

HazMat TAC Minutes  
January 17, 2006

**Introductions / Welcome**

New members to the Hazmat TAC:

- John Wills, Ohio EMA
- Terry McCall, ODH
- Brian Stilelar, Coshocton Fire

Candice Sherry from Logistic TAC distributed to committee members Critical Resource and Logistics Distribution Questions. These will be e-mailed to all TAC chairs and co-chairs. Jim and I will include with the minutes from this meeting. Questions due back February 24, 2006.

**Subject 1: Equipment Survey**

Discussion: 1. Talked about how to get all of the Surveys back from the contacts.  
2. Talked about how to verify the information given from the surveys and eventually to include equipment and training levels of the county hazmat teams. This would also include personnel initial training and keeping up qualifications, training on equipment, and maintaining of equipment.

Item 1. - The committee talked about possibly contacting EMA Directors with OEMA assistance, or LEPC's Chair Person/Information Coordinator. The committee in general felt there was benefit to working these requests through the county EMA in addition to the hazmat contacts.

**ACTION ITEM:** Robert Glenn from Ohio EMA will write a letter asking EMA Directors assistance in getting these completed. The letter will be reviewed by the Hazmat co-chairs prior to sending them out.

**ACTION ITEM:** Craig Peeps will e-mail to regional coordinators the hazmat teams that are deficient in completing the survey.

**ACTION ITEM:** Regional coordinators will continue trying to get the surveys completed. These surveys will be of great assistance when requests using Homeland Security funding are forwarded to the TAC for recommendation. See future funding discussion below.

It was also stated that the committee does not need to contact counties that have said they do not have a HazMat team.

Item 2. - Some of the ideas thrown out to check on equipment & training levels were – Hire a consultant, or have members of the committee (Regional coordinators) go out to check if equipment is actually on hand (verify), if people are trained on equipment, and

training levels of personnel. Use of Fire Marshal and Ohio EMA field liaison personnel were also suggested.

From discussion, it is felt that the committee it would be best for the county's to take on responsibility of verifying training for their personnel & equipment maintenance. Also get the county's to tell the committee what type (Level 1, 2, or 3) team they feel they have since many teams draw from various fire dept.'s to form 1 team.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mark Vetter will draft a letter for the February Hazmat TAC meeting that outlines the typing structure and asks if the hazmat team to participate as a regional accredited response team. The concept will be similar to the ISO model where the teams are responsible for their own verification.

#### Future Funding

Also need to inform counties how this is going to affect funding from the Fed.'s to the State, to the Counties. Individual counties will request funding items through the state. Requested hazmat items will be reviewed by the Hazmat TAC for a recommendation to the state. The goal is to leverage the dwindling Homeland Security Funds to the best possible advantage. This would include purchasing identified items for teams that are deficient and avoiding duplication within regions of equipment acquisitions.

#### **Subject 2:** Standard Operating Guideline Development.

Outcome – Should be very broad—strategic not tactical. Possibly cover: How requests are made, Resources, Cost Recovery, and Operate under an ICS/UCS. How on-scene tasks are done would be up to the responders.

Hazmat teams should have the ability to refuse if the IC orders an operation that is considered unsafe.

Will begin the development of SOG's at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 1000 hours at Ohio EMA