

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 5: ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMONWEALTH PREPAREDNESS

SUBJECT:

The Honorable Terrie Suit, Assistant to the Governor, from the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness will provide an overview of the activities that her office is engaged in as it relates to the Hampton Roads region and the Commonwealth.

BACKGROUND:

Mrs. Terrie L. Suit was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to the position of Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness in January of 2010. In this Cabinet level position Mrs. Suit works with federal, state, and local officials, as well as the private sector, to develop a seamless, coordinated security and preparedness strategy and implementation plan. She also serves as Virginia's Homeland Security Advisor and is the direct liaison between the Governor and the federal Department of Homeland Security.

The Office of Commonwealth Preparedness was created in the Office of the Governor to work with and through others – including federal, state, and local officials, as well as the private sector – to develop a seamless, coordinated security and preparedness strategy and implementation plan. The office also serves as the liaison between the Governor and the federal Department of Homeland Security.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This briefing is being provided for informational and discussion purposes.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The HRPDC Emergency Management staff works with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness in facilitating and/or implementing multiple homeland security initiatives in Hampton Roads. These include the First Responder Authentication Credentialing Program, the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program, Interoperability, and various other homeland security grant activities to support homeland security programs.