

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**Date:** July 19, 2011  
**TAC:** Hazmat TAC  
**From:** Mark Vedder

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## HazMat TAC Meeting at Ohio EMA

**Attendees:** See attached list

- I. Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed all the attendees.
- II. Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of the June 2011 meeting by Robertson, second by Matzen. Unanimously approved.
- III. Old Business:**
  - **Update on Progress of Scheduling Site Visits**
    - Vedder reported that we currently have 70 hazmat teams listed with the Ohio Emergency Response Plan. These include five Type 1 Teams, twenty-six Type 2 Teams and forty-one Type 3 Teams. This will soon expand to 72 teams with the addition of East Liverpool FD in Columbiana County and the new Type 1 Team in Cuyahoga County.
    - We currently have 21 verified teams in Ohio which includes three Type 1 Teams, fourteen Type 2 Teams and four Type 3 Teams.
    - Vedder advised that we are in year two of a five year plan to verify all 72 teams. We are making progress but we need to keep up the pace. Please try to encourage teams to schedule for the site visits.
  - **Update on Site Visits**
    - Harry Burdick reported on the site visit at **Richland/Ashland County** on July 14, 2011 at 1000 hrs. He reported that the team was very well qualified and put together a well planned visit. The site visit team of Caggiano, Burdick, Groves, Winningham, and Flock recommended approval of Richland/Ashland County as a Regional Type 2 with no deficiencies. Motion by Burdick, second by Truesdale. Unanimously approved. Mel House will send letter of verification as well as notify the ERP. Sarah Moore will update the map.
    - The following site visits are currently scheduled:
      - **Allen County – July 22, 2011 at 1000 hrs**
        - Jaksetic, OEMA
      - **Pickway County – Aug 2, 2011 – 1000 hrs**
        - Brobst, Matzen, OEMA, ?, ??
      - **Fayette County – Aug 2, 2011 – 1300 hrs**

- Brobst, Matzen, OEMA, ?????
  - **Chagrin/SE Hazmat, Southwest Emergency Response Team, Westshore Hazmat, Cleveland Fire Hazmat, Cuyahoga County Type 1 Team – Aug 23, 2011 – 1000 hrs**
    - Two full site visit teams needed
    - ????, Waldron, OEMA, ????
    - ????, ????, OEMA, ????
- Vedder reported that the committee reviewing the Required Equipment List (REL) for Team Typing is still working on the update. They are comparing with RELs from other states. The committee reviewing the lists have not found any significant additions, but have found several items removed or made optional. This will be presented to the full TAC for review and discussion before any changes are implemented.
- Vedder gave Capt. Bill Brobst's updated report on OFA OPS Mission Specific Training Curriculum. Brobst has not yet received any comments on the training, which is available on the HazMat TAC website ([www.ohiohazmattac.com](http://www.ohiohazmattac.com)). Six of the eight modules, including curriculum and student manuals are complete so far. PowerPoints are still being developed. One of the modules still in development is Evidence Collection.
  - Dale Dittrick raised questions on the requirements to become a Hazmat/WMD Technician Instructor. Currently it the policy of the OFA that students for the T-t-T courses for Hazmat/WMD Technician be “experienced instructors” but without a clear definition of what that means. Substantial discussion followed. This was identified as a possible discussion item for email among the HazMat TAC in order to provide a recommendation to the OFA on becoming a Hazmat/WMD Instructor.
- An update was given on progress to establish state certification for HazMat/WMD Technician. That project which was recommended by the Hazmat TAC is currently inactive on the agenda of the ODPS Fire Committee.
- The CBRNE Working Group survey is out. Reminder to complete and turn in. Make sure you are only filling out information for your agency.
- Vedder gave an update from Mel House on the RFP for Hazmat Branch Director/Branch Safety Officer Training Program Development. Two bids for course development have been received. It was decided by House to go ahead without a third bid as the deadline is nearing. Copies of the two bids were reviewed. Vedder will send out an email to the HazMat TAC summarizing and comparing the bids to the original RFP. Due to the close deadline, **a conference call will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am** to review as a group and make a decision on which bid to recommend to the OEMA.

#### IV. New business:

- Vedder reported that a gap had been identified in East Central Ohio for a HazMat team in Columbiana County for the past several years. East Liverpool FD recently

sent a proposal to the Ohio EMA requesting funds to establish a new county Type 2 Team to address the gap. Mel House asked the HazMat TAC to review the proposal and make sure it fit with our response plan, and recommend if OEMA funding should be approved for the new team.

- Sil Caggiano reported that the region has a significant gap in this area and that other regional teams cannot meet the response time requirements.
  - The East Liverpool Fire Chief Jones explained the proposal and the concept of operations for the new team. They have gained support from the Columbiana County Fire Chiefs Association to form the team and they have committed resource support.
  - Discussion revealed that the response time for the nearest HazMat teams was not favorable and there is a large hazardous waste incinerator in the country. The Region 5 Coordinator and Mel House both recommended approval.
  - Mel House indicated to Vedder that the OEMA might have some supplemental funding to assist. Chief Jones requested \$70,000 for equipment only. He was advised that other grant funds would need to be leveraged for training and that the team would be required to verify a typed team and be a part of the Fire Response Plan as a condition of grant funding.
  - A motion to recommend OEMA funding for a regional type 2 team was made by Robertson, seconded by Caggiano, and unanimously approved.
- Vedder gave a reminder to make sure your agency and each component organization is NIMS compliance if using grant funding. Discussion followed regarding enforcement mechanisms.

**V. Updates from Partner Agencies:**

- FBI WMD Coordinator – Rick was unable to make the meeting due to another obligation. Mel House noted that the Chemical Industry/First Responder Outreach Day on August 11, 2011 conflicts with the LEPC Conference at the Ohio Fire Academy and may be aimed at the same audience. Vedder has forwarded this info to the appropriate parties.
- OEPA – Not present.
- OFA – Dale announced that the next HM/WMD Tech TTT class is October 4, 2011 and the next full Hazmat/WMD Tech class is March 26-30, 2012.
- CST – Jeremy Ford reported many internal position changes on the CST. Capt Allison Albers has left the CST. Capt. Logan is the new Deputy Commander.
- ODH – Not present.
- OFCA – Nothing to report.
- OEMA, RAD – Not present.
- US- DHS – Not present.

**VI. Action Items for next meeting:**

- Propose language to recommend to OFA on prerequisites to become Hazmat/WMD Technician Instructor

- Line up site visit team for Cuyahoga County

**VII. Next Meetings:**

- Conference call on July 28 re: Hazmat Branch Director/Branch Safety Officer Training Program Proposals
- August 16, 2011 at Ohio EMA 1000-1200 hours

Respectfully,  
Mark Vedder, Chairman