

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 , 9:00 am  
Hatfield Fire Department  
3 School Street, Hatfield, MA**

**Present:** Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Mary Kersell (NWMIMT), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), Laura Kittross (BRPC), Bob Barry (MEMA), Bob LaFord (UMASS EMS), Carolyn Shores Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Steve Gaughan (Hatfield EMS), Ann Dunne (FRCOG),

This meeting was audio recorded.

Chairman Tom Grady called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

A round of introductions followed.

**Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting.

**Motion:** Bob Barry moved to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting. Bob LaFord seconded the motion. Motion passed by a majority. 1 Abstention.

**Budget Review**

Raine reviewed the budget, and estimates about \$50,000.00 approx. will remain in the FFY17 funds, once the expenses from the Campus Security Conference finalized. The FFY18 contract is in place, and ready to be spent.

**FFY17 T&E**

**Officer Down Recertification Training – Spring 2019**

The project will move forward, once it is approved by EOPSS. With an anticipated training date in late Spring.

**Debris Management Chainsaw Safety Training - \$7,130.00**

The dates are set, and the trainings will take place in April 2019 at a location in Forest Park, Springfield and at a site in the Town of Cummington.

**Special Events Incident Management**

*Incident Management Training- March 20 & 21, 2019*

Registration is full for this course.

*Enhanced incident Management – July 09-11, 2019*

There are few places remaining.

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**Narcotics Field Test Training-December '18 & January '19 Dates**

The trainings were very successful, and both the D4 Hazmat Team and the D5 Hazmat Team are now qualified in the Narcotics Field Test Training.

**Emerging Threats Training 2019: Interagency Response Coordination**

The proposed training may have to move to May 2019, from the tentative date of April 18, 2019, to allow more to receive approval from EOPSS.

**Inner Resilience for First Responders: Tentative Date: April 10, 2019**

As Raine is not receiving any consultant funds for this training, she will resubmit this proposal to EOPSS, to address the conflict of interest concerns.

**Old Business:**

**Smoke Generator & Smart Dummies:**

The EMD Department at UMASS has taken over the storage of the smart dummies, Bob Barry will ask the local agencies to search for the two missing smart dummies. As Northampton Fire Dept. are unavailable to transport the smoke generator to Albany for a repair estimate, Jon Davine researched the replacement costs, and sent Raine the following estimates.

- A similar smoke generator is estimated at over \$4,000.00.
- An alternate smaller version costs \$1,000.00 approx. and Jon thinks this is suited to the needs of the department.

Raine will continue to discuss the options with Jon, and update the committee at the March meeting.

**Rescue Task Force Training.**

No updates.

**Vehicle Based Rescue Training.**

No updates.

**EMD Seminar Series Scholarship**

Dan Nietsche was not available to give an update since the last meeting.

**New Business:**

None

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**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

Mary Kersell presented information on an upcoming NEARC Training in Beverly, MA. and noted the IMAT Team are interested in participating in the intermediate team building course.

**Motion:** Carolyn Shores Ness moved to support the attendance of the IMAT team at the intermediate course. Monica Wynne seconded the motion.

After further discussion, it was agreed to seek a similar training to be held locally to benefit the western mass region. Raine will check with MAPC on the details.

The motion was tabled, pending further information.

**Motion:** Steve Gaughan moved to table the motion . Bob Barry seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Kersell reported on the successful deployment of the IMAT team to Rhode Island, and received very positive feedback.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:00 am, Hatfield Fire Department, 3 School Street, Hatfield, MA.

There being no further business, Carolyn Shores Ness moved to adjourn. Bob Laford seconded.  
Voted unanimously in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 09:51 AM.

**List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting**

- T&E Subcommittee Minutes from January 15, 2019 Meeting.
- WRHSAC FFY17 State Homeland Security Program T&E Budget Report – 2/14/2019
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Respectfully Submitted by Ann Dunne  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments