and succession planning in the NCR.



Current & Next Steps

- Continue to develop solution strategies by the assigned RPWGs.
- Exploration of funding options beyond the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.
- Engagement with the broader NCR homeland security and public safety stakeholders who play a critical role in achieving the priorities and future state outcomes.
- Awareness of emerging threats that may require regional collaboration.



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