

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2011, 9:30 am  
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

**Present:** Bob Dean (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Robert Barry (MEMA), Tom Grady (BCSO), Linda Moriarty (WMCMS), Ann Carroll (MMC), Eric Stratton (HCSO), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Soloe Dennis (PVPC/HCHC), Tom Lynch (BHS), Willam Schuetze (NFD), Mary Praus (FRCOG), Dennis Nazzaro (NFD/DFS), Carolyn Shores Ness (Municipal), Don Snyder (MDPH).

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

### **Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Sandra Martin motioned to approve the minutes from April 17, 2012. Linda Moriarty seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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### **Exercise Requests**

Hampden County Operation Game Day FSC - \$51,400 – October 2012

Soloe Dennis stated that this is a full scale exercise. The exercise will simulate a mass public exposure to Anthrax. Regional Emergency Dispensing Sites will be activated in Chicopee, Springfield and Ludlow. The table top exercise has been completed. A consultant will be hired to conduct and evaluate the exercise.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Linda Moriarty motioned to approve \$51,400 from FFY10 Exercises for the Hampden County Operation Game Day Exercise. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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### **Training Requests**

Southwick OFD Train the Trainer – \$67,452 – September 2012

Eric Stratton stated that this will be the second training offered in the train the trainer series. The training is open to thirty participants. This training was recently used in a situation in Chicopee when an officer was shot.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$67,452 from FFY10 Training for the Southwick OFD Train the Trainer training. Sandra Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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Carolyn Shores Ness to host the third and final training in Deerfield.

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Northampton Current Threat Awareness Training – \$21,500 - September 2012

Eric Stratton stated that this training will be offered to forty participants. The training will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Northampton. The training will cover searching a vehicle, drug trends, gang culture, etc. It was suggested that food be included for the training.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$21,500 from FFY10 Training for the Northampton Current Threat Awareness Training. Sandra Martin seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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**New Business**

*FFY08 and FFY09 Unallocated Funds*

Tom stated that proposals were requested last month to utilize the FFY08 and FFY09 unallocated funds before the grant deadline. No proposals were presented. Discussion followed regarding night vision equipment, mannequins, etc.

**Old Business**

*Review Social Media Training and Scope Proposal*

Tom stated that NERAC is seeking to offer training on social media. The training is DHS approved and would be offered at no cost except for the facility and backfill and overtime. Discussion followed. It was decided to continue with the original social media training proposal of \$25,000. The proposal came in at \$25,514.35.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Linda Moriarty motioned to approve the additional \$514.35 from FFY10 Training for the Social Media Training. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

No business unforeseen was presented.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

Carolyn stated that she may present an exercise using Hamm Radio operators. Discussion followed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at WMEMS.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Gretchen Johnson  
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