

ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

Department of Public Safety
1970 W. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43223

Date: March 20, 2012
TAC: HazMat
From: Mark Vedder

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Approved:



Attendees:

Ashcraft, Alan	Hoehne, Laura	Maier, Rick
Auffart, Steve	Groves, Steve	Majors, Ron
Becker, Bernie	Haverkos, Matt	Matzen, Brooke
Bindernagel, Terry	Hobson, Roger	Moore, Sarah
Brobst, Bill	Holliday, Jack	Noble, Adam
Burdick, Harry	Hoffman, Brian	Robertson, Brian
Caggiano, Sil	House, Mel	Ruben, Marc
Clouse, Kevin	Hower, Ed	Sollars, Aaron
Clouse, Keven	Jacobson, Dr.	Summers, Brian
Copus, Dave	Jaksetic, Tom	Truesdale, Todd
Corder, Jeff	Jones, Bill	Vedder, Mark
Dunlap, Harley	Kayser, John	Werstak, Ken
Dwertman, Jim	Lakamp, Tom	Wyss, Mike
Esposito, Ben	Lauffer, Richard	Zamiska, Nick
Ford, Jeremy	Logan, Bill	

- I. Welcome:** Hazmat TAC Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed all the attendees.
- II. Minutes:** Motion by Robertson, second by Matzen to accept the February 2012 minutes. Unanimously approved.
- III. Old Business:**
 - a. Verification Site Visits-**
 - i. Lake County Hazmat –March 5 – 1000 hrs,**
Vedder, Groves, Bunting, Zamiska
Vedder reported that the site visit went well and that all equipment and records were found to meet the requirements for verification. Motion by Vedder to verify Lake County as a Type 1 Team, second by Caggiano, unanimously approved.
 - ii. Cincinnati FD Hazmat– February 29 – 1000 hrs,**
Matzen, Bristow, Auffart and Clouse
Matzen reported that the site visit was well organized and that all equipment and records were found to meet the requirements for verification. Motion by Matzen,

second by Auffart to verify Cincinnati Fire Dept Hazmat as a Type 1 Team. The motion was unanimously approved.

iii. Butler County Hazmat – February 29 –1400 hrs,

Matzen, Bristow, Auffart and Ohio EMA

Auffart reported that the site visit was held in Butler County. Three fire department hazmat teams requested to verify as one Type 1 Team. The equipment is not all stored in one location, but was brought together for the site visit. It was the opinion of the group that some additional planning needed to be done on alerting and notification, as well as the development of a WMD SOG. Matt advised that the SOG's were being revised. The site visit team noted the deficiency in the SOGs and moved to table the application for a month in order to allow Butler County to complete the required SOGs. Motion to table was unanimously approved.

- iv. Vedder will request Mel House at the Ohio EMA to send verification letters to Lake County and Cincinnati FD advising their approval by the TAC as Type 1 teams.
- v. Vedder advised that an application for verification has been received from Chief Wolf from Greenville FD in Darke County requesting a verification visit. Of the proposed dates, it was decided that May 11 at 1000 hrs was best for the proposed site visit team. The team will consist of Denny Bristow, Brooke Matzen, Harry Burdick and Brian Robertson, along with Ohio EMA Field Liaison Pam Gibson.
- vi. Other site visits in the works? Corder reported Jefferson County and Brobst mentioned Logan County would be scheduled "soon".

b. Update on Progress of Grant Spending

i. Athens – FY2010 – Region 7 - \$5,000

- 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. Grants approved the revised budget and it is in progress.

ii. East Liverpool – Region 5 –\$70,000

- Mel House reported that Columbiana County will administer the grant and that it continues to work its way through the approval process at the state.

c. Grants Update – Mel House reported that the FY09 grants were closing out. Regarding future grant opportunities, it is fortunate that hazmat is essentially done with their build out as the grant funding is being reduced each year. He stated that FY11 will see a 43% decrease in available grant funding and FY12 will have no UASI in Ohio with an additional 40% cut in grant funding, which should equal only about \$6 million in grants. The new grants program will be called National Preparedness Grants Program (NPGP). Vedder emphasized the importance of sustainment funding for the Type 1 teams to maintain readiness for a CBRNE event and that local and county government shouldn't bear the full financial burden of that readiness.

d. Report from CBRNE Working Group – Bindernagel stated that the survey was still out and there was no additional report.

e. Update from University of Findlay on HMO/HMSO Training Program Development.

- i. Laura Hoehne reported that all of the modules produced so far have been sent out to the TAC for review and comment. Vedder reported they had been sent out to the TAC by email and posted to the TAC website. Laura has only received a few comments back.
- ii. The training dates for HMO/HMSO were confirmed as:
 - July 16-18, 2012 – Pilot Course – 20 students
 - August 7-8, 2012 – Master Trainer Course – 16 students
 - Both courses will be held at the Ohio EMA
- iii. A long discussion followed regarding the selection process for the initial classes. Following the discussion the following motion was made by Caggiano and seconded by Jaksetic and passed unanimously:
 - A committee will be formed to review applications and resumes to select the final students for both classes. The members of the committee are: Tom Jaksetic, Mel House, Terry Bindernagel and Laura Hoehne.
 - Applicants will be requested to submit an application to Mel House at the Ohio EMA. The application should include basic information on the candidate, references, a paragraph as to how and where they plan to implement the program, and how they meet the prerequisites
 - The prerequisites and selection criteria are:
 - a. Must submit proof they are a current Ohio Hazmat/WMD Technician
 - b. Must submit proof of completion of NIMS Training to include: IS700, IS800, ICS100, 200, 300 training
 - c. Must submit proof of completion of an Adult Public Safety Education program such as Ohio Fire Service Instructor, Ohio EMS Instructor, IAFF Hazmat Instructor, CDP Instructor program
 - d. Must be able to attend the Pilot Course on July 16-18, 2012
 - e. Must be able to attend the Master Trainer Course on Aug 7-8, 2012
 - f. Must have reference/recommendation from TAC Regional Coordinator, Agency Training Officer or Department Chief
 - g. Must be willing to teach HMO/HMSO Course within 24 months of completion
 - h. Preference will be given to current Ohio Hazmat/WMD Technician Instructors
 - i. Preference will be given to candidates with hazmat field experience as a Hazmat Team Leader
 - j. An attempt will be made to try to insure that instructors are from various areas of the state, which may be accomplished by a goal of two from each region of the state, if possible
 - The committee will submit a final list of 20 proposed candidates for the Pilot Course to the Hazmat TAC for final approval at or before the June 2012 Hazmat TAC meeting.

f. Tox Medic Committee – Update

- i. Vedder advised that the ToxMedic Sub-Committee was scheduled to meet later that afternoon (03/20/12) at the Ohio EMA to discuss how to move forward with

development of a Model Pre-Hospital Protocol, training program, Model Team Wellness and Welfare Protocol (to include heat stress, rehab, pre-entry physicals and post entry monitoring) and a Model Medical Surveillance Program. All are welcome to attend.

g. ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians –

- i. Brobst advised that the ODPS - EMS sent out a survey to all Ohio fire departments to get input on proposed certification and to determine number of current Hazmat Techs. He and Vedder had a brief opportunity to view it the night before it went out.
- ii. The ODPS-EMS Fire Committee has asked for a position statement and proposal from the Hazmat TAC. Brobst volunteered to write a draft response based upon our previous discussions at the TAC. A long discussion followed regarding certification requirements, grandfathering, con-ed requirements, etc. It was agreed that Brobst would attempt to summarize the feeling of the TAC in an email and send out to the entire TAC for comment. The guidance and discussion from the TAC included:
 - The TAC favors grandfathering of existing technicians, Brobst to work on language to be widely inclusive
 - The TAC favors recertification every three years and believes that technicians should complete a minimum of 16 hours of con-ed per year to be recertified. We feel that con-ed should be signed off by the fire chief or employer. We feel that related fire service and EMS con-ed should also count toward the 16 hour minimum (examples: SCBA, foam, carbon monoxide, NFPA 704, etc) Motion by Burdick, second by Matzen, unanimously approved.
 - The TAC recommends that grandfathered technicians who have not completed WMD training should be required to complete at least 16 hrs of WMD technician training prior to their first recertification. Motion by Truesdale, second by Vedder, unanimously approved.
 - The TAC recommends that new technicians must complete Hazmat/WMD Technician Training of at least 40 hours from an ODPS Chartered Fire Training Facility or other “accredited” Ohio college or university. Motion by Robertson, second by Corder, unanimously approved.
 - The training program will verify that the student has completed the course of study and has completed all of the competencies required in NFPA 472. The student will then be eligible to take the state written examination which will be based upon the Ohio Hazmat/WMD Technician Course materials. If successful, the student would be certified for three years as an Ohio Hazmat/WMD Technician.

IV. New Business

- **Hancock County** – Mel House asked if the Hazmat TAC had given consideration to filling the gap in hazmat coverage in Hancock County in Region 1. The TAC membership as unaware of the gap, but Jaksetic and Truesdale will contact Mel House off line and find out what the gap is and what needs to be done. House advised it may be too late to fund a new start-up hazmat team, but he advised that the University of Findlay may have an interest in helping start a team.

V. Partner Agency Updates

- **FBI WMD Coordinator** – Rick Maier briefed the TAC re: on-going investigations into incidents at Treasury facilities and on the WPL's which originated in Oregon. He also reminded teams of the need to screen for explosives and radiation prior to submission of materials to the ODH LRN lab. The FBI WMDC should always be notified to be in the loop on these incidents. Rick's office has moved, so his office number has changed to 513-979-8307. His cell number remains unchanged. The FBI will be sponsoring a BioSecurity Workshop soon with more info to follow. There will be a Chemical Industry Outreach Day on May 2 in southeastern Ohio. The Butler County Bomb Squad will be doing demo's. The FBI will be sponsoring a rad/nuke workshop June 20-21 with more detail to follow.
- **Ohio EPA** – No Report
- **OFA** – No Report
- **CST** – Logan reported that the CST has a new Science Officer since Jeremy Ford was promoted to Captain.
- **ODH** – Vedder reported Larry King from ODH will provide a briefing at the May 2012 Hazmat TAC meeting at Ohio EMA
- **OFCA** – Chief Truesdale had no additional report.
- **OEMA** –Sarah Moore reported that she had completed the State Hazmat Plan and that she would distribute to the Hazmat TAC for comment before it is submitted
- **US- DHS** – no report

VI. Action Items for next meeting

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VII. Next Meeting: April 17, 2012 1000-1200 hrs via Conference Call.

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman