

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
CBRNE/IED Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2013 at 9:30 am
Ludlow Fire Dept., Ludlow, Ma.

In attendance: Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Duane Nichols (D-4 Hazmat), Sean Walker (Springfield Arson & Bomb Squad), Stewart Pease (D-5 Hazmat), Tom Grady (BCSO), Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tim Nelson (D-4 Hazmat), Chris Bruneau (MSP BHQ), Russ Anderson (HCFD), John Dearborn (D-4 Hazmat), .

The meeting was brought to order by Mark Babineau at 9:35 am.

A round of introductions followed.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 12, 2012 CBRNE/IED meeting.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady motioned approve the April 12, 2012 CBRNE/IED minutes. Motion seconded by Stewart Pease. Voted unanimously.</p>

Budget Review

Sue stated that there are left over funds in a few of the budgets from projects that came in under budget. The FFY2012 funds have been designated to be used toward tech rescue development. The total available funds to the full Council are approximately \$128,000. A request for school go kits is being developed for approximately \$20,000. Discussion followed

Requests

MSP/Sheriff Portable Detector Request

Chris Bruneau stated that he is part of a three full time person school safety unit. The proposal is for portable metal detector and x-ray machines that can be deployed singly or as a group to any public or private building or venue. These units are currently being used in the eastern part of the state. The proposal is to purchase equipment for each county. Tom stated that the Council discussed and supported the idea but asked that it be presented to the CBRNE Subcommittee. Chris stated that the manufacturer will offer training on the equipment. The training will be open to all disciplines. Tom stated that the purchase falls within the target capabilities and is an allowable purchase. Sue stated that there are enough available funds. Discussion followed.

<p>Motion: Duane Nichols motioned to approve \$106,000 in FFY10 funds for the MSP/Sherriff Portable Detector Request. Motion seconded by Sean Walker. Voted unanimously.</p>

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Hampshire and Franklin Fire Mobilization Kits

Russ Anderson stated that this is a small attaché that is well equipped. Hampden County created it and it is being recommended that each of the Counties are similarly equipped. The “go kits” will help facilitate a more organized and coordinated response. The “go kits” will be a regional asset.

Motion: Tim Nelson motioned to approve \$7,565 from FFY10 and FFY11 funds for the Hampshire and Franklin fire mobilization kits. Motion seconded by Stewart Pease. Voted unanimously.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

Sue stated that the CBRNE Subcommittee has \$13,245 left to spend by 2013. Sue stated that the FFY13 funds have not been released yet. It is anticipated to be a 5% decrease from the FFY12 funds allocated to the State. It is not clear yet how the funds will be distributed to the Councils. Please forward project and equipment ideas to Sue.

Sue stated that all of the training slots for the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing (IRTB) and Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSB) in New Mexico were filled. There was a good mix of disciplines that were able to attend but it was heavy on fire personnel that were able to attend. The local trainings will be held on May 17th and 18th. The location has not been confirmed but will probably be held at the Clarion in Northampton. Sue announced the upcoming training at the EMD quarterly meeting and it generated a lot of interest. Sue asked how to best list the trainers. It was decided to have the trainers listed by Chiefs and WMFCA.

Tom thanked Mark for agreeing to host and Chair the CBRNE Subcommittee. It is an important group.

Sue stated that John had sent a nice update on the use of the foam trailers at a recent incident. John stated that the foam was very effective. Mark stated that it is important that the awareness of these important assets is increasing. Discussion followed.

Sue stated that the tech rescue team is preparing a proposal. Sue stated that the equipment trailers have been delivered. The equipment is being delivered. The team chose to pack the trailers themselves. Mark stated that the major concern for the tech rescue teams is sustainability.

Next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

There being no further business to discuss Duane Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Tom Grady seconded. Voted unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted by
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