

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 10:00am
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), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Ann Shea (MMC), John Paciorek (WMA PC), Amy Reilly (MAPC), Paul D'Auteuil (MSP), Gail Bienvenue (MDPH), Eammon Coughlin (BRPC), Robert Hassett (SFD), Jamin Carroll (PVPC), Chris Bouchard (BDPW), Melissa Nazzaro (SComm), Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Mark Trapani (PPD) proxy for Mike Wynn (PPD), Karen Davis (Verizon), Brian Bransoleili (Verizon), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC) proxy for Ed Lesko (BOS/BOH).

The meeting was brought to order at 10:07 am by Thomas Grady, Council Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting as submitted. Linda Moriarty seconded. Motion passed.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

Tom Grady stated that there was a THIRA meeting and SPR meeting held in Framingham last week. A Chairs meeting is being scheduled for January but the date has not been set yet.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: No update was given.
- POLICE: No update was given.
- EMS: No update was given.
- EMD: Bob Hassett stated that there is a concern about possible ice storms over the winter.
- PUBLIC HEALTH: Jeanne Galloway stated that there is a concern about bird flu this season. Jeanne reported that the HMCC is meeting on a monthly basis.
- TRANSPORTATION: No update was given.
- DPW: Chris Bouchard announced that Becket offered a driver fatigue training.
- CORRECTIONS: Tom stated that the second phase of the Rapid Medical Response Training in Berkshire is scheduled for January 25, 2016. Tom stated more information will be emailed.

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- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Melissa Nazzaro stated that she participated in a demonstration of next generation 911 consoles.
- **HOSPITALS:** Tom Lynch congratulated Ann Shea and Mercy hospital on their successful active shooter exercise.
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Carolyn Shores Ness stated that the MACC project is moving forward.

Carolyn stated that there is region-wide excitement for the Debris Management Template. These templates and trainings are so important.

- **Massachusetts State Police (MSP):** No update was given.
- **MEMA:** Bob Barry reported that MEMA will be hosting a tabletop exercise for each region on January 12th. There will be a Special Events Risk course taught by TEEX held at UMass on January 12th and 13th. There will be an FNSS class on January 21st at MEMA office in Agawam. Easthampton is hosting a Debris Management course on January 25th and 26th.
- **EOPSS:** No update was given.

Planning /Pandemic Flu:

Linda Moriarty stated that the FFY14 projects are moving along well. The FFY15 projects are starting to move forward.

Interoperability/Information Sharing:

Melissa stated that nycoil is needed for the pneumatic tower being installed on the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office mobile command unit. The coil costs an additional \$2,700.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to approve \$2,700.00 for the purchase and installation of the nycoil needed for the pneumatic tower from FFY14 interoperability unallocated. Linda Moriarty seconded. Motion passed.</p>

Training and Exercises:

Tom stated that the Training and Exercise Subcommittee met prior to the Council meeting. There is an Anti-Terrorism drill planned for April and a full scale exercise in September. Both events will be hosted at Six Flags New England. The scenario will involve an active shooter. The planning for these exercises will begin on January 27th at the MEMA offices in Agawam.

The Active Shooter Symposium is being scheduled on March 16th at Deerfield Academy. A save the date flyer was passed out. Tom asked that the flyer be shared with anyone that may be find themselves to be a first responder in an active shooter situation.

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Tom noted that additional funds are needed for the Medical Management of CBRNE Incidents Training being held on January 12 & 13 due to an increase in food cost and opening the course to accommodate up to 50 participants.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve up to \$2,500.00 from FFY14 funds to accommodate the food, facility and up to 50 participants for the Medical Management of CBRNE training. Linda Moriarty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Equipment/PPE:

Raine Brown stated she is working with Bob Hassett to finish off the CAMET Trailer project.

CBRNE/IED:

Mark Babineau reported that the CBRNE Subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting soon to discuss the FFY15 projects. The WMTRT has a request to move some equipment funds to training to allow for members to attend structural collapse training.

Fiduciary Report

Raine stated that all of the FFY14 projects are on track. Some funding may be returned in April or May 2016 but those funds can be used to buy equipment identified on the secondary project list. FFY15 projects are beginning to move forward.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Karen Davis introduced herself and Brian Beausoleil from Verizon. They are attending today to introduce themselves and to familiarize themselves with WRHSAC. Karen expressed an interest in participating in the Anti-Terrorism exercises at Six Flags to assist with communications.

Business Unforeseen by Chair

No business unforeseen was presented.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

Tom sincerely thanked the Council for all that they do. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

The next meeting of the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, 2016 at 10:00 am at WMEMS.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty moved to adjourn. John Paciorek seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

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Respectfully Submitted by
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