

**Ohio Homeland Security
Ohio Response System
Hazmat Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2006
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TAC Co-Chairman Greg Locher opened the meeting at 1000 hrs.

Locher welcomed all the TAC committee members and introduced a new representative, Jim Roudebush, from Dover Fire Dept in Tuscarawas County.

Locher then asked Mel House to update the TAC on the progress with the Type 3 Regional Funding Initiative. House reported that \$300,000 from SHSGP is still available but regions will need to compete with other regional funding requests, with no guarantee of funding. The EMA recognizes the excellent work by the TAC and he hopes these applications will be favorably viewed by the committee.

House stated that each lead county will need to submit the applications before August 1, 2006. Locher added that he will get the info out to all TAC members.

House introduced Candice Sherry from the Logistics TAC. She stated that the Logistics TAC is gathering info on what resources may be needed by Hazmat at a large scale incident. They are planning for MRE's, shelter, lighting, and standard logistical support items, but wanted us to identify any "special" needs which were unique to Hazmat TAC. She will forward request to Locher.

Locher reminded regional coordinators to forward Hazmat TAC minutes to local EMA directors and hazmat team leaders to insure that info gets to all.

Locher referred to revised hazmat map and discussion followed on what teams should be identified and how to display them. It was decided to include non-participating teams in a different color. TAC members should send updated info to Mark Vedder at MV298@aol.com to update the map.

Locher asked each regional coordinator for an update on information gathering and responses regarding the Type 3 Finding Initiative in their respective regions. All reported progress and that they felt ready to complete the application process.

Mark Vedder led discussion on target capability for Type 1 teams and requested a formal decision as we had done with Type 2 and 3. Discussion followed on likely candidates for Type 1 status, and the difference between Type 2 and Type 1 capabilities. It was decided that WMD identification capabilities was the main difference. Consensus was reached after discussion to keep the Type 1 maximum response time to 4 hours and to be self-sustaining for 12 hours. It currently appears that there may be 6-8 teams which may be capable of Type 1 status with assistance.

Vedder requested that Tim Flock (who is also on the Communications TAC) approach the Comm TAC about designating a statewide Hazmat Coordinating Frequency on the MARCS system. This would allow responding teams to coordinate and communicate with an IC while enroute and upon arrival at an incident. Flock said he would pursue the issue with the Comm TAC.

Terry Bindernagel of Cleveland Fire Division presented information on their new Mobile WMD Laboratory. The vehicle has a large glove box and is a Type 3 Bio Lab with microscopy capabilities. It will be available for response to FBI determined "Credible Threats".

Locher asked the SOP Committee to focus on developing SOP's on Notification, Communications and Strategic Expectations. He set up a quick meeting with the committee following the TAC meeting to further define these needs.

Locher reviewed the action items for the next meeting as:

1. Locher to send TAC White Paper Regional Funding Proposal and OEMA Regional Funding Grant Information Packet to all TAC members
2. Summit (Clarence Tucker) and Franklin Counties (Bill Brobst) to confirm their Lead EMA Agencies for regional funding
3. Regional Coordinators to contact the EMA Directors applying for regional funding to offer assistance with the grant application
4. Locher to write letter of support from the TAC for EMA Directors writing regional grants
5. Logistics TAC information to be distributed prior to meeting and discussed at next meeting
6. Mark Vetter to make additions / corrections to Identified Hazmat Team (Draft) Map
7. SOP Sub-committee to rework SOP documents and present at August meeting

Locher thanked everyone for attending.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15 at 1000 hrs at the Ohio EMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 1204 hrs.