

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 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), Tom Lynch (BHC), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Bob Barry (MEMA), Ed Lesko (BOH/BOS), J.D. Hebert (DMH), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS).

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

## **Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 17, 2014 meeting.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve the minutes from June 17, 2014. Bob Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

### **Review FFY2013 T&E Plan/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. John Dearborn also is trying to coordinate a local training that was done a few years ago with actual radiation materials. It was very well received but it's challenging to coordinate the transportation of the materials and finding a secure location for the training.

#### ***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. Tom stated that a table top scenario done on separate days for each discipline and then a joint AAR meeting may be the most effective.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve Raine Brown to work with Gabe Palazzi to develop an Anti-Counter Terrorism table top. Ed Lesko seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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Tom asked for suggestions on the scenario. Carolyn suggested a bio-terrorism scenario such as an issue with the water in the Quabbin reservoir or a high profile transport such as a dignitary traveling to one of the private schools in the area. Bob Barry suggested a scenario involving liquid natural gas or ethanol spill in a rail yard. Discussion followed.

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***WMD/CBRNE Training***

Raine Brown stated that the CBRNE Subcommittee met yesterday. A request was recommended for an Emerging Trends for First Responders Training in each of the four Western Counties. The training will cover recognizing potential hazards related to one pot meth production, butane hash oil, marijuana growth and homemade explosives. An RFP will be released to conduct four hour sessions in each county for up to \$18,000. Ed Lesko suggested having a look, see, feel aspect to the training. Raine stated that sessions in Hampshire and Hampden will be held during normal work hours and the sessions in Berkshire and Franklin County will be offered in the evening or weekend.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Linda Moriarty motioned to approve motioned approve up to \$18,000 of FFY13 WMD CBRNE training funds to hire a consultant to offer an Emerging Trends for First Responders Training in each of the four Western Counties. Motion seconded by Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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***Regional Shelter Exercise Training***

Sandra Martin stated that UMASS held their sheltering exercise earlier in the year. The largest gap identified was the registration process. Sandra suggested developing an exercise to address registration for up to \$10,000. Raine stated that the funding was originally intended to exercise the on-line training tool that has been developed. Sandra stated that she will coordinate with UMASS to develop a exercise that will incorporate the on-line shelter training tool and registration.

Sandra suggested also doing a follow-up to the PIO training. The Hampshire Public Health Coalition has \$5,000 that can be used toward the advanced PIO training and has asked if the Council would be able to match that amount for the training. Tom Grady suggested that a representative from the Hampshire Public Health Coalition come and speak to the project.

**Requests**

***Franklin County Tactical Leaders***

Carolyn Shores Ness stated that this may be a good training to put on the secondary projects list. It is cutting edge training for Firefighters. The estimate is \$6,500 to \$7,500. Linda Moriarty stated that she would want a letter of support from the Western Mass Fire Chiefs. Raine stated that all trainings must be put out to bid. Discussion followed.

**New Business**

No new business was presented.

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**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

No business unforeseen was discussed.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Gretchen Johnson  
Homeland Security Program Assistant  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments