

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 17, 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), Carolyn Shores Ness (Local Govt.), Ann Shea (MMC), Tom Lynch (BMC), Dennis Annear (NWMIMT), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Ed Lesko (BOH/BOS), Bob Barry (MEMA).

Chairman Tom Grady brought the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting.

<p>Motion: Bob Barry motioned to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015. Tom Lynch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

Review FFY2013 T&E Projects

Regional Hazmat Team Training

Raine Brown stated that this training is ongoing.

Anti-Counter Terrorism Exercise

Raine stated that the project is on track. The final planning session will be held on March 31st at the MEMA office in Agawam. The exercise dates have been set. Locations for the Franklin and Berkshire exercises have been determined. Invitations have been sent. There are 43 registrants for the Berkshire Exercise already. The Boston DHS Coordinator is interested in attending as an observer. The AAR will be compiled through the exercise notes, feedback and the hotwash.

WMD/CBRNE Training

TEEX Medical Management of CBRNE

Raine stated that 42 participants attended the two day training. The feedback was positive. Many attendees stated that they would like to have more TEEX trainings offered. There was interest in a higher education training. Westfield State College may be willing to sponsor the training. Linda Moriarty stated that it would be helpful to offer this same course again in the fall. Raine stated that the facility was less expensive than originally budgeted. Approximately \$6,000 will be returned to the Subcommittee.

UMASS Hampshire MRC Shelter Registration Exercise

Raine stated that this training is moving along. The consultant was paid for with alternative funds. The funding will be re-allocated to offer psychological first aid, a functional needs

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workshop, and to purchase additional training equipment. The Exercise is scheduled for April 2nd.

Hampshire Public Health Advanced PIO Training

Raine stated that this training is scheduled for June 18th. Raine is coordinating with Mary Kersell. The instructor will be Susan Santos. This training also came in under budget and approximately \$1,500 will be returned to the Subcommittee.

EMS PHTLS Training

Raine stated that this class is full. There is good representation from all four counties. The training will be held in Easthampton on April 17 and 18th.

Mercy Active Shooter Exercise

Raine stated that the exercise is moving along.

Native Storm 2015 Full Scale Exercise

Raine stated that EOPSS has approved the exercise. Bob Hassett is moving forward with the planning.

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

EOC Operations and Planning Training

This project was approved by EOPSS. The training will be held June 3rd through the 5th at North Adams Ambulance. The training will be offered to the Northern Berkshire REPC and the NWMIMT first and then opened up to other participants.

FCSRT Basic and Specialized SWAT Training

This training is at EOPSS for review.

CBRNE/WMD

This agenda item is a place holder.

Mass Care Services

This agenda item is a place holder.

Raine stated that the Subcommittee has ended up with a busy spring. It would be good to start planning some of the FFY14 trainings and exercises for the fall to spread out the trainings throughout the year. There is interest in holding a more advanced GPS training.

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Budget Review

Raine stated that there is approximately \$7,500 being returned to the Subcommittee. These funds expire on July 31, 2015. Tom Grady asked for the Subcommittee to think about proposals for these funds for next month. Raine stated that the Council is receiving about \$17,000 from unused Administration funds. Raine stated that she is going to propose allocating the funds to the Hampshire Hills 800 project because it is all equipment purchases. The project is phased in FFY13 and FFY14. This will allow the Council and the Subcommittee to have until July 31, 2016 to expend these left over funds and will allow the FFY13 funds to be spent down completely.

Old Business

Hazmat Emerging Trends Condensed training for BOH

Raine stated that there was one or two BOH representatives at each of the emerging trends trainings. Glen Ayers from the FRCOG has requested a condensed class to be presented to the BOH quarterly meeting and would like the support of the Council. Tom asked Raine to coordinate with Jon Davine to see if he has time to prepare a condensed version of the class. Discussion followed.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

No business unforeseen was discussed.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

Tom Grady reminded the Subcommittee that all training and exercise requests must coincide with the goals of the THIRA and must be regional in scope.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2014 at 9:30 am.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Tom Lynch seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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