

Hazmat/Decontamination
Technical Advisory Committee
MINUTES
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New members attending the TAC meeting were introduced.

Regional Grants

Greg Locher and Mel House reviewed the Grant process used for the regional funding from the State Homeland Security Grant Program funds. This was a general overview of the projects that were awarded from the \$300,000 set aside for regional grants, how grant guidelines were developed, and how this was a dynamic process with a short timeline.

There was a discussion on the importance for every regional representative attending the TAC meetings to assure they are getting the right information and are able to communicate that information out to their region. The importance of TAC regional coordinators keeping in contact with EMA Directors/County Homeland Security Advisory Teams was also discussed. Coordination is necessary to ensure efficient and effective capability-building. This is especially critical given limited funding.

SOG Discussion lead by Jeff Branic

The TAC membership discussed Notification small changes and approved this SOG.

Communications SOG

As discussed at last meeting, using the MARCS Radio as Command communications. The SOG follows the Ohio Statewide Interoperable Communications Plan (OSICP). Committee voted to accept version 2 of the communication plan.
Motions to accept – Mark Vedder, Second – Harry Burdick

Issues covered in the communication SOG:

1. The group did talk about the possibility of developing a redundant communications SOG in the future.
2. How to communicate with and between team members at the incident.
3. Coordination and review of the Communication SOG with Communication & USAR TACs. Members agreed that these TACs should review the SOGs and provide any input prior to sharing the SOGs outside of this committee.
4. Should the IC be required to establish a communication leader to address communication needs/problems?
5. Develop a check-list for HazMat teams to address internal communications for the equipment list.

Tim Flock will take communication SOG to Communication TAC for review.
Tom Beatty will take the notification SOG to the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association for review.

Additional Notification Topic brought up by Tom Beatty. Fire Response Center looking for one (1) contact per region when requesting resources. The committee discussed the reasons for this and how this can/will be addressed. A sub-committee will look into this issue.

Action Items:

1. Tim Flock to set up a review of applications with 3 regions that were not funded.
2. Add Butler County HM team to Map – Marc Vetter
3. Tim Flock to present the Communication SOG to the Interoperable Communication TAC for review and input.
4. Tom Beatty to present the Notification SOG to the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association for review and input.
5. Greg Locher to contact Steve Ashbrock (USAR TAC co-chair) and set up a conference call with the Typing / Verification Subcommittee headed by Mark Vetter.