

**National Executive Committee**  
**May 1-2, 2009**

**Homeland Security Sub-Committee**

Chairman Thomas Marsden opened the meeting at 6:05 PM on Friday, May 1, 2009.

In Attendance: Members, Chairman Thomas Marsden (NJ), Vice Chairman Ken Jenkins (MD), John Zgoda (MN), and 13 guests.

Chairman Marsden discussed the sub-committee's status being changed next year from a sub-committee to a standing committee. Commander Cisna spoke about the Homeland Security committee being ready to go to being a full committee by next year when its status will change. He thanked the sub-committee for all that they have done in this year and past years.

The committee discussed the mission statement. The suggestion was made to use Homeland Security (it is all in the name) as the mission statement. A motion was made by John Zgoda to accept seconded by Ken Jenkins and passed.

The committee discussed and passed around all of the Ready Program brochures and each Detachment having a Homeland Security Committee for the National committee to keep in touch with. Discussion about each detachment having different problems with natural disasters.

We discussed working on completing a test on readiness given by FEMA that would earn them a Certificate of Completion with a score of 75% or better. Ken Jenkins reported that we can contact FEMA to get various books and brochures on readiness. The contact number is 1-800-BE-READY or online at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

Chuck Gannon brought up about the H1N1 "swine flu" and the committee possibility of a resolution in support of the Legions position and it being joint with the Community Service Committee.

Discussed that Homeland Security could possibly work with Member Training and Development to put on a class to teach our members attending the NEC about Homeland Security and readiness, which would allow them to go back and teach it back in their home detachments. Chairman will go and talk to the Member Training and Development.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 48 PM.

Thomas Marsden  
Homeland Security Sub-Committee Chairman

Went to the Community Service Committee meeting and talked about the resolution and it was decided to work on this together and send out a letter throw e-mail and put on the web, to all about the H1N1. The Legion does not have a stand on this at this time.

Went to the Member Training and Development meeting and talked about the possibly of starting a class about Homeland Security and readiness and it was well received. Will start working on a program to present to them.