

ORS TAC MINUTES

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

Date: May 21, 2013
TAC: HM TAC
From: Mark Vedder

File Number:
Approved:



1. **Attendees:** See attached sign-in.
2. The meeting was called to order at 1000 hrs. All attendees were welcomed by Mark Vedder and thanked for attending.
3. The minutes of the April conference call were reviewed. Motion by Caggiano, second by Matzen to approve. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Site Visits – No site visits are currently scheduled. Vedder called upon each regional coordinator to review the status of team typing and verification in their region.

Region 1: Jaksetic reported that Toledo will verify in October. Truesdale reported that Van Wert wants to verify but has questions on staffing.

Region 2: Vedder reported that Lorain, Cuyahoga and Lake had verified. He is not sure if Geauga and Ashtabula will be able to verify.

Region 3: No representative present.

Region 4: Brobst reported that they were well along the process and would reach out to the remaining teams.

Region 5: Caggiano reported that Columbiana plans to verify at the end of the summer.

Region 6: Matzen reviewed their counties and advised that Clermont will not verify.

Region 7: No representative present. Region 8: The challenge is manpower to meet the personnel requirements.

There was substantial discussion about removal of the teams who self typed but did not verify from the state ERP. Also discussion on what action can be taken against teams who received EMA funding and do not verify. Suggested by some that if a team has taken grant money and are disbanding or refuse to be typed, then the equipment bought with the grant money will need to be returned. Truesdale suggested that some teams are not typing because of not being able to meet manning requirement. Vedder reviewed how that could be accomplished (executing MOU's with other teams for manpower for regional responses)

- b. Training – Reviewed training opportunities available through HMEP and PUCO funding. Also discussed hazmat training needs. One proposal from needs assessment was to develop ToxMedic Training. Wright State is interested, but they are planning a five day course. After discussion, and review of the ToxMedic sub-committee discussion, it was suggested that the course be 8-12 hours of con-ed rather than a 40 hour course.

The TAC encourages the OEMA grants group to continue funding Hazmat IQ, Hazmat IQ ToxMedic, HMO/HMSO courses, Chemistry for Emergency Responders and other OFA Hazmat Courses.

- c. HMO/HMSO Training
Each region and the OFA reviewed dates for the upcoming HMO/HMSO courses. Currently scheduled in Butler County, Columbus, OFA, Licking County and Cleveland. Additional opportunities to host and seats in scheduled courses are available.
- d. ODPS Certification: Vedder and Brobst reported that there has been no additional action on ODPS certification. Vedder will contact Mel House to arrange a meeting with the Fire Alliance.
- e. ODH Survey and Hazmat Team Database Update: St. Germain reported that the ODH survey was progressing quickly. He had updates from several other counties and will continue to work on the list.

5. New Business:

- a. Resource Capability Assessment Project
Jim Dwertman from OEMA reported that OEMA has contracted with TetraTech to develop a Master Asset List of Specialized Resources and capabilities. This contract includes gathering data on hazmat teams and mass decon resources. Vedder asked whether he could provide the contractor with the team roster which includes team name, location, POC, NIMS/OHIO typing level and whether they have been verified. Unanimously approved. Vedder will send to Dwertman.
- b. Mass Decon Capability Resources Inventory: Vedder reported that we will await the results from the RCAP to use as the basis for the Mass Decon Capability list.
- c. Synthetic Marijuana: Hobson reported on synthetic marijuana incident in Zanesville motel
- d. Global Harmonization System: Discussion on impact of GHS and need to update HM AWR, OPS and TECH to reflect changes.
- e. Ohio Environmental Council: Vedder reported he had received communication from the Ohio Environmental Council requesting input on a proposal for OSC of OEPA to be designated as an “emergency vehicle” and to be permitted to respond with lights and siren. Clouse reported on the OEPA response to the proposal and Vedder discussed his response to the inquiry. The TAC will not take apposition on the issue.

6. Partner Agency Updates

1. FBI WMDC – Rick Maier updated group on open source info regarding national ricin incident and Boston Bombing incident.
2. Ohio EPA – Clouse advised that the USEPA is developing an All Hazards Responders Tool for regulation of waste. He also advised that Sunoco is planning a 1500 psi ethane pipeline. Discussion followed.
3. Ohio Fire Academy – Dittrick reported they have an HMO/HMSO course scheduled for June 25-27 and need more students.
4. 52nd Civil Support Team – Reported that they have had more JHAT support requests for upcoming events. They will be in Cleveland June 3-7
5. Ohio Dept of Health – St Germain reported an increase of powders submitted for analysis in April.
6. Ohio Fire Chiefs Association – No Report
7. Ohio EMA – No Report
8. US-DHS – No representative present
9. Ohio DHS – No Report

7. Action Items:

8. **Next Meeting:** is scheduled for June 18, 2013. This will be a meeting at the OEMA @ 10:00 AM.

Respectfully,
Mark Vedder, Chairman