

WMD Regional Planning Minutes

MINUTES

May 10, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Conducting:

Chris Berndt

Location:

Springfield Fire Station #8

Agenda Items

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (M. Randles, G. Hickman)
2. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee update

Berndt: Grant has been written with SMCOG. The grant has been approved. Issues are being resolved over installation costs. We are getting ready to spend money and beginning to think about 2007 grant funds.

B. HSRT Funding Update

Finch: There was a meeting of HSRTs about 6 weeks ago where a couple of changes were made. Compliment to all the teams in Region D for working well together. MO continues to focus on the regionalization concept. Several years ago anyone could stand up and be a HSRT and MO would send money to that team. Minimal coordination efforts were made among teams.

Now, within regions all teams must come together as a team. A HSRT needs to have all functionalities of a HSRT. There are 9 different components of a team which include: Hazmat, Swat, rescue, EMS, Bomb squad, decontamination, etc. A region team must have all components and not one jurisdiction is expected to have all components, thus the need for regional teams.

The funding was broken up among teams. Now, there are funds for continuity which will be dispersed to the regions. The region is expected to analyze there needs and apply these funds for sustainment.

In addition to sustainment funds will be new development funds. For example, if you do not have a SWAT component, then these funds will be applied to build that component. Each region must have all components.

The State wants 9 regional teams. The money will go through the RHSOC starting with 2007. The 2006 funds will go through the WMD committee.

Berndt: When can we expect the money and when does the plan of spending money need to be submitted to the State?

Finch: The State will soon put out deadlines. The State will not “approved” regional priorities. That is expected to come from the region and the state will provide the requested funds as long as the follow guidelines to be distributed by the State. In 2007, the RHSOC will approve funds that are recommended from the HSRT discipline.

The regional concept also extends to training together as a regional team. A real scenario should not be the first time that the regional team works together.

The State will request specific components that need to be activated to specific area.

Randles: Lines are blurred between mutual aid and HSRT activation.

Berndt: Big differences exist in response if the incident is within the region or not. Responding outside the region brings lots of challenges that need to be addressed.

Finch: The State will outline a more clear vision of expectations and activation procedures that will be forwarded to the region.

Randles: Who is deciding certification of the teams?

Finch: Each of the components will follow the federal certifications already established.

Berndt: Resource typing will be the base to determine needs. As a region, we need to decide what level of resource typing for each component we really need.

C. State Exercise:

- i. Presentation given by A.J. Lehmen regarding exercise in Nevada at Camp Clark on September 8, 2007.

II. New Business

A. Regional IST Report

No new report for Level III teams. Level IV applications being accepted. Only 2 have been received at this time.

B. HazMat Teams

Joplin: No new report.

Neosho: Met with Wal-Mart representative. Tour of Wal-Mart bunker was extended to Region D for June. Date set for June 27th. Everyone interested to meet in Neosho. RSVP with Greg Hickman at 417-451-8021

LR: Exercise last month doing weapons decon. Good lessons learned.

Nevada: HazMat Tech refresher May 19th.

Taney County: No report

C. Law Enforcement

Springfield Police: Putting together weapons decon. protocol.

Nevada Police: No report

D. EMS

Cox: No report

St. Johns: Completing WMD Awareness and hazmat operations.

E. DNR

No report

F. Hospital Planner

Looking and asking for input regarding overall healthcare preparations. Applying for new grants to benefit hospitals and EMS.

III. Next Meeting

June 13, 2007 9:00 a.m. at Springfield Station 8

Next meeting to discuss sustainment needs. Every team needs to bring sustainment priorities to the meeting.

Attendance

Chris Berndt	Western Taney County Fire Dept.
Candace Adams	SEMA
AJ Lehmen	SEMA
Robert Benn	Nevada Fire
Jimmy Dye	Nevada Police
Dana Aumiller	Western Taney County Fire
Bryan Lewis	Rolla Fire Dept
David Finch	MO Homeland Security
Greg Hug	MIAC
Gerald Ezell	Joplin Fire
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire
David Hoover	Ozark Health Ventures
Patty Head	Bolivar City Fire
Kevin Routh	Springfield Police Dept.
Bill Downs	St. Johns EMS
Shane Vaughan	LR Fire
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic Fire/OEM
Larry Beatly	Barton County Ambulance District
Jack Raetz	SEMA
Carolyn Schupp	SEMA
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire District
Mike Dawson	Cox EMS
Wendell Hall	MO DNR
Jeremy Kaufman	Tetra Tech
Patty Head	Bolivar Fire Dept
Kent Vanderpool	Taney Co. EMA/EMS
Ryan Nicholls	Springfield/Greene County OEM