

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

MINUTES

February 14, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt, David Hall

Location:

Springfield, Station 8

Agenda Items

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee update (Berndt)

Berndt: No new changes. Meeting held last week. Beginning to prepare for 2007 Homeland Security funding. Several individuals from RHSOC are going to Jefferson City this week to participate in the creation of the Investment Justifications for the new funds.

Next weeks RHSOC meeting cancelled due to SEMA Hotwash.

B. HSRT Funding update (Hall)

Hall: Meeting held in January for HSRT funds. State submitted grant requesting \$5.7 million. \$2.65 million was granted but would not be released until some questions were answered more fully. Many portions of the grant were rewritten and was submitted by the end of January. This should allow the funds for this year to be released.

Every indication is that the HSRT funds will be ending in the next year or two. Future funding potentially will be from the RHSOC and the State Legislature.

Funds are granted to the state based on population, threats, risks, areas covered, critical infrastructure, etc. Percentages by region based upon these criteria gives Region D 10.5%. This equals approximately \$280,000 for the region. Our regional WMD planning committee is a big advantage to the regionalization expected by the State. The Region Committee may need to decide how the regional funds will be allocated to the regional teams.

Berndt: When this started, the State looked at existing teams to enhance them. It was never the intent for the State to fully fund the teams. The State always look just to enhance teams to a WMD level. If the funds go away, the State wants to know if the locals are prepared to continue funding the teams. The State will not pay for the basic level, but hopes to be able to pay the difference for the teams to be at a WMD level.

Hall: Teams will evaluate needs and submit to regional committee. The regional committee will review requests from the teams and recommend to the state which requests should be fulfilled.

The State is looking at credentialing the teams, similar to the Red Card system. Resource typing documents completed earlier were discarded. New form, the Blue Sheet, to be coming down from Bob Dopp. The forms are to be completed by teams.

Standard Operating Guidelines distributed. 3-day meeting in March to review over the SOGs. This will layout from the state level their expectations for local HSRTs. Each team to review and make comments to David Hall. Comments to be made be end of month.

List of equipment for all teams was distributed by state. David Hall distributed copy to each team. Reprint needed for Logan-Rogersville.

Berndt: Law Enforcement is more than just SWAT members. It also includes team protection, perimeter security, etc. from LE personnel. All personnel do not have to have SWAT training.

Hall: HSRT model is moving towards a Task Force 1 model.

Berndt: Question regarding what it means to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. SOGs expected to outline and answer many such questions.

Dawson: Suggestion to somewhat divide region into an East and West division.

Hall: It is up to the region to decide if they need "Forward" teams, all full teams, etc. This is determined by true threats, risk, etc. and funds are allocated based on that.

II. New Business

A. State Exercise

Berndt: AJ Lehman unable to attend. HSRT exercise this year for Region D.

Three possible locations for exercise: Camp Crowder, Camp Clark, or camp near Lake of the Ozarks. State is interested at the Lake to involve Water Patrol. Advantage to going out of area is to respond as a team. State has hired same contractor that did Rolla and Mariville exercise. Extended discussion on location. Decided by committee to recommend Camp Clark.

AJ would like 3-4 meetings to work on exercise. He would like one representative from each team. A "trusted agent" is needed that can work on exercise and not fully participate in exercise. These meetings will be in Region D. Representatives to be nominated by next meeting.

Discussion on date of exercise. Decided by committee to recommend September 8, 2007 as primary and September 15, 2007 as alternate.

B. Updates as Available

1) Regional IMT Report:

Proposed SOGs are being reviewed and finalized. SMESO is overseeing regional IMT efforts. Recruiting diverse membership is priority at this time.

Regional IMT funding support has been submitted in the Regional RHSOC grant application.

2) HazMat Teams

Springfield: Regular training.

Taney County: Exercise with 7th CST and Oklahoma 63rd CST. Team was challenged in many areas.

LR: Training new hires. Planning hazmat exercise for March.

Nevada: New personnel. Training hazmat technicians.

Neosho: Working on training more with police and ambulance.

- 3) Law Enforcement
Springfield: Demonstration with bomb team.
- 4) EMS
Cox: Many sheltering lessons learned through recent Ice Storm. 115 cots distributed from surge capacity trailer during storm.

Taney County: Participated in drill with CST. Exercise helped to define EMS role on HSRT. One medical personnel in warm zone triages for rest of team. Medical also coordinates with local hospitals on available resources.

St. Johns: No new report.
- 5) DNR
Supported Ice Storm efforts as member of the Disaster Assistance Relief Team (DART).
Worked Kimberling City boat incident.

III. Other New Business

IV. Next Meeting

March 14, 2007

Attendance

Chris Berndt: Taney County/Branson HSRT	Shea Lane: LR HSRT
David Hall: Springfield Fire	Troy Smith: Springfield PD
Jimmy Sebree: Nixa Fire District	Bill Spence: Springfield Fire
Lynn Hollandworth: Republic Fire, EMD	Troy Denney: Nevada Fire
Kevin Tw: Taney Co. Ambulance District	Robert Benn: Nevada Fire
Mike Dawson: Cox Health EMS	Mike Eads: Neosho Fire
Bill Downs: St. Johns EMS	David Pratt: MDNR
Richard Griffin: St. Johns EMS	Dennis Clinton: LR Fire
Randy Mantle: LR Fire	Ryan Nicholls: Springfield/Greene County OEM