

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**TAC:** Hazmat/Decon  
**From:** Chair, Greg Locher

**File Number:**  
**Approved:** M. House



**I. Attendees:** Add sign-in sheet.

## **II. City of Greenville (Darke County) Site Verification**

Two of the members of the site verification team presented the results of this recent visit. The site verification team for the TAC were: Greg Locher, Harry Burdick, and Gary Rettig from Region 3. Observers present were Mel House and Pam Gibson from OEMA and the Darke County EMA Director, June Mong. The TAC verification team recommended approval as a Type III team with a recommendation that a MARCS radio (portable or mobile) be supplied to the responding vehicle. The site visit was well organized and the TAC verification team were impressed with the cooperation between this team and the Darke County team. The TAC membership voted to approve the TAC verification team's recommendation. Mel House to write a letter to the team and cc the Darke County EMA Director and Greg Locher. Greg Locher will notify the Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response System Coordinator, Russ Rife.

## **III. MARCS radio addition to equipment list.**

The issue was whether a HM Team has a MARCS radio (physically) or can procure one before departing the county for a regional response. In general, the committee came to a consensus that as long as a MARCS Radio can be procured, the team meets the intent of the equipment requirement. Funding/Fees were also discussed. It was felt that the HM Teams do have other sources, through grants, to meet any funding or fee issues.

Proper programming of MARCS radio was also discussed. Greg Locher will meet with MARCS representatives and then forward the information to Mark Vedder to include in the equipment list for team typing.

## **IV. Number of Technician personnel required for each type of team.**

The team typing verbiage concerning the number of technicians required has been interpreted several different ways. The TAC membership did reach consensus that for a Type I team, a total of 20 technicians should respond. After much discussion on the number of trained personnel required for type II and III teams vs. the number of those personnel expected to be technician trained, a subcommittee was formed to provide clear guidance on the subject. The subcommittee will consist of Mark Vedder, Jeff Branic, Jeffery Corder, and Bill Brobst.

**V. Gap Analysis and FY08 / FY 09 funding update.**

Mel House of OEMA talked about the status of the FFY 08 Grant. Spending of the grant funds should be completed as soon as they become available. He also noted that the FFY 09 Grant is running late for the Federal side of the house, but should be available the first quarter of 2010. The TAC has developed a request for \$130,000 as a result of the gap analysis. There is no commitment or guarantees of funding at this point. He noted that this should be the last (Phase 4) major funding needed to build hazmat/WMD capabilities. Future funding may be requested as technologies or target capabilities change and/or further gaps are identified. Subsequent to Phase 4 funding, however, the hazmat/WMD response capability-building will be considered complete. It was also emphasized that Team Verification must be done as teams address their Gap Analysis.

**VI. CIMS web site update**

Mary Tyler of OHLS gave a presentation on the CIMS website to include what material can be stored on the page, where it will be stored, and how it can be accessed. The TAC ability to store documents such as minutes, agendas and SOP's will be developed in parallel with the OEMA resource project. A link to the current web site hosted by Mark Vedder is also possible in the short-term. A map that lists the identified teams and contact information for each team can also be developed. She is estimating that this project will be completed by the end of the year.

**Action Items:**

- Chair Greg Locher will send out the Executive Summary on the Gap Analysis.
- Chair Greg Locher will discuss with the MARCS Communication Group to address which frequencies would be required for interoperability for a regional response.
- A subcommittee has been formed to address HM Team trained response personnel vs. Team size.
- Chair Greg Locher is to send HM TAC roster to Mary Tyler so each member can have access to the training site of the CIMS web page.
- Greg Locher to make corrections to HM TAC Notification SOP slide show for consistency.
- Regional Coordinators to check on progress of FY 08 fund expenditure
- Verification Schedule
- CIMS web site progress
- Mass Decontamination Typing
- Cost Recovery Matrix

**VI. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2009, @ 10:00 AM, @ Ohio EMA, Columbus OH.

Respectfully,  
Submitted by: Rich Lauffer / Greg Locher

Attachments: Attachments Sign-in-Roster

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