

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**Date:** December 17, 2013  
**TAC:** HM TAC  
**From:** Mark Vedder

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



1. **Attendees:** See attached attendance list.
2. The meeting was held via conference call and was called to order at 1000 hrs. Co-Chairs Mark Vedder and Harry Burdick thanked everyone for attending.
3. **Minutes:** Chief Robertson moved to accept the minutes of the November 2013 meeting as sent out by email. Motion seconded by Brooke Matzen. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. Site Visits

Region 1 - Toledo FD – Lucas County:

Vedder reported the Site Visit team conducted a site visit at the Toledo FD on Dec. 6, 2013. Toledo FD has applied to be verified as a Type 1. The site visit team consisted of Vedder, Burdick and Lauffer. Vedder reported that Chief Jaksetic assembled all of their hazmat and homeland security apparatus at one station for the site visit, which was conducted inside. The team attended a powerpoint program on the team, then reviewed the equipment, the personnel training records and the physical exam records for the team. The site visit team recommends verification of the Toledo FD Hazmat Team as a Type 1 Team with no deficiencies. Motion by Vedder, second by Burdick to verify as stated. Motion unanimously approved.

Region 1 – Napoleon FD – Henry County:

Vedder reported that the site visit team, accompanied by Chief Jaksetic, then traveled to Napoleon FD in Henry County. Napoleon applied to be verified as a Type 3. Vedder reported that the site visit team attended a Powerpoint presentation by Chief Bob Bennett and his team leader on the team's structure and operations. They then reviewed the equipment, the personnel training records and the physical exam records. The site visit team recommends verification of Napoleon FD Hazmat as a Type 3 with no deficiencies. Motion by Vedder, second by Burdick to verify as stated. Motion unanimously approved.

Region 1 – Bryan FD – Williams County:

Vedder reported that the site visit team continued on Bryan FD in Williams County. Bryan applied to be verified as a Type 2. Vedder reported that the site visit team met with the Fire Chief Bruce Siders to discuss the team's structure and operations. Chief Siders explained that they work closely with another county department who provides decontamination equipment and personnel at the OPS level. They then

reviewed the equipment, the personnel training records and the physical exam records. The site visit team had concerns about the total number of available technicians to meet the 15 technician response requirement for a FRP response as a Type 2 team, especially during weekday hours. They suggested an MOU with another team to insure they could meet the requirement. Chief Siders stated that he would work to implement an MOU, but that it would take months. The site visit team recommended verifying Bryan FD Hazmat as a Type 3 team until the MOU could be implemented. Chief Siders agreed. Motion by Vedder, second by Burdick to verify Bryan FD as a Type 3. Motion unanimously approved.

Region 7 – Logan FD:

Logan FD has a site visit scheduled for Type 2 on January 24, 2014. Vedder, Burdick and Doug Hobson will be on the site visit team along with the Ohio EMA Field Liaison.

Region 3 - Dayton FD:

Vedder reported that he believed that Dayton FD would be submitting an application in January 2014.

Region 8 – Muskingum, Washington and Jefferson:

Vedder reported that Doug Hobson requested to re-schedule Muskingum County Hazmat (Type 2), Washington County Hazmat (Type 2) and Jefferson County Hazmat (Type 2) for 2014.

Region 1 – Findlay Hazmat:

Chief Truesdale reported that Findlay FD would be ready to verify in early 2014.

b. Ohio Fire Response Plan – Hazmat Team Database Update

Vedder stated that it is still the intent of the Ohio Hazmat TAC to request that non-verified teams be removed from the Ohio FRP effective January 1, 2014, however after speaking with Russ Rife following the All TAC Leadership Meeting it may not be quite that simple. The Ohio FRP personnel would like a list from us of the teams whom we wish to remove. They will then have their regional coordinators contact each of the teams to insure they are aware they are being removed. Russ will work with us, but it may take a few months from when they receive the list.

c. ODH Survey and Hazmat Team Database Update:

Eric St. Germain reported that he continues to work on the AHRF survey. Eric said that he has had no response from 28 teams, but that he will make additional attempts before the end of the year. Eric stated that he would send a copy of his work thus far to Vedder for review.

d. Update on NW Ohio Hazmat Conference – Dec 14, 2013

Chief Jaksetic briefed the TAC on the conference. He advised that it was well attended with over 120 registered. He stated they had great speakers including speakers from the BP Husky Refinery, the Ohio EPA, US EPA and 52<sup>nd</sup> CST-WMD.

e. Mass Decon Resource List

Vedder reported he had obtained a list of Zumro tents which were purchased in Ohio from a vendor and that he would forward it to TAC Regional Coordinators to determine which was deployable vs. fixed site usage. This will be used to develop a Mass Decon Capabilities Resource List for OEMA.

f. Hazmat Physical Exams – OSHA Medical Surveillance

Vedder discussed the Model Surveillance program developed and distributed by the ToxMedic sub-committee, but reminded everyone this is a recommendation, not the requirement. Discuss followed. It was determined that OSHA REQUIRES and initial physical examination, the OSHA respirator questionnaire must be completed and evaluated by a licensed health care professional and a certificate issued to the employer. The physician MUST be provided with specific documentation as required by OSHA. The physician must maintain copies of the records for 30 years after retirement of the hazmat technician. However, any future exams which are required to be offered (once every two years and upon termination on the hazmat team) may be waived by the employee. For purposes of the TAC verification process, a written record shall be maintained indicating that the employer offered a hazmat physical exam to the employee and that the employee waived his right to the exam. This refusal shall be signed by the employee refusing the exam.

g. Hazmat Officer / Hazmat Safety Officer Course

Vedder explained that HMO/HMSO courses had been offered by Phil Johnson from OEMA and that the state had contracted with instructors and issued purchase orders to those instructors to conduct this class in 2014. When the instructors tried to schedule 2014 classes, David Nunley advised that the courses would not be approved. Nunley explained on the call that funding had not been lost, but that the OEMA would not be sponsoring this class. He suggested that counties interested in hosting an HMO/HMSO course could budget for it in their HMEP request. He offered that since the deadline had already passed for submitting HMEP budgets that the deadline would be extended until Friday to allow submission of these requests. Vedder will send an email to all TAC members with this info. Nunley also advised that OEMA will now require at least three quotes for all courses seeking reimbursement.

h. HMO/HMSO Training Requirement for Typed Teams

At the November TAC meeting, Captain Brobst had suggested adding a requirement that a typed team must respond with a HMO and HMSO who had successfully completed the Ohio HMO/HMSO course or equivalent. There was substantial discussion on how to implement this, which teams would be required, timeframe for compliance, who was allowed to teach, etc. It seemed that most agreed with the concept, but differed in how to implement it. Concensus seemed to be to require it for Type 1 and 2 teams only. Chief Lakamp suggested it was difficult to get on duty personnel trained with outside instructors. He requested whether he could use his own instructors to complete the training. OEMA explained that they had handed off the course to the OFA and that they no longer controlled the program. Vedder stated that there were currently 18 instructors who were initially trained from every region of the state. Vedder suggested to table further discussion and that he would check with the OFA on instructor requirements and whether additional train-the trainers were planned.

i. Re-Verification of Typed Hazmat Teams

Vedder opened the discussion on re-verification of hazmat teams that started at the November meeting. At the November meeting we had discussed self-verification, regional verification, and peer-verification as possibilities. We had also discussed annual, 2 year and 3 year intervals. There was also discussion of different intervals for different levels of teams.

At the December meeting the discussion continued. The consensus centered around an annual re-verification for all teams. Teams would self-verify each year. All type 1 teams would be audited once every three years. All type 2 teams would self-verify with 10% being randomly audited each year. Vedder agreed to write some language for discussion at the January TAC meeting.

## 5. New Business

a. USEPA Mapping Database

Kevin Clouse and Tom Jaksetic discussed a database being developed by USEPA for Ohio showing all waterways, facilities and containment points. It uses Flexviewer. They both said it looked very promising and would exceed the capabilities of CAMEO/MARPLOT. They advised that USEPA was supplying the IT resources. Kevin will forward a link for more info.

## 6. Training Opportunities

a. Logan FD and CST:

Chief Robertson reported that they recently trained with the CST and that they found it very helpful. The exercise was well run and was a great experience for both the hazmat team and the CST.

b. Ohio Fire Academy

Dale Detrick advised that the OFA will host HM/WMD Awareness and Ops classes in March and April. They will have two of the eight hour HM/WMD Tech Refreshers in April and the full HM/WMD Technician Course will be June 9-13.

## 7. Partner Agency Updates

a. FBI WMDC – No report

b. Ohio EPA – Kevin Clouse reported that they had been busy with the Willard train derailment, but that they felt operations there went very well. No hazmat team was requested, but 13,000 gallons of styrene was lost into the ballast. There was an evacuation of 450 households during the Thanksgiving holiday. USEPA did monitoring and the governor's office was very interested and involved in the response.

c. Ohio Fire Academy – See hazmat classes scheduled above.

- d. 52<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team – No report
- 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: February 18, 2014 @ 1000 hours – CONFERENCE CALL**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Vedder". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Vedder, Co-Chairman

Attendance List for Conference Call  
December 17, 2014 – 1000 hrs

Eric St Germain  
Todd Truesdale  
Jim Painter  
Brian Robertson  
Bruce Siders  
Mat Haverkos  
Harry Burdick  
Brooke Matzen  
Kevin Clouse  
Brian Seymour  
Tom Lakamp  
Jim Dwertman  
David Nunley  
Kathleen Nelson  
Rich Lauffer  
Ed Frommey  
Tom Jaksetic  
Rick Maier  
Sil Caggiano