

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
CBRNE/IED Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2013 at 9:00 am
Ludlow Fire Dept., Ludlow, Ma.

In attendance: Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Sean Walker (Springfield Arson & Bomb Squad), Tom Grady (BCSO), Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tim Nelson (D-4 Hazmat), John Dearborn (D-4 Hazmat), David Dupre (D-4 Hazmat), Matt Kirchner (PPD), Charles Van Gordon (WMFCA).

The meeting was brought to order by Mark Babineau at 9:05 am.

A round of introductions followed.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 15, 2013 CBRNE/IED meeting.

<p>Motion: John Dearborn motioned approve the March 15, 2013 CBRNE/IED minutes. Motion seconded by Tim Nelson. Voted unanimously.</p>

Budget Review

Sue stated that there are funds \$14,800 in **FFY10** and \$5,153 in **FFY11** totaling \$19,953 currently unallocated. It is expected that there will be some leftover funds from the tech rescue purchase as well. The FFY12 funds have been designated to tech rescue development projects. 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

Night Vision Equipment Request

Matt Kirchner stated that the team received some test night vision equipment but it did not meet the requested specifications. He withdrew the request at this time.

Tactical Vests Request

Matt Kirchner stated that many of the tactical vests the team has are past their recommended life span. The vests are recommended to be replaced every 5 years. Some of the vests are 15-20 years old. The team is requesting purchase thirteen pieces of armor. These vests will have all of the current specifications. Sue stated that at the last Council meeting there was a balance of unallocated funds available. Tom asked if the vests were eligible under the NIJ program. Matt stated that the vests are but most departments use the NIJ program to cover the patrol vests and the program will only allow one vest per officer. Discussion followed.

<p>Motion: Sean Walker motioned to purchase as many armored vests as funding will allow up to thirteen vests from FFY09 and FFY10 WRHSAC unallocated funds and CBRNE funds if needed. Motion seconded by Tim Nelson. Voted unanimously.</p>

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Next Steps/Future Meetings

Van Gordon stated that he would like guidance on how to proceed to request funding for a two-day tech rescue training. The training is planned for the fall. Discussion followed.

Sue stated that she did a summary for EOPPS and the Council has spent over \$12 million on training and equipment since its inception.

Sue stated that on May 17th and 18th there will be the two offerings of the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing & Prevention Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents training. Friday has 120 people registered and Saturday has over 100 registered. There has been very positive feedback from individuals that have attended the training in New Mexico. Sue asked how it would be best to share the train the trainer information. There are now 30 trainers in Western Mass, 20 from Fire, 4 police and 6 EMS. It was decided that the trainer information should go to Charles and he will distribute to the Chiefs. It was decided that the foam trailer requests should also go through the Chiefs.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gretchen Johnson
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