

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 10:00am
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA

In attendance: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Thomas Grady (BCSO), Josiah Neiderbach (PVPC), Jamin Carroll (PVTA), David Cruz (EOPSS), Melissa Nazzaro (Spfld Comm), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Jeanne Galloway (WSpfld HD), Stephen Kozloski (MPD), Carolyn Shores Ness (DBOS/BOH), Ann Shea (MMC), Erica Johnson (PVPC) proxy for Ed Lesko (HBOS/BOH), Michael Nelson (DPH), Paul D' Auteuil (MSP).

The meeting was brought to order at 10:01 am by Thomas Grady, Council Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting.

<p>Motion: Russ Sienkiewicz moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting as submitted. Melissa Nazzaro seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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Updates from Chair

Tom Grady stated that the Chairs meeting was scheduled for last Friday but was cancelled due to the weather. Numerous state agencies and a lot of equipment have gone out to the eastern part of the State to help with snow removal.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: No update was given.
- POLICE: No update was given.
- EMS: No update was given.
- EMD: No update was given.
- PUBLIC HEALTH: No update was given.
- TRANSPORTATION: No update was given.
- DPW: No update was given.
- CORRECTIONS: Tom stated that the Sherriff Departments are working to finalize the statewide database that will share inmate data. A few Departments will start beta testing the system in the spring.
- COMMUNICATIONS: No update was given.
- HOSPITALS: Tom stated that hospitals in the eastern part of the state have had trouble because staff have not been able to take public transportation to get to work. Ann Shea stated that some staff in Western Mass had to stay over during some of the recent storms.

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- LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Carolyn Shores Ness stated that she worked with Raine to update the latest quarterly newsletter. Carolyn stated that she attended the planning session for the anti-terrorism exercise and it is going very well. She thanked Raine and Tom for their work organizing this exercise. Tom stated that there has been broad representation and that he has been impressed by the planning team.
- Massachusetts State Police (MSP): Paul D'Auteuil stated that the State is no longer supporting the statewide IMAT team and is asking each barracks to put an IMAT team together. Paul stated that he would like to have a team member and a commander observe during the anti-terrorism exercise to make connections and to gain experience. Raine encouraged participation in the exercise. Discussion followed.
- MEMA: No update was given.
- EOPSS: No update was given.

Planning /Pandemic Flu:

Linda Moriarty stated that the subcommittee projects are moving along.

Interoperability/Information Sharing:

Russ Sienkiewicz stated that a microwave purchased for the Borden project is no longer needed and will be repurposed in Franklin County. Russ stated that there will be a discussion of the recent past projects and current priorities for the benefit of the new WMRIC members. A discussion about relicensing some equipment and a new contract for the consultant will occur as well. Raine Brown stated that she included a handout in the meeting packet outlining the membership of WMRIC. Tom stated that some COML's attended the Berkshire County Polar Plunge. There were three separate groups working on the event and it went very smoothly. The COML's have proven their worth again and again. Tom thanked the WMRIC Committee for supporting them.

Training and Exercises:

Tom stated that the Training and Exercise Subcommittee met prior to the Council meeting. Tom stated that the FFY13 funds have been fully allocated.

<p>Motion: Linda Moriarty motioned to allocate \$2,000 from FFY14 for ICS/NIMS reimbursement funding. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Tracy Rogers stated that the TEEX EOC Management Training would be a good fit for the NWMIMT team to take and would fit in well with the MACC project. The plan is to host a three day training during the first week of June. The NWMIMT Team is requesting \$5,275 to pay for food and meeting supplies.

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Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to allocate \$5,275 FFY14 Emergency Management Funds for the TEEX EOC Management Training. Linda Moriarty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom stated that Sheriff Donelan stated that the Sheriff's office and the Greenfield Police Department are coordinating to form a Franklin County Tactical Response Team. The team will be a regional and state asset. The initial training is for Basic SWAT level training in the amount of \$21,500. The subsequent training is for additional specialized trainings in the amount of \$36,400. The request is for tuition and backfill and overtime costs. This cost will be factored into future year budgets.

Motion: Linda Moriarty motioned to approve \$21,500 FFY14 CBRNE funds to pay for the basic SWAT level training. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$36,400 split between FFY14 CBRNE funds and Emergency Management to pay for the specialized training. Linda Moriarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Equipment/PPE:

Raine stated that she is working on wrapping up the RFB for the Tech Rescue Equipment. There will likely be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 leftover from that project. Tom stated that the Tech Rescue Team is working on developing the income piece that will allow them to offer technical assistance to private companies. This will allow the team to become self sustaining.

CBRNE/IED:

No update was given.

Fiduciary Report

Raine stated that there will be between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in leftover funds in FFY13 that will need to be spent down in May or June. Raine asked the Subcommittees to discuss possible projects. Discussion followed.

Raine stated that Mass DEP has asked for Council member volunteers to review a Crude Oil Plan. It is similar to the Ethanol Spill Plan. Carolyn Shores Ness and Tom Grady volunteered. Linda Moriarty asked Raine to reach out to Fire Chiefs and ask them to review the plan as well.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

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Business Unforeseen by Chair

No unforeseen business was discussed.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 am at WMEMS.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

Respectfully Submitted by
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