

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014, 9:30 am
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Carolyn Shores Ness (DBOS/BOH), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Bob Barry (MEMA), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Jon Hartenbaum (MEMA), David Cruz (EOPSS), Mary Kersell (HPHPC), John Pond (WMFCA), Bob Hassett (SFD).

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

Minutes

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

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve the minutes from September 16, 2014. Sandra Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Review FFY2013 T&E Projects

Regional Hazmat Team Training

Raine Brown stated that the Team plans to continue to send participants to the trainings in New Mexico and Colorado.

Anti-Counter Terrorism Training

Tom Grady stated that he and Raine met with Gabe Palazzi, Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for DHS at the MEMA office to discuss a joint training. Gabe is seeking approval for the training through his chain of command. It is expected that the planning session will occur in January and then the exercises will be done from January to March. Carolyn Shores Ness stated that she would like the exercises to include unattended tanker rail cars.

WMD/CBRNE Training

Hazmat Emerging Trends

Raine stated that an RFP was released. It was stated that no members of WRHSAC Subcommittees should submit a proposal to receive WRHSAC funding. The proposal that was received had to be rejected. The RFP will be released again.

TEEX Operational Response to WMD/Hazmat

Raine drafted the PJ for this project and it was approved by EOPSS. The dates of the training are March 10-12, 2015. The training will be open to up to fifty participants. The MassMutual Center will likely be chosen as the facility.

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Regional Shelter Exercise Training

Sandra Martin stated that UMASS and the Hampshire MRC was seeking funding for an exercise to address the identified registration process gap in the sheltering exercise done in April but they were able to obtain alternate funding to conduct an active shooter exercise and will not have time to pursue both. Raine stated that the funding was originally intended to exercise the on-line training tool that has been developed. The \$15,000 set aside for this project will need to be spent by July 31, 2014. Tom asked members to consider how to proceed with this project and be prepared to talk about it next month.

FFY14 T&E Projects

Raine stated that the FFY14 contracts have been signed and received. The funding is available until July 31, 2016.

Emergency Management Preparedness

This agenda item is a place holder until the Planning Subcommittee Planning project is further along.

CBRNE/WMD

This agenda item is a place holder until the FFY13 funds are spent down.

Mass Care Services

Raine stated that the Planning Subcommittee would like to do training on how to help children in disasters. FEMA has a training available but it will not come to Massachusetts until October 2015, but it will be offered in New Hampshire sooner. Raine will inquire if the training can be done in Western Mass sooner than October 2015. Discussion followed.

Requests

No requests were presented.

Old Business

Franklin County Tactical Leaders

This discussion was tabled until next month.

Hampshire MRC Shelter Exercise

This discussion was tabled until next month.

Hampshire Public Health Advance PIO

Mary Kersell stated that the Hampshire Public Health is interested in offering an advanced PIO training in all four counties. The Hampshire group has set aside \$5,000 to contribute toward the

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training. Discussion followed. Tom asked for a detailed proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

ICS/NIMS Reimbursement Funding

Raine stated that no funding was put aside for the ICS/NIMS training due to lack of requests last year. However, a few requests have been received. Tom asked for clarification from the Fire Chiefs on if the training is in direct correlation to their current job duties.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

Raine stated that a presentation on the MACC project has been requested by the Northern Berkshire REPC at their November 6th meeting. The meeting will be a mini exercise and attendees will register as if entering a shelter. Equipment will be on display and there is a free spaghetti dinner. Tom asked that anyone interested in attending contact Raine.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 9:30 am.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Sandra Martin seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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