

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
CBRNE/IED Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017 at 02:00 pm
Longmeadow Fire Department
44 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA

In attendance: Tom Grady (BCSO), Alan Sirois (Agawam FD), Duane Nichols (Northampton FD), Sean Walker (Springfield FD), Joe Brewer (Wilbraham PD), Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tim Nelson (Amherst FD), John Pond (WMFCA), John Dearborn (Longmeadow FD), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

The meeting was brought to order at 02:01 am by Tom Grady

A round of introductions was made.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the November 30, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Duane Nichols motioned to approve the November 30, 2017 CBRNE/IED minutes. Motion seconded by John Pond. Voted unanimously.

FFY2018 Project Planning

Raine Brown reviewed the FFY17 projects:

The priorities are listed as follows:

- Tech Rescue Team PPE - \$38,500.00
- Tech Rescue Team Statewide MOBEX - \$50,000
- Tech Rescue Team Structural Collapse Equipment - \$106,000
- Regional Hazmat Team Training - \$30,000

FFY2018 Project Planning

- Regional Hazmat Team Training - \$30,000.00 previously approved.

The Tech Rescue Team met earlier today and Alan Sirois outlined the priorities as follows:

- Tech Rescue Team Statewide MOBEX - \$50,000
- Wide Area Search Training – \$24,000.00
- Structural Collapse Training – for upcoming FEMA training - 15,400.00
- Structural Collapse Cache – to purchase an additional fully equipped trailer with small generator, shelving and accessories needed to make it mission ready - \$22,000.00
- EMS Medical Care Equipment - \$4,621.00
- Field Force Response Training & Equipment – \$29,102.00

Total requested funds - \$145,123.00.

Motion: Duane Nichols motioned to accept the Tech Rescue Team list of priorities as presented. Motion seconded by Tim Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

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After a short discussion, the \$29,102.00 and \$4621.00 requests were adjusted to \$30,000.00 and \$4,700.00 respectively. The revised total for the Tech Rescue team is \$146,100.00. The total for the subcommittee including the regional hazmat training is \$176,100.00.

Joe Brewer, Wilbraham PD presented his revised proposal including letters of recommendation for the Wilbraham PD Explosives Detection Unit. Joe is requesting funding to purchase an appropriate vehicle to facilitate responses and training of the Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) unit at \$50,995.80, and an explosive training aid kit at \$3,495.00, for a total of \$54,490.80. The goal is to provide a regional asset, to enhance the regional security of critical infrastructure and of schools located within the region.

After a brief discussion, the subcommittee recommended increasing the requested amount to cover the potential increase in the cost of purchasing a vehicle.

The following motion was made:

John Pond made a motion for \$56,495.00 to approve the request as presented. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. Voted passed by a majority: Yes: 4 No: 2 Abstain: 1
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Concerns were raised regarding the sustainability of the asset, and how it will benefit the regional assets.

Chief John Pond will present the request at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business John Pond moved to adjourn the meeting, and Duane Nichols seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne
Franklin Regional Council of Governments