

# ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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**Date:** November 15, 2011  
**From:** Mark Vedder

**File Number:**  
**Approved:**

## Attendees:

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Jeff Corder   | Brian Robertson | Brooke Matzen     |
| Bill Brobst   | Ken Werstak     | Gary Auffart      |
| Bill Jones    | Joe Stevens     | Rich Lauffer      |
| Harry Burdick | Miles Davis     | Matt Hoverkos     |
| Jeff Branich  | Nick Zamiska    | Terry Bindernagel |
| Marc Rubin    | Kevin Clouse    | Bernie Becker     |
| Dale Dettrick | Jesse Baker     | Jim Lyle          |
| Jim Dwertman  | Tom Jaksetic    | Jeremy Ford       |
| Mark Vedder   | Mel House       |                   |

- I. **Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chair Mark Vedder welcomed all the attendees.
- II. **Minutes:** October 2011 minutes were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the date of the next meeting was incorrectly listed as December 20, 2011 instead of November 15, 2011. Motion to approve the October 2011 minutes with that correction. Motion by Robertson, second by Brobst. Unanimously approved.
- III. **Old Business:**
  - **Spending Plan for Current Grants –**
    - Van Wert – Chief Jaksetic reported that \$25,000 was approved from the FY09 SHSGP. The current status of the spending is unknown, but will be checked on by Jaksetic before the December meeting. Mel House will check internally as well.
    - East Liverpool – Chief Jones reported that the Tech Class moving forward to develop team members but that no grant had been approved yet.
  - **Update on Site Visits**
    - Chief Robertson announced that the proposed site visit for **Ironton** and **Jackson** on November 22 had to be postponed. He requested that Vedder email him the Site Visit Powerpoint and they would reschedule when ready.
    - Brobst reported that **Fayette County** has still not rescheduled their site visit, but Brobst will follow-up with them.
    - Jaksetic reported that **Toledo FD** is awaiting delivery of new hazmat truck on Dec 21 and will schedule as soon as it is completed.

- Matzen reported that the **Cincinnati FD** would be scheduling a site visit in mid December of early January 2012.
- Matzen advised that **Ross County** is still tentative for a January/February site visit.
- Hoverkos advised that **Butler County** plan to schedule their upgrade to Type 1 for a site visit in Jan/Feb 2012.
- No additional site visits are currently scheduled per Regional Coordinators.
- **CBRNE Working Group** - Bindernagel reported that the committee is working on a more detailed 2<sup>nd</sup> survey. At the October meeting a question was raised about whether the procedures they are requesting would be considered public records. Bindernagel reported that they have obtained a legal opinion that these are not considered public record.
- **Hazmat Branch Officer and Safety Officer Training** – Mel House reported that there is a meeting scheduled with the University of Findlay on Nov 16 to discuss the time line and expectations. Vedder requested that the TAC wanted input prior to program development. House indicated they would try to set a date.
- **Tox Medic Program** – Vedder requested volunteers to be on a committee to explore developing a standardized Tox Medic Training program for Ohio. Bill Jones and Matt Hoverkos volunteered. Steve Auffart had previously volunteered. Vedder will contact them by email with ideas to get started. Brobst announced that Franklin County was sponsoring the Hazmat IQ Tox Medic Course on Dec 2 and that a few seats might be available. He will send Vedder the info to be forwarded to the committee.
- **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Techs** – Vedder advised it is still on hold awaiting ODPS action.
- **Meth Lab Chemical Disposal Project** – Brobst reported that the Columbus FD, Columbus PD, Narcotics Unit, Ohio EPA and BCI reps had met to review and observe the procedure for field neutralization and disposal of small quantities of chemicals used in the “one pot” method of meth production. Brobst said he would be sending out a “white paper” detailing their experience. He stated that the results were very positive and that it appeared that none of the agencies would have any objection to this method of disposal if: 1) the meth lab was a small one pot method, 2) the team doing the neutralization/disposal were adequately trained and protected, 3) the disposal was into a sanitary sewer that was going to a waste water treatment facility (not storm sewer or septic tank), 4) the other instructions were properly followed. Brobst will send the info for distribution.

## VI. New Business

- **Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference** – Vedder thanked all those who participated in the Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference on Nov 4 & 5. He stated that over 300 technicians

attended from all over the state. One of the presentations he did was to review the progress of the Ohio Hazmat TAC and the team typing process.

- **Meter Training** – Jeff Corder discussed the meter training conducted at the Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference by Frank Docimo. Corder suggested that the TAC should try to organize training of their nature to raise the level of expertise in direct reading instruments. Corder thought the TAC might request a PUCO grant to put on 4-5 trainings around the state with the target audience being Hazmat Tech Instructors. Discussion followed and it was agreed that this type of training is needed. Others felt that instructors from Ohio could provide the training at no cost or little cost. Jaksetic discussed training that NW Ohio obtained from US-EPA Region 5. He would check with US-EPA to see if they would do similar sessions throughout the state. Brobst discussed using the new Mission Specific Air Monitoring Training Module as a chance refresh/update meter skills. Can be used as a refresher class. Jeremy Ford from the CST suggested that the CST could also provide similar training.
- **Dupont Rail Car** – Jaksetic reported that the Dupont Rail Car training would be held on Nov 15, 16, 17 in Toledo. There are still openings at the evening sessions.

## II. Partner Agency Updates

- a. **FBI WMD Coordinator** – Ken Werstak reported that he attended the CST Change of Command ceremony. He also reported on a continuing incident in NE Ohio at Orange High School, which started as bomb threats and closed the school for several days, has no progressed to threats of biological agents being distributed through the ventilation system. If a substance is located the hazmat teams will play a role in the response.
- b. **OEPA** - Kevin Clouse reported they have a new On Scene Coordinator in the Dayton area. His name is Bill Lohner and he will be training with others until he gets up to speed.
- c. **OFA** – Dettrick reported that a Hazmat/WMD Technician class will be held March 26-30 at the OFA. They are also interested in developing a Hazmat Incident Command Course.
- d. **CST** - On Nov 14 they had Change of Command – New Commander Lt Col Jeffrey Suver now commands the 52<sup>nd</sup> CST
- e. **ODH** - No report
- f. **OFCA** - No report
- g. **OEMA** - No additional report
- h. **US- DHS** - No report

## III. Action Items for next meeting

- Miles Davis to check on reports that the Union Township Hazmat Team in Clarmont County may be disbanding. He advises that they did receive UASI funding from the Greater Cincinnati Hazmat, but did not receive SHSGP funds for team development. He will report at the December meeting

**IV. Next Meeting: Conference Call – December 20, 2011 at 1000-1200 hours**

Respectfully,

Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman