



Ohio Sunset Review Committee Agency
Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security Advisory Council

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) was formed in April 2006 under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5502: Department of Public Safety. 5502.011 with the intent to advise the director on homeland security, including homeland security funding efforts. The advisory council is inclusive of state and local government officials who have homeland security or emergency management responsibilities and who represent first responders.

In 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security required every state to establish and maintain a Unified Senior Committee (Homeland Security Advisory Council) as a condition of receiving federal funds from the agency.

HSAC leverages the experience, expertise, and statewide connections of its membership to provide the Director of Public Safety with independent, real-time advice to support decision making across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC shall make advisory recommendations to the Director of Public Safety on the following:

- i. Policy development and implementation of comprehensive strategies to secure the state of Ohio from terrorist threats, attacks, and/or other local emergencies.
- ii. Coordination and implementation of such comprehensive state strategies within the department of public safety and among the department's state and local government partners, first responders, the private sector, and experts within academia and research communities.
- iii. Feasibility and effectiveness of implementing and funding specific priorities to detect, prepare for, prevent from, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist threats, attacks, or other emergencies within the state of Ohio.
- iv. Review and evaluate existing and emerging planning, operating, equipping, training and exercising elements that relate to a steady state of preparedness.
- v. Provide direction and oversight to strengthen statewide citizen preparedness and emergency volunteer capacity.
- vi. Comprehensive and effective statewide communication capability for First Responders.

Currently, HSAC meets quarterly to provide updates from around the state. The Executive Directors from Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, and the Directors from state fusion centers all provide updates on incoming SARS and activities around the state that may be potential threats and the status of grants that the state is receiving. Additionally, we have expert speakers come in to talk about current events.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

HSAC is voluntary and does not necessarily require a specific number of staff. The administrative duties of HSAC fall under the job description of a Program Administrator 3 within Ohio Homeland Security. The program administrator is tasked with sending out invites for the quarterly meetings, obtaining expert speakers when deemed appropriate, drafting an agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and taking and completing minutes to send out to HSAC members.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

Under the HSAC Charter, the director shall appoint the members of the council, who shall serve without compensation. Any administrative work is provided by an existing employee of Ohio Homeland Security. No funding is required for the existence of HSAC.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

Currently, HSAC has forty-seven (47) active members/agencies. These members volunteer and there is no compensation.

Additional notes

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