

ORS TAC MINUTES

Department of Public Safety
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Date: June 15, 2010
TAC: HM
From: Mark Vedder

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Approved:



- I. **Attendees:** See sign-in sheet
- II. **Welcome:** Mark Vedder welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for attending.
- III. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting as distributed were approved with the following corrections:
 - a. Under old business on the second bullet, Van Wert will be seeking to upgrade to a Type 2 team, not a Type 1 as shown.
 - b. Under old business on the fourth bullet, the spelling of Muskingum was corrected.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a. Region 1, 5 and 8 reported on their progress with the 2009 SHSGP Grant Awards. All spending is on track and no regions anticipate issues with completion. Region 7 was present to report.
 - b. Vedder let the group know that if they knew of any remaining gaps to be filled, particularly from Type 3 to Type 2, that they should submit them in writing to Vedder prior to July 1, 2010 as Mel House will need time to verify justifications
 - c. Mahoning County Site Visit: A site visit took place in Mahoning Co on May 26, 2010. At that time, the site visit committee found that they met all of the equipment and procedural requirements for verification as a Type 2 team, except they were not able to demonstrate they had sufficient personnel to provide 15 for a response. Sal Caggiano brought documentation with him to the meeting to show that two technicians had not been properly counted and that they had added three additional personnel. Based upon this documentation, Don Waldron moved to verify Mahoning County as a Type 2 Team. Mahoning County was unanimously approved as Type II.
 - d. Discussion followed on the personnel requirements necessary for team typing. The verification documents indicate that: a Type 1 team must have 20 technicians on a response, a Type 2 team must have 15 technicians for a response, and a Type 3 team must have 10 technicians for a response. Previous interpretations by the TAC have intentionally not indicated the number of personnel that must be on a team's roster in order to meet these minimums, but rather for a team to demonstrate through past response data or by reason that they can meet the requirements. Vedder stated that in the past teams such as Coshocton and Trumbull have entered into MOU's to meet such minimums if they could not muster sufficient personnel at the time of a response. Mahoning EMA had called Mel House and complained that there needed to be a fixed minimum number of the roster in the standard, otherwise it would be subjective. Bill Brobst stated that different interpretations of "reasonable" were going to cause problems

and that he felt it should be a fixed number. He felt that site visit team members should not be required to subjectively interpret the standards. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to require a minimum number of technicians on the team roster in order to be verified. The minimums to be Type 1 – 30 members, Type 2 – 21 members, Type 3 – 15 members. Vedder asked that the motion be tabled for a month to allow additional discussion and to allow each region to provide input. Motion tabled.

- e. Regional coordinators were asked to continue attempting to schedule site visits.
- f. Tox Medic – Jack Holliday was not present, so there was no report.
- g. OFA OPS Mission Specific Objectives – Bill Brobst reported that work had begun on the MSO training curriculum. The intent will be to offer 3 hour or 6 hour classes to meet objectives as needed by the AHJ for their personnel. Bill also reported that the HM/WMD refresher had been approved using the HM/WMD Tech course materials.
- h. Certification/Credentialing – Bill Brobst reported that he had communications as directed by the TAC with the agencies on the Fire Training Committee for ODPS. They agreed to discuss the proposed Ohio Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians. Mark Vedder and Bill Brobst will meet with PSS on July 13, 2010 to discuss the proposal. See handouts.
- i. CBRNE Working Group – Bindernagel and Brobst reported there had been no additional action with the committee. They were awaiting survey results.
- j. Special Alarms – Bindernagel reported that we had missed the deadlines for proposals to the Ohio Fire Code and that there was no new info to report.

V. New Business:

- a. Lasers – Bindernagel reported that he was gathering info on the regulation of lasers at concerts and sporting events. High power lasers were readily available on the web and that it might warrant consideration by the committee
- b. Northern Ohio FBI WMD Coordinator – Rick Maier reported that an agent had been selected for the vacant position in Cleveland and the announcement will be forthcoming.

VI. Action Items: Tox Medic report – Next meeting.
Need dates & times for future Team Typing visits.

VII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 10:00 AM, at Ohio EMA.

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman