

Hazmat / Decon TAC
DRAFT Minutes
September 18, 2007

Training Opportunity

Tom Breckenridge opened the meeting with an announcement about an Awareness and Operations class for Radiological response, which is an ODP approved course. The Awareness course lasts half-a-day and the Operations course lasts 3 days. The Awareness course includes a Train-the-Trainer component the second half of the day. There is not a cost for these courses. Class size is up to 35 students. The first class will be conducted at the State Fire Academy with regional deliveries to be scheduled later. Contact Tom Breckenridge or Ohio EMA Training Section for further details. Tom will work thru the TAC regional coordinators to schedule and advertise the regional deliveries.

Statewide Hazmat Team Point of Contact Information

Tom also asked the TAC for Hazmat team Contacts and Typing information. Currently this information is held by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Response Plan. Each Hazmat TAC Regional Coordinator has their region's contact information, but the TAC has not assembled a statewide contact list. There was a discussion concerning whether the TAC should attempt to maintain a statewide contact list. It was pointed out that the TAC's mapping of identified teams will identify HM team's location, but not necessarily the response region. It was decided that maintaining a statewide contact list and keeping it current would not be beneficial. The regional coordinators should continue to work with the Ohio Fire Chief Response Plan Coordinators to maintain this contact information in a single source database.

ACTION ITEM: Greg Locher will contact the Ohio Fire Chief Response Plan Representative to determine if the TAC could have an electronic or paper copy of Hazmat Teams contact information.

Team Verification

The Operations Division of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has received a team verification request from Coshocton. There was a review and discussion concerning the personnel available to travel to Coshocton County to perform a Verification Review for their HM Team. A list of interested TAC members that were present at the TAC meeting were submitted to Greg Locher.

ACTION ITEM: Greg Locher will check with the Coshocton team coordinator on available dates.

All interested TAC members that are available to attend the verification will be scheduled, but the TAC will maintain the verification process having 3 representatives and the remainder as observers.

Cost Recovery

The template used in the matrix was obtained from Trumbull County. (Don Waldron). There was a lengthy discussion on many items concerning this matrix. Some of the issues discussed were: to update costs for recovery yearly, using the FEMA Cost sheet as the basis for recovery costs, justification for including non-hazmat related equipment and when the matrix would be followed.

ACTION ITEM: Another draft of the cost recovery matrix will be presented at the next TAC Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Don Waldron to send Chief Locher Trumbull County's Cost Sheet to distribute to TAC members for reference.

Regional Homeland Security Grants

ACTION ITEM: – Mel House advised there may be homeland security funding available to pursue regional projects. He requested the HM TAC be ready to submit requests to build regional HM capabilities. This will be done by region, following similar guidelines as last year. Work with local EMA directors. An EMA director within the region will need to submit the regional grant request. Regional coordinators should follow the build-out of Type III and II teams. When writing the grant application, specific cost information and a justification for the request should be provided. More information to follow.

ACTION ITEM: HazMat TAC will request a member of the IMT TAC to attend a future meeting to discuss Incident Command requirements at large-scale incidents.

Training

There was a very brief discussion on Training – OSHA vs. NFPA 472, which standard to follow. Terry Bindernagel submitted the agenda item, but was unable to attend. This discussion will be continued at future meetings.

Next meeting: October 16, 2007 @ Ohio Emergency Management Agency.