

ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

Department of Public Safety
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Columbus, OH 43223

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TAC: HazMat
From: Mark Vedder

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Approved:



Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

Welcome: Hazmat TAC Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick welcomed all the attendees.

Minutes: Motion by Truesdale, second by Brobst to accept the May 2012 minutes.
Unanimously approved.

Presentation:

- Larry King from the Ohio Department of Health introduced the staff from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team. Personnel from the Radiochemistry Section, Lab Response Network – Biological (LRN-B) and the Lab Response Network – Chemical (LRN-C) were introduced and spoke about the sections capabilities. A Bio Threat Incident Environmental Sample Collection Guide was handed out and will be forwarded with the minutes. Other discussion centered on sampling expectations, packaging, transport, triage and transport of the samples, how to interface with ODH and the labs capabilities.

Old Business:

- **Columbiana County Grant** – East Liverpool FD reported that the equipment has been ordered and is starting to come in. Approx \$70,000 has been awarded to build out the team.
- **Medina County Hazmat – Type 2 Site Visit** – Vedder reported that he received an application from Medina County Hazmat Team to verify as a Type 2. The site visit will be August 22, 2012 at 1000 hrs at the Brunswick FD. Caggiano, Vedder, Zamiska, Branich and an OEMA rep will attend.
- **CBRNE Working Group** – House reported there was no new info, they will meet in July.
- **HMO/HMSO Training Program** – Laura Hoehne reported that the program was complete and ready for the Pilot Course to be held July 16-18 at the Ohio EMA. Applications have been received, reviewed and the approved candidates have been notified. All sixteen future instructor seats are filled.
- **Scheduling Site Visits** – Vedder encouraged Regional Representatives to push teams which have not yet scheduled to get a site visit set up. We need to keep the momentum going. The last ones will be the hardest.

- **Tox Medic Sub-Committee** – Vedder reported that they were progressing with the Model Medical Surveillance recommendations and that they were continuing to meet and work on a Model ToxMedic Protocol. He reported there would be a meeting of the ToxMedic Committee later this afternoon (June 19, 2012) at the OEMA.
- **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians** – No new info to report. Vedder, Truesdale, Brobst and Burdick will meet with Chief Steele and Mark Lundy in July to discuss how to move forward. Vedder and Brobst encouraged everyone to provide rumor control and try to push the correct info out through our contacts.
- **Hancock County Hazmat Coverage Gap** – It was reported that personnel from the City of Findlay, as well as personnel from other county departments will try to form a new team and then will team up with Allen and Lucas County to help provide coverage to the region. Mel advised the EMA could only assist with funding if there was a plan and if unused FY09 SHSGP grant funds become available.

II. New Business

- **Scioto County** - Vedder reported that Chief Robertson had been contacted by Randy Phipp in Scioto County regarding starting a new hazmat team. As Vedder understood it, the request was not from the county EMA. Vedder spoke with Mr. Phipp and invited him to make a presentation to the Hazmat TAC to plead his case, but had been advised by Vedder that funding was very unlikely because of the late start, lack of available funding and his reluctance to work with the EMA. Mr Phipp apparently did not attend the TAC meeting.
- **Radiation Monitor Training Device** – Brobst reported he had been contacted by a sales rep on a product from Teletrix which can be used with existing rad meters to make them temporary training instruments, so the instructor can set rad levels with a remote control. Tom Breckenridge stated that if the TAC acquired these they could be used for training. Vedder reported that Cuyahoga County had several and they were available for loan if needed, just contact him.
- **Changes to the List of Teams** – Vedder asked Regional Reps to review the list of Hazmat Teams and the “dot map” to see if any of the hazmat teams are no longer in existence. Vedder stated that the status of some teams may have changed and that the regional reps should be the ones who are most aware of these issues.

III. Partner Agency Updates

- **FBI WMD Coordinators** – No report
- **OEPA**- No report
- **OFA**- Dale Dittrick reported a HM/WMD Tech Class will be held Oct 15-19, 2012 at OFA
- **CST**- The CST is trying to develop a standardized sampling course and will be providing more details when it is available.
- **ODH**- Nothing further than the briefing. Vedder thanked them again.

- **OFCA-** No report.
- **OEMA-**
 - Sarah Moore thanked the TAC for their assistance and reported that the State had approved the revision to the State Hazmat Plan.
 - Mel House reported on the new IMAC and MAMA-C (inter and intra state mutual aid) legislation which will go into effect on July 3rd. He believes the changes will be good for special operations teams like hazmat.
 - Vedder discussed progress on Hazmat IQ class planning. The subgrantees must be counties. The HMEP will provide 80% of the cost and the PUCO will pick up the local match of 20%. Counties must expend the funds and then be reimbursed.
- **US- DHS-** no report

IV. Action Items for next meeting

V. Next Meeting: August 21, 2012 at 1000-1200 hours at Ohio EMA

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman