

HazMat TAC Minutes
May 16, 2006

The meeting opened with Chief Locher discussing the new Target Capabilities. The Federal Government has formed working groups to revise the Target Capabilities, particularly the Performance Metrics. A DRAFT copy of new Target Capabilities for WMD/Hazardous Materials was e-mailed to TAC members on the day prior to the meeting, with instructions for TAC members to review specific pages, as they were just recently obtained.

Chief Locher then turned the meeting over to Mel House of OEMA. Mr. House covered the short time frame (6/15/06) involved for the TAC to determine funding needs for FY 06 in building Hazmat capabilities (type). This is based on Risk vs. target capability and should identify gaps. In short, a Plan for hazardous materials capability across the State. The TAC will then have another 4-6 weeks to figure out cost and identify how funding/purchasing is to be funneled.

NOTE: All dates are guesses or estimates from Mel.

Mel also talked about how the money request will/could go to the teams:

1. Regional Pot – this may be best way to build regional teams. It will require counties to serve as requesting / purchasing agents for regional assets.
2. A number of Counties using a percentage or portion of their money to be put forward toward a team or equipment.
3. Counties can use their allocations to build capabilities.

NOTE 1: Building of capabilities will require cooperation / involvement of County Terrorism Advisory Teams and local EMA.

NOTE 2: Information provided is based on what we think will occur. Details regarding funding /grants will be finalized over the next several weeks.

Mel explained that it appears that counties will get a base amount of money to spend with additional funding through a competitive process; although this process may be phased in over the next two year grant cycles. Mel also stated the State has developed 9 Investment Justifications, i.e., Interoperable Communications, through the statewide capability assessment study done earlier this year. Monies received for those investment requests can be moved around within those 9 categories.

The TAC has until (estimated.) June 15th, 2006 to put together their Action Plan.

Hazmat Capability Discussion:

The TAC then addressed the WMD/Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination Target Capabilities document, more specifically, point # 9 on page 2 – Plans in place for pre-identified & equipment hazmat personnel to respond to hazmat incidents and provide initial rapid HM size up within 30 minutes of notification.

The discussion was focused on training level needed by a responder to meet this 30 min. requirement. Members discussed both Awareness & Operational level. It was determined that the committee should go with Awareness Level. This was based on overall training throughout the state and the feeling of what an Awareness level trained responder could perform an initial size up.

Response Type / Response Time: The committee felt that capabilities, from request to arrival could be on scene, using the recently developed Hazmat Team Typing document:

1. Awareness Level Trained personnel within 30 minutes.
2. Type III Team: 2 hours from notification in Step 1. (12 hour operational period)
Type II Team: 2 hours from notification with the understanding that a Type III team was on-scene and made the determination for the need of a Type II Team, OR 2 hours if requested at Step 1. (12 hour operational period)
3. Type I Team (WMD/HM): 4 hours for one (1) team and an additional two (2) Type I Teams on-scene within 8 hours. (For 24 hours operational period prior to arrival of Federal assets.

ACTION ITEM: Regional coordinators on the TAC were tasked with coming up with a spending plan (ball-park), for their region, to meet these standards by the next meeting date. Coordinators, use the equipment costs attached on the EXCEL file that matches the Ohio Typing Document, as this will allow a standardized approach to the cost issue.

ACTION ITEM: Continue development of SOG's by subcommittee

Next Meeting Date: CHANGE to Wednesday, 6/14/06, 10:00 AM, @ OEMA, Room 104, Columbus, Ohio.