

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**TAC:** Hazmat TAC

**Approved:**

**From:** Mark Vedder

## HazMat TAC Meeting via Conference Call

**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 July 28, 2011 meeting. Unanimously approved.
- III. Old Business:**
  - **Update on Site Visits**
    - Application received to upgrade **Allen County** from Type 2 to Type 1 HM Team. Tom Jaksetic conducted site visit on July 22, 2011 and recommended approval. Motion to approve Allen County as a Type 1 by Bill Brobst, Second by Don Waldron. Unanimously approved.
    - Bill Brobst reported on the site visit to **Pickway County** on August 2, 2011 with Brooke Matzen and Cathy Deck. All three recommended approval of Pickway County as a Type 3 Team. Motion by Brobst, second by Matzen, Unanimously approved.
    - Brooke Matzen reported that **Fayette County** which was also scheduled for August 2, 2011 will need to be rescheduled.
    - Mel House will send letters of verification to Allen County and Pickway County, as well as notifying the ERP. Sarah Moore will update the map.
    - The following site visits are currently scheduled:
      - **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
        - Truesdale, Waldron, Bunting, Hower
        - Rubin, Groves, House, Auffart
    - Vedder asked that Region 7 work on getting some site visits scheduled. Chief Robertson indicated he should have a few ready for the September meeting

- Vedder reported that the committee reviewing the Required Equipment List (REL) for Team Typing is still working on the update. They have compared with RELs from other states. Vedder asked others to provide input/ideas or suggestions so the list can be revised. Discussion on whether the HazCat Kit should still be required if the Hazmat ID or other IR devices accomplish the same thing. No firm decision reached.
- Bill Brobst indicated that most of the work is completed on OFA OPS training curriculum. The information can be found on TAC web page. Also talked about Instructor qualifications needed to teach Hazmat/WMD Tech curriculum. Group suggested: candidates should be Hazmat/WMD Technician with at least 5 yrs experience, they should be Ohio Public Safety Services certified as an instructor or have equivalent training or experience (such as CDP instructor, IAFF Instructor, NFA Instructor training or other 40 hr adult education or adult instructor program) as recommendation to the OFA on becoming a Hazmat/WMD Instructor.
- The CBRNE Working Group survey is out. Reminder to complete and turn in. No other report from the committee.
- No one was available on the call to report on the status of the Hazmat Branch Director/Branch Safety Officer Training Program Development.

#### **IV. New business:**

- Vedder reported that Mel House had inquired about interest in developing an Ohio Tox-Medic Program. Several TAC members expressed interest. They felt the AHLS was a good program but too expensive. Steve Auffart reported that Northern Kentucky already had a program and he would provide additional info
- Vedder advised that the TAC would begin working on inventorying the mass decon capabilities within the state. Additional work would be need to define and gather the info from each region. Vedder requested that each regional coordinator begin to think about how they could identify and collect this info.
- Harry Burdick thanked Mark Vedder for his presentation about the Hazmat TAC and the Team Typing Project at the recent LEPC Conference held at the Ohio Fire Academy.

#### **V. Updates from Partner Agencies:**

- FBI WMD Coordinator – Ken Werstak (FBI Cleveland) noted that we all should be on heightened alert for 10 yr. anniversary of 9/11. He also reported on some white powder incidents around the country.
- OEPA – Reported that Jim Crawford retired and that there is a new EPA OSC for SW OH named Casey Adams. Still issues with Meth Lab response, funding clean-up. Working with ODH.
- OFA –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 – No report
- ODH – Not present.

- OFCA – Nothing to report.
- OEMA, RAD – Not present.
- US- DHS – Not present.

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

- Gather info on existing Tox Medic programs

**VII. Next Meeting:**

- Meeting on September 20, 2011 from 1000-1200 hours at Ohio EMA

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 1040 hours**

Respectfully,  
Mark Vedder, Chairman