

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2014, 9:30 am  
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

**Present:** Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Pat Carnavale (MEMA), Ed Lesko (BOH/BOS), Ann Shea (MMC), Carolyn Shores Ness (DBOS/BOH), Tom Lynch (BHC), David Cruz (EOPSS).

Chairman Tom Grady brought the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

## **Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting.

**Motion:** Linda Moriarty motioned to approve the minutes from April 15, 2014. Ed Lesko seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A round of introductions followed.

### **Review FFY2013 T&E Plan/Projects**

#### ***Regional Hazmat Team Training***

Raine stated that none of the FFY13 funds have been spent to date but the Team has plans and are confident that the funding will be spent down. A portion of the FFY13 was allocated to the JHAT Team but it was not needed.

#### ***Anti-Counter Terrorism Training***

Tom stated that now that the Boston Marathon is over, he will contact Rod Lewis who is the head of the FBI office in Springfield to discuss working with the task force on finding training.

#### ***WMD/CBRNE Training***

Linda stated that she is working on setting up training for this summer. John Davine and John Dearborn are interested in creating training for local responders that will focus on new and dangerous trends unfamiliar to the HazMat Team and local first responders. This includes homemade explosives, fireworks manufacturing, butane hash oil, and “one pot” methamphetamine production. Raine stated that the training will be brought before the CBRNE Subcommittee first for their review.

#### ***Regional Shelter Exercise Training***

Raine stated that item is a place holder. The budget is \$15,000. This funding will most likely be used to plan the next steps after the Regional Shelter Training has been completed.

## **Requests**

No requests were presented.

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**New Business**

Pat Carnevale asked if it would be possible to offer position specific courses for the IMAT Team members. Raine stated that a request can be made for that type of training by a Training and Exercise Subcommittee member. Discussion followed.

***FFY2014 Planning***

Raine stated that a breakdown of the past years Homeland Security funding was included in the meeting packet. On average the T&E Subcommittee has been allocated 25% of the annual funding. EOPSS is reviewing training and exercise requests closely to be sure that they coincide with the TEP. Raine suggested using broader categories to allow flexibility. Discussion continued.

**Old Business**

***Officer Down Instructor***

Raine stated that SRR Training was the lowest bidder for the training. They met all the requirements of the bid but they do not have a training facility secured yet. Tom stated that a live fire facility is not easy to secure and is a critical component for recertification. Pat suggested that Raine ask SRR directly how they plan to proceed.

***PIO Training – update***

Raine stated that the PIO training will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hadley Farms Meeting House. The training can accommodate up to 70 people. Just over 30 people have signed up. The attendees are a good cross section of disciplines. Discussion followed.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at WMEMS.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Ed Lesko seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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