

# ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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**Date:** February 21, 2012  
**TAC:** HazMat  
**From:** Mark Vedder

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



## Attendees:

Harry Burdick	Bill Brobst	Sarah Moore
Mark Vedder	Sil Cagiano	Marc Ruben
Mel House	Steve Auffart	Tom Lakamp
Brooke Matzen	Dr. Jacobson	Ron Majors
Ed Hower	Jim Dwertman	Bernard Becker
Nick Zamiska	Steve Groves	Terry Bindernagel
John Kayser	Bill Jones	Todd Trusdale
Dave Copus	Matt Haverkos	Harley Dunlap
Tom Jaksetic	Kevin Clouse	

- I. Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed all the attendees.
- II. Minutes:** Motion by Majors, second by Burdick to accept the January 2012 minutes. Unanimously approved.
- III. Old Business:**
  - a. Regional Coordinators – Update on Progress of Spending**
    - i. Athens – FY2010 – SCBA Cylinders – Region 7**
      - Mel House reported that the original equipment list had changed, that cylinders were no longer being purchased, but that Athens is moving forward with their funding of approx \$5,000. Awaiting approval from Grants.
    - ii. East Liverpool – Region 5 – Chief Jones and Mel House to report on status of grant request for equipment - \$70,000**
      - Mel House reported that East Liverpool had made edits on their equipment list as requested - Mel has submitted a formal request to Grants for the full amount from FY09 money and is awaiting approval. Once approved money will have to be spent quickly. Discussion on what county the grant will be going through. Jones, House, Groves and Caggiano will discuss and it will be worked out offline.
    - iii. FY12 Grants** – Mel House and Mark Vedder announced that there are anticipated to be major cuts in federal Homeland Security grants FY2012. Columbus and Toledo have already been cut from UASI funding and Cleveland and Cincinnati will probably not be considered UASI in FY2012. In addition, we expect competitive regional grants (as in FEMA Region 5) which will encourage sharing

of limited resources. The grants program will be called National Preparedness Grants Program (NPGP).

- b. Update on Site Visits-** Vedder encouraged Regional Coordinators to work continue the momentum and to schedule more site visits, especially type 3 teams which are relatively easy to do. Upcoming visits include:
  - i. Lake County Hazmat –March 5 – 1000 hrs,**  
Vedder, Waldron, Groves, Branich, Ohio EMA  
Application Due Date: February 5, 2012 – application received
  - ii. Cincinnati FD Site Visit and Butler County– February 29 – 1000 & 1400 hrs,**  
Matzen, Bristow, Auffart and Ohio EMA  
Application Due Date: January 29, 2012- applications received
  - iii. Interpretation of Required Equipment Lists and Typing Requirements –**  
Vedder reported that he has been receiving a number of questions which require interpretation of the REL or other Team Typing requirements. He stated that he did not feel comfortable making these as unilateral decisions so he has made it his practice to express his opinion in an email, but to copy it to the whole TAC in order to solicit other opinions and to assure full transparency. Vedder asked if the TAC desired a more formal process, such as a committee to make such decisions. It was discussed and decided that we would continue with the same process where the Chairs provide their opinions and would leave decisions to the site visit team who would gather the info and present back to the TAC for final approval.
- c. Report from CBRNE Working Group – Bindernagel, Robertson, Corder, Locher**
  - i. Second CBRNE survey asking more specific questions is currently being developed.
- d. Update from University of Findlay on HMO/HMSO Training Program Development.** – Bill Brobst reported the following:
  - i. Module One- Intro Unit, Unit Two- HM Officer, and Unit Three- HM Safety Officer are developed and were sent out to TAC for comments. They were also posted on the Hazmat TAC website. We only received a few comments back.
  - ii. Module Two, Unit One- Analyze incident, Unit Two- Planning incident, both up on website right now for comment.
  - iii. Module Two, Unit 3- Implementing the Plan, will be presented to the TAC and then available for comment in March
  - iv. Pilot course will be held July 16-18, 2012. You must attend this course to attend the Master Train the Trainer course in August 7-9, 2012. Both will be held at the Ohio EMA.
  - v. Vedder requested that we please consider who will be eligible to attend the Master Trainer Program and how we will allocate seats. It appears there will be only sixteen seats available. Discussed possible pre-reqs as having two student slots per region, HM Tech Level, experience in teaching/instructor credentials and as a team leader in several incidents. Must attend both the pilot and master trainer courses. Question asked about having priority spots open based on type of team. Further suggestion of a requirement that each person taking the Master Trainer Course MUST teach at least one class following completion. Take discussion

back to your region for discussion, as we will need to reach a final decision at the March TAC meeting.

- e. Tox Medic Committee – Report on January and February Conference call**
  - i. Vedder reported on the first two conference calls of the newly formed ToxMedic Sub-Committee. They plan to develop best practices from around the state and explore what others are doing around the US. This will include EMS protocols, antidotes, pre-entry physical exams, rehab for hazmat team members and medical surveillance. They will review the training programs currently available and adopt one or may choose to develop an Ohio ToxMedic Con-ED program.
  - ii. ToxMedic protocol research- Jim O’Conner from Columbus Hazmat will consolidate common protocols to develop templates for an Ohio ToxMedic Sample Protocol.
  - iii. Develop and update medical surveillance for HM Teams- Dr. Jacobson.
  - iv. Develop con-ed training program- toxidromes, antidotes, treatments, Job aids.
  - v. Next ToxMedic subcommittee meeting on March 20, 2012 1300-1500 hours at Ohio EMA.
  
- f. ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians – Update from Brobst and Vedder following discussion with Mark Lundy and PSS – Discussion on recommendations for committee**
  - i. ODPS - EMS will be sending a survey to all Ohio fire departments to get input on proposed certification and to determine number of current Hazmat Techs.
  - ii. Discussed Fire Subcommittee request for HM TAC to propose plan for certification process (40hours?). Brobst volunteered to write a draft response based upon our previous discussions at the TAC. Discussion included recommending OFA OH HM/WMD Technician courses as baseline or other curriculum (Just have to pass the state test? Discussed other options), recertification 8-16-24 hours per year? (potential courses that would count, such as SCBA counting for HMT and FF training), and grandfathering (letter from Fire Chief?). Discussed issues with having a 40 hour course, possible on-line class, requiring smaller time for hands on training. Requirements for teaching- certified instructors? Chartered institutions? Non-fire service technicians?
  
- g. Meter Training- Jaksetic reported on discussion with USEPA Region 5**
  - i. Chief Jaksetic reported that USEPA Region 5 is willing to do training regionally or individually. Jaksetic to forward Vedder an email on future training opportunity.
  - ii. Need to decide who wants meter training, meter specific, and submit to USEPA. One day class, request multiple to cover all units/shifts at FD. Need to collect dates and sites from TAC Members for a regional class, and specifically for Type 1 teams.
  - iii. Discussion on target audience being Tech Instructors.
  - iv. Vedder will then distribute USEPA contact information so individuals departments can contact/make class arrangements and will look at organizing regional classes.
  - v. Also discussed having the 52<sup>nd</sup> CST teaching...will distribute

**IV. New Business- none**

## **V. Partner Agency Updates**

- **FBI WMD Coordinator** – not available
- **OEPA** – Discussed fracking and state agencies (ODNR) involved in efforts to be ahead of the curve and to clarify roles and responsibilities (potential internal MOU between state agencies to clarify). OEPA's role is limited to only if there is an off-site release. Not involved in regulation. Heavy burdens projected on infrastructure, roads, etc. Question asked if the companies are required to provide training to fire departments? Mahoning County has been approached by Chesapeake Energy on developing training for first responders, will keep TAC updated.
- **OFA** – Upcoming Tech class has enough registered to hold class.
- **CST** – not available
- **ODH** – not available
- **OFCA** – Chief Truesdale had no additional report but asked when ODPS survey will be released. No ETA yet. Discussion on importance of having HM TAC to review first. OFCA Rep will follow up and report back.
- **OEMA** – IMAC legislation (in-state and across state border MOUs) has passed in the Senate, passed in House committee, will be voted on soon on the House Floor. Expected to pass and be signed by Governor, and in effect this spring.
- **US- DHS** – no report

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

- **Discussion on selection criteria for HMO and HMSO Master Trainer Course**

**VII. Next Meeting:** March 20, 2012 1000-1200 hrs at Ohio EMA.

Respectfully,  
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman