

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
CBRNE/IED Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2013 at 9:30 am
Ludlow Fire Dept., Ludlow, Ma.

In attendance: Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Tom Grady (BCSO), Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Matt Kirchner (PPD), Les Troczynski, Duane Nichols.

The meeting was brought to order by Mark Babineau at 9:32 am.

A round of introductions followed.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 3, 2013 CBRNE/IED meeting.

Motion: Tom Grady motioned approve the May 3, 2013 CBRNE/IED minutes. Motion seconded by Tim Nelson. Voted unanimously.

WRHSAC FFY2013 Plan Development & Budget Review

Raine stated that we are working on the FFY2013 Plan but EOPSS has asked the Councils to regard the funding as a lump sum and not individual funding years. The total amount available to the Council is \$1,234,527. The Subcommittees have been asked to prioritize their projects for the Council meeting next week. Raine stated that proposed projects should be for the next 12-24 months. Discussion followed. It was decided to hear the current requests and then prioritize projects.

Requests

Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) – Tactical Armor

Matt stated that he brought with him one of the thirteen new tactical vests and one of the older ones. The BCSRT would like to order 17 additional vests so that each team member would have one. The older vests are lighter weight and are past their useable life. Discussion followed concerning training and reaching out for additional members.

Motion: Duane Nichols motioned to add purchasing 17 armored for the BCSRT as a prioritized project for the FFY13 plan. Motion seconded by Tom Grady. Voted unanimously.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office – Mobile Shooting Range

Les stated that the Franklin County Sheriff's Office would like to house a mobile shooting range. This would allow year round training as well as night scenario trainings. The proposed unit is used and therefore deeply discounted. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is willing to permanently securely store the shooting range and will open it up for regional use. Currently our region is currently using shooting club facilities. This makes training weather dependent.

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Discussion followed concerning the benefits of a mobile unit or investing in building a permanent structure. The unit would have to go through a bid process.

Motion: Tom Grady motioned to add the Mobile Shooting Range for \$475,000 to \$600,000 to the priority list with the contingency that more information is required such as a letter of support from the four Sheriff's Offices of Western Massachusetts as well as adding a vehicle to make the unit mobile. Motion seconded by Matt Kirchner. Voted unanimously.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

Mark stated that additional tech rescue training should be added to the priority list as well.

Motion: Matt Kirchner motioned to add the Tech Rescue Training in the amount of \$100,000 to the priority list. Motion seconded by Tom Grady. Voted unanimously.

Mark stated that additional support for the Haz Mat Team should be added to the priority list.

Motion: Duane Nichols motioned to add the Haz Mat Team training or equipment in the amount of \$45,000 to the priority list. Motion seconded by Tom Grady. Voted unanimously.

Tom stated that the Haz Mat Teams have received a lot of positive press coverage for their services. Discussion followed.

Raine stated that the Council approved the DPW GPS trainings. Each community that attends the training will receive a GPS unit. One of the key points of the training will aid DPW staff to use the GPS units to complete FEMA paperwork when filing after a declared disaster. Information on the training is on the website. Discussion followed.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gretchen Johnson
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