

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2011, 9:30 am  
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

**Present:** Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Tom Lynch (BHS), Mary Praus (FRCOG), Dennis Nazzaro (NFD/DFS), Thomas Barnaby (MEMA), Bob Hassett (SFD), Mary Kersell (HPHPC) (proxy for Sandra Martin), Dennis Nazzaro (DFS & NFD), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Lucy Ann Britton (BHS).

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

## **Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 19, 2012 meeting.

**Motion:** Tom Lynch motioned to approve the minutes from June 19, 2012. Bob Hassett seconded. Motion passed. Mary Kersell abstained.

## **Budget Review**

Sue stated that the two Officer Down trainings were reviewed and it was discovered that they were approved at a higher amount than is needed. They were approved at \$67,000 and only require \$58,000. The balance of the excess allocation has been moved to FFY10 training & exercise unallocated. That leaves a balance of about \$92,000 in FFY10. Discussion followed.

## **Exercise Requests**

Distant Storm 2012 – October 20, 2012 - \$16,737.00

Bob Hassett stated that the Distant Storm exercise previously approved was cancelled due to the Police Officer Ambrose's funeral in Springfield. The exercise has been rescheduled for October 20, 2012.

**Motion:** Tom Lynch motioned to approve \$16,737.00 from FFY10 Exercises for the Distant Storm Exercise. Mary Kersell seconded. Motion passed. Bob Hassett abstained.

## **Training Requests**

HazMat Awareness and Mass Decontamination Unit Training – \$20,680 – November 3, 2012

Lucy Ann Britton thanked the Council for their past support. The current proposed training is to fill a gap in MDU training for volunteer services. The training will be open to all four counties. Lucy will forward a flyer to Sue for distribution. Discussion followed.

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<p><b>Motion:</b> Tom Lynch motioned to approve \$7,900 from FFY08 Training for the HazMat Awareness and Mass Decontamination Unit Training. Bob Hassett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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**New Business**

Sue stated that the Homeland Security funding for 2012 has been cut by 50%. The timeframe for the funds has also been condensed. The funds will need to be spent by September 2014. Guidance on the funding is expected in August and the funding plan will be due in October.

Sue stated that there is a “Save the Date” flyer for the Social Media and Emergency Management Training in today’s materials. The dates have been confirmed. The location is still being determined. The Council social media sites will go live with the new websites on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

*Deerfield ODR Instructor budget difference - \$8,998*

Sue stated that this was covered in the budget review earlier in the meeting.

**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

No business unforeseen was presented.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am at WMEMS.

There being no further business Tom Lynch motioned to adjourn. Mary Kersell seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Gretchen Johnson  
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