

ORS TAC MINUTES

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Date: July 20, 2010
TAC: Hazmat
From: Mark Vedder

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- I. **Attendees:** See attached sign-in sheet
- II. **Welcome:** Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for the good turnout for a July meeting. Attendees introduced themselves. All eight regions were represented at the meeting.
- III. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Report on 2009 SHSGP Awards:** Regions 1, 2, 7 and 8 reported on their progress with the 2009 SHSGP Grants. All spending is on track and no regions anticipate issues with completion. Regions 7 and 8 report that equipment has been ordered.
 - b. **2010 SHSGP Grant Requests:** Vedder reported that neither he nor Mel House had received any requests to fund gaps or to upgrade team capabilities by the July 1 deadline. Vedder discussed that a need exists for training Hazmat Branch Officers and Hazmat Branch Safety Officers. He proposed seeking grant funds to develop a course curriculum and course materials.
 - c. **Site Visits:** Regional coordinators were encouraged to continue to scheduling site visits for the balance of 2010. We have made progress but need to keep the momentum going.
 - d. **Greater Cincinnati Hazmat Unit:** A site visit was conducted at Greater Cincinnati Hazmat on June 21, 2010. The site visit team was Bill Brobst, Gray Rettig and Jim Dwertman. The committee stated that the site visit was impressive and recommends approval of the verification for Type 1. The TAC unanimously approved them as a Type 1.
 - e. **Middletown FD Hazmat, Butler County:** A site visit was conducted at Middletown FD Hazmat on June 21, 2010. The site visit team was Bill Brobst, Gray Rettig and Jim Dwertman. The committee recommends approval of the verification for Type II with the recommendation that individual training records be kept for drills and continuing education. The TAC unanimously approved them as a Type II.
 - f. **Hamilton FD Hazmat, Butler County:** A site visit was conducted at Hamilton FD Hazmat on June 21, 2010. The site visit team was Bill Brobst, Gray Rettig and Jim Dwertman. The committee found several equipment deficiencies which were communicated to the Hazmat Team at the site visit. Hamilton FD Hazmat should have corrected the

deficiencies within 30 days of the site visit and submitted documentation of the corrections to Mel House. No documentation has been received at the date of the TAC meeting. Consideration of the verification was tabled for 30 days. Vedder will email the Hamilton FD Hazmat Team and advise them to forward documentation that the deficiencies have been corrected.

g. Scheduled Site Visits:

- i. Delaware Co Hazmat, Region 4, Aug 25, 1000 hrs
Brobst, Holiday, OEMA, Robertson
- ii. Marion Co Hazmat, Region 4, Aug 25, 1330 hrs
Brobst, Holiday, OEMA, Robertson
- iii. Belmont Co Hazmat, Region 8, Aug 27, 1000 hrs
Corder, TBD, OEMA, TBD
- iv. Muskingum Co Hazmat, Region 8, Sept 2010
TBD
- v. Ashland/Richland Co Hazmat, Region 5, Sept 2010
TBD
- vi. Northwest Area Strike Team, Region 4, Oct 12, 1000 hrs, Type II
Brobst, Vedder, OEMA, Burdick
- vii. Fairfield Co Hazmat, Region 4, Oct 12, 1300 hrs, Type II
Brobst, Vedder, OEMA, Robertson
- viii. Harrison FD, Hamilton Co, Region 6, Week of Oct 25, Type II
TBD
- ix. Union Twp FD, Clermont Co, Region 6, Week of Oct 25, Type II
TBD
- x. Summit County Hazmat, Region 5, Nov 19, 1000 hrs, Type I
Caggiano, Vedder, OEMA, Peeps

- h. Motion to Establish Fixed Number for Hazmat Technicians: Motion by Ed Hower (Lima FD) at the June 2010 Hazmat TAC Meeting to require a specific number of hazmat technicians on the roster of any hazmat teams seeking verification. Type 1 teams would be required to have a minimum of 30 technicians on the roster, Type II teams would be required to have a minimum of 22 technicians on the roster, and Type III teams would be required to have a minimum of 15 technicians on the roster. A team would have to have at least the minimum number required for a response and could then demonstrate how they could supplement with MOU's if necessary. Teams which have already verified would be grandfathered.

Discussion was opened again at the July meeting. Vedder started the discussion by reviewing the reasoning behind both sides of the issue. Several TAC members spoke against the motion, most felt the issue had already been decided in a previous discussion and that the "reasonable" rule was adequate. Several others spoke in favor of the motion,

explaining the desire to remove subjectiveness by the site visit team. Jeff Branich (Strongsville FD) proposed that the numbers of 30, 22 and 15 be used as a guideline for the definition of “reasonable”, but not be required. If the number were less than the guideline, the site visit team would have reason to make further inquiries of the team seeking verification to demonstrate how they can meet the team typing response personnel requirement. Much additional discussion followed on both sides of the issue. Ed Hower eventually withdrew the motion, and a consensus was reached to use the 30/22/15 as a guideline as described above. Vedder expressed thanks to all who participated in the discussion.

- i. Site Visit Requirements: Vedder requested assistance on several issues which have been raised at site visits.
 - i. All application documents must be complete before a site visit will be scheduled.
 - ii. Applications should be submitted in electronic form (Word, Excel or PDF)
 - iii. Training records must be available for individual team members and not just kept by shift, company or training session. The site visit team will ask for records of individuals. The records must indicate that each technician met the team’s annual training requirements for con-ed.
 - iv. Physical exam records must be available for individual team members and the hazmat physical must have been completed in the past 24 months (OSHA).
- j. Tox Medic Training and Protocols : Jack Holiday – No report
- k. Ohio Operations Mission Specific Training Curriculum: Bill Brobst was not present, Vedder reported that the curriculum is being written and the project is moving forward.
- l. Ohio Hazmat/WMD Technician Certification by ODPS: Vedder reported that he and Bill Brobst had met with the Fire Training Committee of PSS. They made a presentation proposing a statewide certification for Hazmat Technicians to assist with team typing and ease NIMS credentialing. Much discussion and questions followed from the committee and the audience. In the end, the committee was receptive to the idea and requested the TAC provide representatives to a sub-committee to explore the details for the committee. Mark Vedder, Bill Brobst and Clarence Tucker will serve on the sub-committee.
- m. CBRNE Working Group: Terry Bindernagel (Cleveland FD) reported that they had a recent conference call and were working on a survey. He will update us next month on the progress.
- n. Northern Ohio FBI WMD Coordinator: Rick Maier was not present to report on progress on the appointment.

V. New Business

- a. OHIO 52ND CST inquired if SHSGP funding could be used for sustainment of teams, such as training costs and supplies. Vedder stated he thought that it could not, but will request guidance from Mel House
- b. Jeff Branich asked Tom Jaksetic (Toldeo FD) to report on the recent USAR incidents in Millbury and Fremont, particularly any lessons learned that could assist the TAC in Hazmat deployments. Tom provided a brief explanation of the incidents and will prepare some lessons learned for the August meeting. Vedder heard that the concept of an

advance team for USAR regional teams worked well and that the Cleveland area was adding the concept to their SOG's.

VI. Action Items

- a. Denny Bristow inquired if the WMD portion of the new Ohio Hazmat/WMD Tech Course would qualify as equivalent for the CDP training in Anniston, AL and meet the requirement for the Type I team. Vedder suggested we give that some thought and we will discuss at the August TAC meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: August 17, 2010, @ 10:00 AM, @ Ohio EMA

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder,
Co-Chairman

Attachments: Sign In Sheet of Attendees