

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016, 9:15 am
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Bob Barry (MEMA), Carolyn Shores Ness (BOS/BOH), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Tom Lynch (BMC), Ann Shea (MMC), Jeanne Galloway (WSHCHC), Dennis Annear (NWMIMT), David Cruz (EOPSS), Chris Norris (WMFC), Ed Lesko (HPHPC).

Chairman Tom Grady brought the meeting to order at 9:16 am.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting.

<p>Motion: Tom Lynch motioned to approve the minutes from December 15, 2015. Bob Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

FFY14 T&E Projects

Emergency Management Preparedness

FCSRT Basic and Specialized SWAT Training

Raine Brown stated that the team was planning to send members to the Academy in January but it didn't work out. It appears that the young team just wasn't ready to receive funds yet. They have sent a few members to specialized training. If there is no further movement on spending funds before the February meeting, Raine will contact them to make a plan for the funds. Raine reported that approximately half of the funds for equipment have been spent down by the team.

Rapid Medical Response Training

Raine stated that the next training is scheduled for next Monday. Tom Grady shared that the Hampden training was well received.

CBRNE/WMD

Franklin County MCI

Raine stated that the seminar is scheduled for April 1st in the evening and the drill will be held on April 2nd. The scenario will be conducted on the Deerfield Railyard.

Hazmat Emerging Trends for Public Health

Raine stated that three of the four trainings have been held. The response to the trainings has been very positive. The Hampden County is scheduled for February 4th.

Medical Management of CBRNE

Raine stated that the training was held last week. There were 51 participants registered and 48 attended. There was a nice diversity of disciplines in attendance. Tom stated that a dispatcher

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from Berkshire attended and really liked the training. Raine stated that TEEX was pleased with the attendance as well. Linda Moriarty stated that she is looking into a TEEX IED response class for this fall. The cost of the Medical Management class was \$6,500. The class will be limited to 50 participants. Discussion ensued.

<p>Motion: Linda Moriarty motioned to approve \$6,500 for a 2 day medical management and IED class. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Mass Care Services

Mass Care Training Needs Survey

Sandra Martin stated that work on this project is ongoing. The surveys are being conducted through survey monkey as well as on paper at established meetings. The results are being compiled.

Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Training

Sandra reported that the BRPC staff is almost done reviewing the shelter plans, MACC, HMCC plan and others to coordinate and update the Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Plan. The trainings are planned to be offered April, May and June.

FFY15 T&E Projects

Active Shooter Symposium

Raine stated that the date has been set for March 16th. The FBI is finalizing the speakers. Tom stated that the Symposium was brought up at the JTFF meeting. There was a lot of excitement at the fact that the focus for attendance is not only on law enforcement. Jeanne Galloway asked when registration will be opened. Raine replied that she is waiting for the speakers to be finalized. Registration should be open in 2-3 weeks. There has been a lot of interest from outside of the region. Anyone outside the region will be placed on a waiting list. Raine stated that there was a discussion about enhancing scene security for the event. Dennis Annear stated that the NWMIMT will write up an Incident Action Plan for the event and assist with the communications.

Anti-Terrorism Exercise

Raine stated that the FBI has requested a new name for the Exercise that does not use the word terrorism both in consideration of Six Flags and also the public. The first planning meeting is scheduled for January 27th. There are approximately 40 people signed up to attend. Raine asked Bob Barry to reach out to Agawam Police Department.

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Budget Review

Raine stated that FFY14 is on track to be spent down. The only concern is the FCSRT funds. There is \$80,000 funds left unallocated for FFY15. FFY15 funds need to be spent down by July 2017.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Mercy Hospital Tactical EMS.

Ann Shea stated that after the last few active shooter exercises, the need for tactical EMS training has been identified. There is interest from doctors, physician assistants, nurses and first responders for this type of training. Mercy hospital can offer the space at no cost. Eric Stratton toured the facility and the parking lot and agreed that it would be adequate. The training can hold up to 24 participants. Tom stated that the training will need to be put out to bid. Raine stated that it will be important to write the specifications carefully and that an EHP may be required. Tom suggested including hemostatic agents and tourniquets in the training. The Boston bombing utilized both of these. It would be good to develop consistency across the state. Sandra suggested that if the training goes well to offer the training in Northern Berkshire as well. Tom suggested offering the training in each County.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$14,072 for Tactical EMS training. Bob Barry seconded. Motion passed. Ann Shea abstained.</p>
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Business Unforeseen by the Chair

Dennis stated that there is a movement to standardize the three IMAT teams in the State. Each team is at a different level of training and qualifications. There are federal funds available that can be used for IMAT training. Each unit leader from the three teams has been asked to offer two unit leader courses. Kurt Schwartz is advocating for using the national credentialing process.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be January 19, 2016 at 9:15 am.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Ann Shea seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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