

ORS TAC MINUTES

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

Date: September 17, 2013
TAC: HM TAC
From: Mark Vedder

File Number:
Approved:



1. **Attendees:** See attached attendance list.
2. The meeting was held by conference call through the Ohio EMA and was called to order at 1000 hrs. Co-Chair Mark Vedder thanked everyone for attending and took attendance.
3. The minutes of the August meeting conference call were unanimously approved.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Site Visits

Vedder asked if any regional coordinators had any site visits to be scheduled. No one replied.

Toledo FD: Vedder reported that he had received an email from Tom Jaksetic. He plans to submit an application for verification by Sept 27 and schedule a site visit for the first week in December for Toledo FD.

Logan FD: Vedder reported he received an email from Brian Robertson. He plans to submit an application for verification by mid October and schedule a site visit for Logan FD for November.

Bryan FD: Vedder reported that Chief Sidors had requested an application for verification and planned to verify as a Type 2 before the end of the year.

Napoleon FD: Todd Truesdale reported that Napoleon intended to verify as a Type 2 as well, and that both Bryan and Napoleon may submit a future joint application as a joint Type 1 team.

Dayton FD: Vedder reported that he received an email from Gary Rettig and that he plans to schedule a site visit for Dayton Hazmat before year end.

- b. ODH Survey and Hazmat Team Database Update: Vedder reported that Eric St. Germain sent an email indicating that Region 6 is now complete, he has reached out to the remaining teams in Region 2 and is awaiting response, and he has reached out to the teams in Region 7 without a response. He plans to call a lot of people later this week. He also inquired whether any teams have the capability to test for drugs (such as LSD and acid). He would appreciate any feedback. Vedder and Groves both said their teams had the capability with the Hazmat ID, but that they did not

provide that service to law enforcement. If called to a suspected lab, we could field screen with FTIR and then send sample to lab for forensic confirmation.

c. Resource Capability Assessment Project (RCAP)

Jim Dwertman reported that Tetra Tech had completed their project and OEMA was now sorting through the data and cleaning it up. He inquired what info the Hazmat TAC needed. Vedder advised that the TAC was tasked with compiling a resource list of mobile human decon assets beyond what every fire department had for improvised decon. There was some discussion on exactly what info was needed and Jim agreed to send a spreadsheet for the TAC to review.

5. New Business

a. Training and Exercise Officer:

David Nunley is the new Training and Exercise Officer for OEMA, taking the place of Phil Johnson. David introduced himself as previously working for Delaware County and Summit County health Depts before moving to Wisconsin and working in Emergency Management. He and his family are from Ohio and he jumped at the chance to move back. He can be reached at 614-799-3677.

b. Proposed Hazmat Training Requirements for FF1:

Mel House from ODPS EMS requested that the Hazmat TAC review and comment on the proposed changes to the FF1 requirements for Hazmat. Vedder sent them out to the group and summarized that it basically followed NFPA 472 for Hazmat Operations Level with the addition of the Mission Specific Competency of Product Control. Vedder reported that Bill Brobst had sent him an email indicating that the Ohio Hazmat/WMD Training Series would meet the requirements for both. Vedder suggested that if the student were from out of state or being considered equivalency, the NFPA 472 core competencies plus product control would not quite be the same. He suggested that maybe the Mission Specific Objectives for PPE also needed to be added. There were no other comments from the TAC. Vedder will forward any comments received to Mel. He thanked Mel House for allowing us to review and comment.

6. Training Opportunities

a. HMO/HMSO:

Vedder reported that OEMA contracts were in place with instructors to teach the HMO/HMSO courses for 2014. He suggested that anyone interested in hosting a class should contact David Nunley or Mark Vedder and he would contact an instructor. The cost of the course is covered by HMEP and the suggested course size is 16-20 students. Matt Haverkos stated that Butler County would be interested in hosting another class.

b. Hazmat IQ and ToxMedic

Vedder reminded the TAC that HMEP funds are also available for these classes at the Operations Level, Technician Level and for the ToxMedics. Contact David Nunley if interested in hosting a course.

- c. OKI Hazmat Conference
The OKI Hazmat Conference will be held Sept 21-22, 2013 in Sharonville, OH. An email announcement was forwarded to the TAC for distribution.
- d. Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference
The Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference will be held November 1-2, 2013 in Solon, OH. An email announcement was forwarded to the TAC for distribution.
- e. Northwest Ohio Hazmat Conference
The NW Ohio Hazmat Conference will be held December 14, 2013 in Perrysburg, OH. An email announcement was forwarded to the TAC for distribution.

7. Partner Agency Updates

- a. FBI WMDC – Rick Maier emailed that he was tied up with a case review and would be unable to attend.
 - b. Ohio EPA – Kevin Clouse reported that OEPA had responded and assisted Stark County Hazmat with an incident last night (Sept 16) in Canton, OH. The incident involved sulfur and a fire in a container which appears to have spread to the building. There was a sizeable evacuation. He believes it may have released sulfur fumes, sulfur dioxide and possibly hydrogen sulfide. Kevin also reported discussed a memo he had received regarding reporting requirements for oil and gas drilling operations. The memo appears to require reporting in Ohio. He will forward the memo to the TAC for review.
 - c. Ohio Fire Academy – Dale Dittrick reported that they had completed the Hazmat/WMD Tech class at OFA last week. Many members of the ONG Homeland Response Force (HRF) attended. The next hazmat class upcoming is the HMO/HMSO course which will be held on Dec 4-6, 2013. Please help spread the word about the class so it isn't canceled due to low enrollment.
 - d. 52nd Civil Support Team – Adam Long reported that they were catching up after a few busy months of training and exercises.
 - e. Ohio Dept of Health – No additional report
 - f. Ohio Fire Chiefs Association – No additional report.
 - g. Ohio EMA – No additional report
 - h. US-DHS – No representative present
 - i. Ohio DHS – No Report
8. **Next Meeting:** Since Vedder will be out of town attending hazmat training during the scheduled October meeting, and since there is currently a light agenda, he recommended canceling the October meeting and holding a meeting at the Ohio EMA on Nov 19 at 1000 hrs. There were no objections to canceling the October meeting.

Respectfully,



Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman

List of Attendees

Mark Vedder
Tammy Little
James Dwertman
Steve Groves
Sil Caggiano
Adam Long
Tom Lakamp
Denny Bristow
Brooke Matzen
Ed Frumley
Todd Truesdale
Jim Painter
Matt Haverkos
Bill Jones
Dale Dittrick
Dave Stahl
Kevin Clouse
Bernie Becker
Jim Lyle
Alan Ashcraft