

ORS HAZMAT TAC MINUTES

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TAC : HazMat

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This meeting was held by Conference Call through the OEMA.

Attendees: Jeff Branich, Dale Detrick, Denny Bristow, Brooke Matzen, Jeff Corder, Mark Vedder, Sil Caggiano, Brian Robertson, Tom Lakamp, Todd Truesdale, Jim Painter, Bill Jones, Ken Werstak, Matt Haverkos, Terry Bindernagel, Rich Lauffer, Sarah Moore, Rick Maier, Greg Locher, Dave Copus, John Keyser

Welcome: Hazmat TAC Co-Chair Mark Vedder welcomed all the attendees.

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions to the August 22, 2012 minutes, so they are accepted as written.

Old Business:

- **Medina County Hazmat – Type 2 Site Visit** – Site visit was conducted on August 22 and the site visit team was Caggiano, Vedder, Zamiska and Branich. Due to a power plant exercise no OEMA rep was available to attend. The equipment was well organized and complete but two issues were identified which needed additional submission by Medina County Hazmat prior to verification. The issues were the training documentation (there were some issues with the computer system upon which the records were stored and they were not fully available) and there was no policy or program in place for air pressure testing of Level A suits. Both of these were discussed with the Hazmat Team the day of the site visit. Since then they have submitted a copy of the initial Hazmat Tech training certificates of their members, and the in-service training records for refresher/con-ed training of the same members. In addition, they have developed a air pressure test policy for their Level A CPE and have conducted testing of all of the Level A suits on their truck in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. The documentation of this policy and testing was also submitted to the TAC. Therefore since the issues have been resolved, the site visit team recommends verification as a Type 2 Team. Motion by Caggiano, second by Corder. Unanimously approved.
- **Other Site Visits** – No new site visits were ready to be scheduled. Vedder encouraged Regional Reps to push other teams to schedule, especially if they received grant funding. The site visit is a condition of the grant and they must verify.
- **CBRNE Working Group** – Bindernagel reported that the committee will be reviewing the data from the last survey. Greg Locher joined the call later and encouraged those who may not have submitted to please still do so.

- **HMO/HMSO Training Program** – Phil Johnson was not on the call to report on the status of the DHS approval process. Rich Lauffer will contact Phil to see if there is any additional information from DHS.
- **HMEP Training Grants** – Vedder reviewed that HMEP FY13 will be similar to FY12 with pre-approval of classes at the beginning of the grant cycle.
- **Tox Medic Sub-Committee** – Vedder reported the Model Medical Surveillance Program Draft Document had been approved by the ToxMedic Subcommittee and was sent out to all TAC members for review. This document is meant to help Hazmat Teams interpret OSHA 29CFR 1910.120 and 1910.134 and will be a guide. There was some discussion on the merits of annual vs. bi-annual evaluations.
- **ODPS Certification of Hazmat/WMD Technicians** – No additional info to report.
- **Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference** – Vedder noted that registration is open for the Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference in Solon, OH on Nov 2-3, 2012. This is funded by a grant from the PUCO as well as vendor fees. Register at www.ohiohazmatconference.com The conference is free and will include two days of hazmat training. Several nationally recognized speakers would be presenting at the conference.

II. New Business

- **Trumbull County** – Caggiano reported that Donald Waldron was no longer chief of the Trumbull County Hazmat Team and that the team would be re-organizing. They are currently short on personnel due to a worker's compensation coverage issue, but are trying to work out the problem. Caggiano indicated that he had spoken with the interim chief and offered assistance from the nearby teams as well as the Hazmat TAC with coverage issues as well as the re-organization. In the interim, it was recommended that they voluntarily remove themselves from the Ohio Fire Service ERP until they were back to full strength.

III. Parter Agency Updates

- **FBI WMD Coordinators** – Rick Maier reported that current events may dictate a higher level of situational awareness and to please report any suspicious activity.
- **OEPA-** Kevin Clouse was attending a training program, so no report.
- **OFA-** Dale Dittrick reported a HM/WMD Tech Class will be held Oct 15-19, 2012 at OFA
- **CST-** No report
- **ODH-** No report.
- **OFCA-** Todd Truesdale said thank you for the HM-IQ training and looked forward to more discussion on the use of HMEP funding for the Blue Card Training.
- **OEMA-** No additional report.
- **US- DHS-** No additional report.

IV. Action Items for next meeting

- Vedder will look into pushing teams that have accepted grants to get typed.

V. Next Meeting: October 16, 2012 @ 1000 hrs at Ohio EMA

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman