

DRAFT
HazMat/Decon
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes
December. 18, 2007

Introduction/New Members

No new members present and attendance of members present at this meeting taken.

New Business

Ohio Preparedness Report (CBRNE Detection)

The meeting opened with Tracy Proud of the State of Ohio Homeland Security discussing the federal reporting requirements that the state faces. The Preparedness Report focuses on eight (8) National Priorities and Ohio's capability and the State of Ohio three (3) year Strategic Plan to address the identified gaps. This report is a cooperative effort between the Ohio EMA and Ohio DHS. Tracy reviewed what each agency's responsibilities were and gave out some deadlines for gathering information and submitting the information on to the Federal level. The focus of the information is on Equipment, Existing Plans, Future Planning, Training & Exercising.

The federal government has granted an extension to the states and Ohio DHS is looking to the HM/Decon TAC to assist in providing an accurate picture of where the State of Ohio currently is with respect to CBRNE Detection and Response Capabilities. The TAC has the advantage of having members from throughout the state provide input. Local input would also be highly encouraged.

Action Item: The HM/Decon TAC will gather local inputs and information back to the TAC for the January meeting. Look specifically on pages 53 –61 and 62 – 67. Greg Locher will collect the information Regional TAC members. This information needs to be back to Chief Locher by Jan. 5th, 2008.

Action Item: Chief Locher to re-check e-mail address of several members and their ability to receive large attachments.

Action Items from November Meeting

Coshocton Verification Review

Mark Vedder briefed the TAC members on how that process was completed and gave them his recommendation to approve the team as a Type 3 team. Members participating in the verification visit were Mark Vedder, Jim Foust, and Rich Lauffer. A copy of the review was provided to Coshocton Fire. The original documentation was turned over to OEMA per the verification process.

Action Item: TAC Chair to officially inform the Ohio Fire Chief Response Plan that the Coshocton Hazardous Materials team has successfully completed the verification process as a Type III team.

Radiological Equipment Review

Kevin Clouse provided an executive summary of the document and the process used for the subcommittee review. One item of concern was TLV heat sensitivity, i.e. equipment sitting in vehicles (storage issue). The ease of using equipment when responders are in Lev. Protective PPE, i.e. gloves on and working push buttons. Viewing meters while wearing mask was another issue. These were the only concerns the subcommittee has with the current document. All of these issues have been discussed previously during the development of the original document.

One question by the committee was if a county could buy a piece of equipment (brand name) that is not on the list. The answer was yes, as long as it met the minimum level of capabilities.

Overall, the committee felt that the equipment list was good. **Recommendation was to approve the document in the current form.** No major comments or issues. This information will be forwarded on to Mel House of OEMA. ODH will also talk to their counterpart at OEMA for Red. Equipment.

Ohio Fire Chief Response Plan Database

The TAC Regional Coordinators are to contact the OFRP Regional Coordinators to ensure the data gathered concerning team typing has been correctly entered in the response plan database. There was some discussion on how to gain access to the OFCRP database. Tom Beatty explained that each fire department has a password that will provide access to county, regional, and state resources. TAC Regional Coordinators should use their local, fire department POC to obtain access to the database.

Action Item: A number of TAC Regional Coordinators were not present at today's meetings. This will have to be readdressed.

Update of Regional Grant Status

Greg Locher provided the following information: Notice of Award (NOA) has not been sent out yet to the county EMA directors that completed the applications for regional funding. The grant committee has met and is in the process of deciding award amounts.

Action Item: Mel House of OEMA not present. Task carried over for next meeting for further discussion.

Regional Grant for next year – Committee will look into the Pro's / Con's of how the Bomb TAC's approach worked (one county putting submitting a grant for the entire state and the county administers grant).

Action Item: To be discussed at next meeting.

Mass Decontamination

A sub-committee was formed to address this TAC goal. An initial presentation was made by Jeff Schneiderman. The information referenced for this discussion was sent out with

the January 08 agenda. There was much discussion concerning this topic by the TAC. It was the consensus of the TAC that for “traditional hazardous materials incidents” that involve only a few people, first responders trained to the Operations Level are responsible for decontamination efforts. Hazardous Materials teams with their Technician trained personnel would be reserved for the actual mitigation of the incident and decontamination of their team members.

Action Item: This subcommittee is to define: “What is Mass Decontamination?” as a starting step in this process. Once this is defined, the subcommittee can then define what is required (training, personnel, equipment) to accomplish the mission. A second draft will be presented at the February TAC meeting.

Cost Recovery SOG

Cost Recovery SOG has been developed and approved by the TAC. What is the next step of evolution? Specifically, who should review this document? This document sets a standard for cost recovery and distribution of the document needs to be examined.

Action Item: The subcommittee will review and bring back to TAC for next meeting.

Future SOG Development

Action item: The next SOG to be developed by this subcommittee will be demobilization.

Carry Over Agenda Items:

- Review of Ohio Hazmat Awareness Course – Bill Brobst
- Update of Regional Grants – Mel House
- Training Goals – OSHA vs NFPA – Terry Bindernagle

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15th, 2008 at 1000 hours, Ohio Emergency Management Agency