

ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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From: Mark Vedder

Approved:

Attendees:

Harry Burdick	Rich Lauffer	Dave Copus
Mark Vedder	Jeff Jadwin	
Terry Bindernagel	Harley Dunlop	
Tom Jaksetic	William Jones	
Tom Lakamp	Matt Haverkos	
Sarah Moore	Kevin Clouse	
Brian Robertson	Dale Dittrick	
Jim Painter	Ken Werstak	
Todd Truesdale	John Kayser	

- I. **Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed all the attendees.
- II. **Minutes:** Motion by Robertson, second by Jaksetic to accept the December 2011 minutes. Unanimously approved.
- III. **Old Business:**
 - **Spending Plan for Current Grants –**
 - Van Wert –\$25,000 - FY09 SHSGP – Region 1. Mel House and Tom Jaksetic reported that Van Wert had completed their buildout and would be returning the balance of the unused funds.
 - East Liverpool – Region 5 – Columbiana County - Chief Jones and Mel House reported that they need about \$70,000 to complete the development of their type 2 team. They are not starting from scratch, but need a lot of equipment. House reported the equipment will be housed in Ohio.
 - **Update on Site Visits**
 - Vedder announced that there have been some issues with late applications for site visits and reminded all that applications are due at least 30 days in advance of a site visit. If the application is not received 30 days in advance of the visit, the site visit will be canceled.
 - **Lake County Hazmat** is scheduled for March 5 – 1000 hrs. **AWAITING APPLICATION which is due by February 5.** The site visit team will be Vedder, Waldron, Groves, Branich and Bunting.

- **Fayette County and Ross County** – Proposed Date February 17, 2012 – 1000 hrs. and 1400 hrs - **AWAITING APPLICATIONS which are due by February 1.** The site visit team will be Brobst, Robertson, Matzen and Ohio EMA (Clouse for Fayette and Haukedahls for Ross)
 - **Ironton and Jackson** are postponed until further notice per Chief Robertson.
 - **Cincinnati FD** Site Visit is scheduled for February 29 at 1000 hrs and **Butler County** is scheduled for 1400 hrs. **AWAITING APPLICATIONS which are due by January 29** – The site visit team will be Matzen, Bristow, Auffart, Rettig, and OEMA. Sarah Moore will also attend as an observer.
- **CBRNE Working Group** - Greg Locher sent an email reporting that a follow-up survey would be received in mid to late February and asked that all take the time to complete the survey. Bindernagel added that this was to gather additional info and was not a duplicate of the first survey
 - **Hazmat Officer and Hazmat Safety Officer Training** – Vedder reported that the course materials from Module 1, 2 and 3 Lesson 1 have been received by the TAC and are posted for comments which are due back on January 31. Please review and comment back to Vedder.
 - **Tox Medic Sub-Committee** – Vedder reported that the sub-committee would have their first conference call on January 19. He hoped that all would be able to attend the call. They will start to define the scope of what they wish to do.
 - **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Techs** – Vedder advised that a rumor had started in the SE Chiefs region and that Jeff Coder had spent quite a bit of time tracking down the correct info. The rumor was that Ohio was moving forward with certification of Hazmat Techs and that no one would be grandfathered. Vedder emphasized that this did not come from the TAC and was not part of our proposal. We later found out that the Ohio DPS was finally discussing our proposal and planned to send out a survey regarding the proposal. We were not aware of that this was moving along, and requested a meeting with Mark Lundy from Public Safety Services. Brobst will follow up. The TAC supports certification AND grandfathering.
 - **Meth Lab Disposal Paper**– Vedder advised that he had been contacted by Roy Wilkinson from Akron FD regarding some concerns on the paper. He directed Wilkinson to Brobst and they discussed the concerns. It is important to emphasize that this is a proposal of one departments experience with using this method and that it is limited to SMALL labs using the ONE POT method. This disposal technique is NOT without risk and should only be attempted by hazmat technicians who have been trained in the procedure, understand the risks, are able to identify the chemicals involved and the phase of the process from which the chemicals remain. Proper metering equipment and PPE must be used based upon the hazards. The final disposal of the treated waste products should only be made into a sanitary sewer system which is going to a WWTP and only after obtaining approval from the WWTP facility.

- **Meter Training from USEPA** –Tom Jaksetic advised he would contact USEPA to see if they would be willing to conduct 4-5 training sessions on direct reading instruments throughout the state.

VI. **New Business**

- Vedder will be contacting Larry King at the ODH to see if he is available to attend the March TAC meeting to discuss ODH protocols for submission of suspect materials
- House discussed Senate Bill 243 and changes to IMAC (interstate mutual aid) to allow mutual aid among emergency response groups other than fire, and with regional groups and COG's. Also covers exercises and responses other than disasters. Legislation is pending.

V. **Partner Agency Updates**

- FBI WMD Coordinator** – Werstak reported on some recent incidents and requested that agencies report to their FBI WMDC if they are sending samples to ODH. FBI will sponsor RAD training in Cleveland, June 20-21. More details to follow. Hold the dates.
- OEPA** - Clouse discussed response to Wellington gasoline pipeline leak. He complimented Wellington FD on their response.
- OFA** – OFA is hosting Regional IMT training which must be completed on a short timeline. Contact OFA if interested.
- CST** - Will be doing an exercise in Toledo with Michigan CST in March 2012. Will be doing exercise and lab training in mid February 2012.
- ODH** - No report
- OFCA** – Chief Truesdale advised that he completed a report for the OFCA on the progress of the Ohio Hazmat TAC and it was well received
- OEMA** – Discussed status of grants. FY10 Athens is awarded but not yet spent for SCBA cylinders. Robertson will follow up. Attempting to develop a contact list for all hazmat teams. Vedder will contact Russ Rife to get info from Ohio FRP database.
- US- DHS** - No report

VI. Action Items for next meeting

- Jaksetic to check with USEPA on availability of meter training.
- Robertson to check on Athens grant
- Vedder to contact ODH – Larry King to schedule meeting

VII. Next Meeting: February 21, 2012 – 1000-1200 hrs – CONFERENCE CALL

VIII. TOXMEDIC SUBCOMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL AT 0900 on 02/21/12.

Respectfully,

Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman