

# ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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

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



**Attendees:** See attached sign-in sheet.

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

**Minutes:** Motion by Hower, second by Matzen to accept the June 2012 minutes.  
Unanimously approved.

## **Old Business:**

- **Medina County Hazmat – Type 2 Site Visit** – Site visit is scheduled for August 22 at 1000 hrs. The full application has been received from Asst Chief Barber from Brunswick FD. The site visit team will be Caggiano, Vedder, Zamiska and Branic. Due to a power plant exercise no OEMA rep will be available to attend.
- **Other Site Visits** – Region 7 reported they may have an additional team ready to schedule in Oct/Nov time frame. Vedder encouraged Regional Reps to push other teams to schedule.
- **CBRNE Working Group** – Bindernagel reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey is out. It is more specific and asks for more details. Greg Locher emailed Vedder and encouraged all hazmat teams to complete the survey to help them get a better handle on available capabilities.
- **HMO/HMSO Training Program** – Laura Hoehne emailed and reported that the program was complete. The Pilot Course and Master Trainer were completed in July and August. Sixteen students sat in on Pilot Course and twelve students for the Master Trainer course held at the OFA. Thirteen instructors are now certified for the program. The course materials were turned over to Phil Johnson at the OEMA and Frank Conway at the OFA. The OFA has agreed to process course requests and student paperwork. The instructors have received course materials on flash drives. Phil Johnson has submitted the course materials for DHS approval. Once approved, the course will be available to schedule. Vedder thanked everyone involved in the program and stated that all the feedback he had received was very positive.
- **Tox Medic Sub-Committee** – Vedder reported on progress with the Model Medical Surveillance Program which is nearing completion and the Model Statewide Hazmat ToxMedic Protocol which had just begun. He reported there would be a meeting of the ToxMedic Committee this afternoon (Aug 21, 2012) at the OEMA.
- **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians** – Vedder, Truesdale, Brobst and Burdick will meet with Chief Steele and Mark Lundy in July to discuss how to move forward. The survey feedback from the fire service were generally negative and seemed to be based

upon incorrect information. Vedder reported that the meeting was productive and that Chief Steele felt that we would need to sell the concept if it was to succeed.

## II. New Business

- **Mel House** – Tammy Little introduced herself to the TAC and announced that Mel House had left the Ohio EMA to take the Director’s position at the ODPS Division of EMS. She said that she was trying to keep up with Mel’s projects and spoke with him regularly during the transition. She asked to be copied on correspondence and matters related to the TAC, and that she was willing to help. She relayed that the OEMA would not be replacing Mel in that position and that she would let us know what the new organizational structure looks like when it is decided. Mel House stopped in to share the same info about his departure. He encouraged us to keep moving forward and that he had accomplished the projects he wanted to with the OEMA. He felt there would be more challenges to pursue at the Division of EMS. He thanked the TAC for getting so much done. Vedder and others thanked Mel for his efforts on the behalf of Hazmat and the other TACs. We know that his was instrumental in the formation of the TAC concept and in fighting for funding of our projects.
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- **HM Training** – Phil Johnson and Kathleen Nelson spoke on the status of the Hazmat IQ training and the FY13 HMEP grants. Phil stated that some of the Hazmat IQ classes did not have enough students. Vedder encouraged all regions to share dates of additional offerings and he would push out through the TAC email. Kathleen asked TAC members what type of training they would like to see due to funding opportunities with HMEP & PUCO Grants. HMEP money has been set aside for additional HM-IQ training. Kathleen announced that the FY13 HMEP grant process would be similar to FY12. The desired training would be requested in advance and if approved, would be reimbursed after the course. Once DHS approval is obtained the HMO/HMSO training would be available for HMEP funding. It can also be funded with local LEPC funds, PUCO grants, SHSGP funds, etc.
- **Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference** – Vedder announced that the Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference would be held on Nov 2-3, 2012 in Solon, OH. The conference is free and will include two days of hazmat training. Several nationally recognized speakers would be presenting at the conference. Registration and more info is available at [www.ohiohazmatconference.com](http://www.ohiohazmatconference.com)

## III. Partner Agency Updates

- **FBI WMD Coordinators** – Rick Maier reported that the Nuclear/Radiological Training held in July in Cleveland, OH was a success. They will be sponsoring another Explosive Precursor Workshop and a Critical Infrastructure Workshop in FY13. He will provide dates as soon as it is finalized.
- **OEPA-** Kevin Clouse reported that they continued to coordinate with ODNR on oil and Gas Wells, including the work they are doing on guidelines for OEPA OSC for incidents at oil and gas well sites. In the interim he recommends continuing to notify OEPA of potential releases and that they will decide on the level of involvement based upon these cooperative agreements and the nature of the incident
- **OFA-** Dale Dittrick reported a HM/WMD Tech Class will be held Oct 15-19, 2012 at OFA

- **CST-** No report
- **ODH-** Eric St. Germain commented on the challenges of Swine Flu cases in the state.
- **OFCA-** No report.
- **OEMA-** Mel House thanked the Hazmat TAC for their work.
- **US- DHS-** No report. Vedder thanked Harley for the email he provided on the Fort Dietrick training programs.

**IV. Action Items for next meeting**

- Lauffer will obtain conference call bridge info.

**V. Next Meeting: CONFERENCE CALL Sept 18, 2012 at 1000-1200 hours**

Respectfully,  
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman