

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015, 9:30 am
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), David Cruz (EOPSS), Ed Lesko (HBOS/BOH), Bob Hassett (SFD), Candi Christianson (VHA OEM).

Chairman Tom Grady brought the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 16, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Ed Lesko motioned to approve the minutes from December 16, 2014. Bob Hassett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A round of introductions followed.

Review FFY2013 T&E Projects

Regional Hazmat Team Training

Raine Brown stated that this training is ongoing. Raine stated that she spoke briefly with John Dearborn. John is exploring a local training offering. It will be open to all first responders.

Anti-Counter Terrorism Exercise

Raine stated that the first planning conference call was held last week. About 27 people participated. There were private, public, and federal partners participated. There has been interest from a few more people that would like to participate. This should be a very good exercise.

WMD/CBRNE Training

Hazmat Emerging Trends

Raine stated that two of the sessions have been done. There is another session this week, Thursday in Agawam. The last session will be at the end of January on a Saturday in Greenfield. Several participants have asked Jon Davine about further training. Tom stated that he was pleased by the level of interest from the police in this training.

TEEX Operational Response to WMD/Hazmat

Raine stated that the class is full. We currently have just over 50 participants signed up. Gretchen and Raine will meet tomorrow to go over the registration, facility set up and food. The training will be held at the Hadley Farms Meeting House. They were able to accommodate the class room, practicum and food and much less expensive than the Mass Mutual Center. The funding for this project was approximately \$10,000. There is \$5,900 left over and will be returned to the Subcommittee. Linda Moriarty stated that it would be a good idea to offer this

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training again in the future. Raine stated that it can be considered with the FFY14 or FFY15 funding.

Regional Shelter Exercise Training

Raine stated that this training was fully approved by EOPSS. Raine is working with Ann Becker to finish the SOW.

Hampshire Public Health Advanced PIO Training

Raine stated that EOPSS approved this training. The Hampshire Health Coalition offered to pay for the consultant. The Council funding will pay for the facility and related expenses.

EMS PHTLS Training

Raine stated that Chris Norris from Hampshire EMS is coordinating the training.

Mercy Active Shooter Exercise

Raine stated that this project was approved by EOPSS. Ann Shea will coordinate this training. An EHP was required and has been completed. David Cruz stated that the turn around on the EHP was very fast.

FFY14 T&E Projects

Raine stated that these projects have funding set aside and the Subcommittee will need to move forward on them soon.

Emergency Management Preparedness

This agenda item is a place holder.

CBRNE/WMD

This agenda item is a place holder.

Mass Care Services

This agenda item is a place holder.

Budget Review

Raine stated that there is \$5,900 available from the CBRNE Medical Management training. That funding will need to be spent by July 31st of this year.

Old Business

ICS/NIMS Reimbursement Funding

Raine stated that she has not had any response from the Chiefs. Tom asked Raine to inquire one more time.

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New Business

Native Storm 2015 Exercise Request

Native Storm 2015 Exercise Request – Bob Hassett stated that this exercise is designed to prevent hospital deaths during a major disaster. Springfield will be sending patients to hospitals in 500 mile arcs. We will be the departure facility and not a receiving facility. It will be an earthquake scenario. All hospitals in lower pioneer valley will be devastated. The hospitals still in working order will be in Franklin and Berkshire Counties. Springfield will be moving 70 patients. Springfield will receive support from the National Guard, Air Force Reserve and local ambulance services. Springfield is the only metro medical area that has completed this training four times in the US. Many other metro areas are requesting our plan of operations. The exercise is scheduled for the first weekend in June. Westover Air Force Base is on board. A full scale table top drill was done last year. The VA is partnering with Springfield for this project.

Motion: Ed Lesko motioned to approve \$5,000.00 to fund the Native Storm Exercise. Linda Moriarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mobile Generator Training

Raine stated that Chris Pelletier from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department contacted her requesting funding for the initial fill up for the 87 gallon diesel tank on the generator. Raine inquired with EOPSS and it is an allowable expense if there is a training held. There was vendor training. Therefore, both Franklin County Sheriff's and Holyoke Fire Department can submit for reimbursement for the first fill up. The future fuel will be paid for by the user.

Motion: Linda Moriarty motioned to approve up to \$650.00 to pay for the diesel fuel to fill the two mobile generators for the first time. Ed Lesko seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Raine stated that she attended the mobile generator training in Franklin County. The training was held on a below zero degree day. The generator had to be plugged in to start it. We found out that one of the battery chargers was no good and needed to be replaced. John Pond stated that the training went well in Holyoke. The training was held indoors with no complications. The generators are very larges and need to be moved with a one ton truck with a commercial hitch.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

No business unforeseen was discussed.

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Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be February 17, 2014 at 9:30 am.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Bob Hassett seconded.
Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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