

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
CBRNE/IED Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2014 at 10:00 am
Ludlow Fire Dept., Ludlow, Ma.

In attendance: Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Dave Lanoie (FCSO), Matt Kirchner (PPD), Tom Grady (BCSO), John Pond (WMFCA), Daryl Springman (WMTR), Sean Walker (SFABS).

The meeting was brought to order by Mark Babineau at 10:06 am.

A round of introductions followed.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2014 CBRNE/IED meeting.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady motioned approve the September 12, 2013 CBRNE/IED minutes. Motion seconded by John Pond. Voted unanimously.</p>

Budget Review

Raine stated that the JHAT equipment quote came in at less than the \$15,000 that was anticipated. The final price was \$10,351. Any remaining FFY11 & 12 funding will go to the Council to be spent down before July 31st. Raine stated that extension requests have been submitted for FFY11 and FFY12 but no decision has been made yet. Tom stated that the Council and the Subcommittees should proceed as if no more extensions will be granted. Discussion followed concerning other Councils unspent funds. Tom stated that our Council does the best job of spending down their funds in the State.

FFY14 Plan Priority Identification

Raine stated that a handout was included in the meeting packet of FFY14 Investment Planning discussion starters. EOPSS has indicated that the FFY14 funds will be increased by 15% from last year. The Plan will need to be submitted by August. Raine is planning to take some extended time off in August. Therefore the Subcommittee needs to set their priorities for the FFY14 funding today to submit to the Council on Tuesday.

John Pond stated that the Tech Rescue team is about 75% trained on confined space and 50% trained on trench rescue. The next step will be light structural collapse. The structural collapse training is a two-week course that is offered out of state. The cost is approximately \$10,000 per team member. The goal of the team is to be 50% trained by next year. The team is also in need of additional confined space and trench rescue related equipment. John reviewed the equipment list. The Tech Rescue Teams are in the process of becoming more self sustained by offering services to private companies. It is important to have enough equipment to have some on stand by so that one set is available at all times in case of an emergency while performing a planned stand by service.

Discussion followed concerning priorities for the FFY14 Plan. The priorities determined were:

- WMD HazMat training

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- Tech Rescue Training
- Tech Rescue Equipment
- Franklin County Sheriff Office Tactical Response Team (Discussion outlined below)
- First Responder Training (Discussion outlined below)

<p>Motion: Tom Grady motioned request up to \$250,000 from the Council for CBRNE related projects in FFY14. Motion seconded by Sean Walker. Voted unanimously.</p>

Requests

Franklin County Sheriff's Office – Tactical Response Team review updated request

Dave Lanoie stated that Sheriff Donelan is putting together a regional tactical response team. The proposal is to purchase equipment and training for the team. The team will be interoperable with other tactical response team. There is an increasing dependency on regional assets. Due to the amount of funding being requested, Dave stated that he has come back to the Subcommittee with a phased approach. The Sheriff's office is committed to maintaining the team once it is established. Matt was concerned about the team only being comprised of 14 members. It is easier to assemble a full team during an incident if the team is at least 25 members strong. Raine stated that the cost of the quote seems high in comparison to recent related purchases. Tom suggested concentrating on the equipment purchases before the training. Mark stated that the Subcommittee supports the concept of the Team and suggested allocating up to \$80,000 for equipment from the FFY14 funding.

First Responder Hazmat Training

Raine stated that John Davine and John Dearborn have identified a need for training on recent emerging trends. However neither were able to attend today due to a Hazmat call. Raine reminded the members EOPSS that members of the subcommittee are not eligible to receive Homeland Security funds as private consultants. If the training is approved it will have to go out to bid. The request was tabled until either John or Jon is able to attend to discuss the proposal.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gretchen Johnson
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