

ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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From: Mark Vedder

Approved:

Attendees: See attached list

- I. **Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chair Mark Vedder welcomed all the attendees.
- II. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the Sept 2011 minutes. Motion by Robertson, second by Dettrick. Unanimously approved.
- III. **Statewide Training Needs Assessment:** Representatives from TetraTech led a facilitated discussion to develop Training Needs Analysis as it pertained to Hazardous Materials/WMD/Mass Decontamination. This was a discussion involving required and desired training coursework, as well as training facilities. (see attached draft document)
- IV. **HMEP Grant Changes:** Mel House of OEMA reviewed HMEP grant changes. A national list of courses eligible for HMEP funding is under development. TAC assistance is requested with drafting a list of recommended HMEP eligible hazardous materials courses. HMEP grants are 80/20 reimbursement grants which now require pre-approval of training.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - **Spending Plan for Current Grants –**
 - Van Wert - spending unknown and Region 1 Coordinator will check on status.
 - East Liverpool – Tech Class moving forward to develop team members.
 - **Update on Site Visits**
 - Chief Robertson announced a proposed site visit for **Ironton** at 1000 hrs and **Jackson** at 1400 hrs on November 22nd. Brooke Matzen and Jeff Corder volunteered to be on the team, along with Chief Robertson and an OEMA field liaison. No applications have been received yet.
 - Discussed the Site Visits for **Cuyahoga County Type 1, SW Emergency Response Team Type 2, and Cleveland Fire HM Type 2**. Due to an issue on a “personnel accountability system” these were tabled at the September meeting. Mark Vedder reports that a Passport Accountability System has been purchased and is being implemented throughout the county. Based upon that info and some additional discussion, Corder moved to approve all three teams, second by Robertson. The motion was unanimously approved. Mel House will send letters to the teams and the ERP. Sarah Moore will update the map.

- Corder made motion to approve the **Belmont County** upgrade from a Type 3 to a Type 2 team. Motion seconded by Harry Burdick, passed unanimously. Mel House will send letters to the team and the ERP. Sarah Moore will update the map.
 - **Fayette County** has still not rescheduled their site visit, Brobst will follow-up with them.
 - **Toledo FD** is awaiting new completion of new hazmat trailer before scheduling.
 - **Cincinnati FD** and **Ross County** are tentative for a January/February site visit.
 - No additional site visits are currently scheduled per Regional Coordinators.
- **CBRNE Working Group** - Bindernagel reports that the 1st. Survey is in with over 400 replies. The committee will be working on a more detailed 2nd survey in near future. They will be requesting copies of procedures. Question remains on whether these become public records. House to check with Attorney General.
 - **Hazmat Branch Officer and Safety Officer Training** – House reported that the contract had been awarded to the University of Findlay and that the program should be developed in the next 18 months.
 - **Tox Medic Program** – Vedder asked if there was interest in developing a Tox Medic program. After discussion, it was determined that significant interest exists. The program should be developed as a con-ed program without state certification. It should be 8-16 hours long and be designed for paramedics who are also hazmat techs. House has indicated that there are universities within the state interested in developing such a program
 - **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Techs** – Vedder led discussion on whether to push this with the Fire Committee. It was decided that while the Hazmat TAC still favors this moving forward, that it is not currently a good time to push hard. We will back off and see where it goes.

VI. New Business

- **Removing PASS devices for HazMat use** – Brobst initiated discussion on use of PASS devices on Hazmat Entry Team SCBA's. Many indicated that they had discontinued use of the PASS devices. Detrick suggested that NFPA 1983 only requires their use in Structural Firefighting, so for hazmat they are optional. Burdick suggested that if the SCBA had a PASS it had to be maintained or removed. Brobst to research further and advise if he determines other info.
- **The Meth project with Ohio EPA** – Brobst reported he has been working with Ohio EPA and other agencies to determine if a safe approved method could exist for

disposal of waste chemicals from One Pot Meth production. This proposed method would neutralize the chemicals and then allow them to be disposed of into a sanitary sewer which would be tied to WWTP. The results look promising and he will report back along with Ohio EPA at next meeting as to progress.

- **Discussion on how to gathering info for resource inventory of mass decon resources** – After much discussion, it was suggested that an inventory be developed of mass decon supplies and portable mass decon capabilities for decontaminating civilians. Will initially be put together by regional coordinators and then refined.

II. Partner Agency Updates

- a. **FBI WMD Coordinator** – There will be a RAD workshop in Cleveland, OH on June 20-21, 2012. More details will follow.
- b. **OEPA** - No report
- c. **OFA** – If anyone needs HM/WMD Tech Instructor Manuals there are plenty available
- d. **CST** - Change of Command scheduled for Nov 14 – New Commander Lt Col Jeffrey Suver
- e. **ODH** - No report
- f. **OFCA** - No report
- g. **OEMA** - No report
- h. **US- DHS** - No report

III. Action Items for next meeting

- Confirm details of site visit for Ironton and Jackson

IV. Next Meeting: November 15, 2011 at 1000-1200 hours

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman