

# WMD Regional Planning Minutes

MINUTES

September 19, 2007

1:00 p.m.

## **Conducting:**

Chris Berndt, David Hall

## **Location:**

Fire Station 8, Springfield

## **Agenda Items**

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
2. Introductions

### **I. Old Business**

#### **A. Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee update**

Berndt: Spending for RHSOC is going well. IST is probably farthest along on expenditures. The regional coordinators are all hired. Bidding for large projects is in process. 2007 funding should arrive soon.

#### **B. HSRT Funding Update**

Berndt: Which team has 2006 funding? All teams confirmed to have money. This grant cycle will be very short.

Hall: 2007 funding update: David and Chris were at Jefferson City to discuss HSRT guidelines and updates. Weapons decontamination policy was approved. Different MOUs exist for different teams. It was decided that whenever a team signs a grant acceptance letter, they are also signing the MOU for the team. Team also agrees to provide resource typing, conduct training, use the resources for specified purposes, respond will request, etc. Each team will have a capability rating, identifying what the level is of each component for a team.

Question if specific training guidelines were outlined. Answer is no, not at this time. Berndt: If you buy a specific piece of equipment, a team is required to have training on how to use the equipment.

SOG spells out call out process. Berndt: We need to rename weapons decontamination, because it does not spell out how to decontaminate weapons. It outlines more how to place and stage the weapons. Hall: POC were updated also.

Dawson: Need some clarification on the procedures of callback. Hall: Each team should have one POC who will callback for the team.

Hall: The State HSAC started out with \$7.5 million for entire Homeland Security Program. \$1.3 million was allocated for HSRT. An undedicated amount of \$1.1 million was dedicated to HSRT, totaling \$2.392 million. Funds in 2006 were \$2.65 million. State-wide allocations were made the same as last year which gives Region D \$245,502 compared to \$274,000 in 2006. There is current movement on getting the State Legislature to support HSRT which may create a “permanent” source of funding.

Regional funding: How to divide up the funds? 2006 funds were allocated in the following:

- EOD 15%
- GC 20%
- Joplin 20%
- Neosho 12.5 %
- Nevada 12.5%
- Taney County 20%.

If similar allocations were made with 2007 funding then

- 20% would be \$49,100
- 15% would be \$36,826
- 12.5% would be \$30,687

Motion made by Randles to keep same funding allocation. Second by Benn. Motion carried. 2007 funds will be released when all the 2006 details are worked out. 2007 funds will probably be released in 3 to 4 months.

Dawn from MERC would like the GPS coordinates of fire stations. Send coordinates to David Hall.

### C. Review of Nevada Exercise

Nevada Exercise: Benn: Learned more about equipment details and placing them on the correct vehicle. Team is going to develop a checklist. Found a variety of strengths and weaknesses. There were many challenges with controller which was experienced by other teams. There were also challenges with sequence of different pods.

Overall discussion: Lack of information as was expected. Many teams only received a safety brief. Controllers got involved into technical aspects, not allowing them to support the teams from a control aspect.

Communications were challenging, questions about staging channel vs. command channel.

On a whole, it was a good exercise. It may have benefited to intermix more between teams to learn resources and skills of other teams.

Need more evaluators, especially with EMS.

Pods should have been named according to ICS. Questions regarding appropriate representation of teams at the ICP. In real world, each team must provide a representative in ICP. Questions about providing discipline representative instead of team representative.

## **II. New Business:**

A. Regional IST: New equipment coming in. Looking for new members.

B. HazMat Teams

- Neosho: Working with CST for improved communications
- Joplin: Training for LE with lessons learned from exercise.
- Nevada: No new report
- GC: Drill went well;
- Taney: Learned issues regarding command structure;

C. Law Enforcement:

- Branson: Need to establish SOGs and set up training days with team. Training is focusing one specific discipline so other team members see roles of other team members.
- SPD: No report

D. EMS

- Taney: No report
- St. Johns: No report
- Cox: Scheduled for training in Alabama.

- E. DNR: Reminder that DNR response team is a state resource for any hazmat and can provide support in several areas including decontamination, instrumentation, sampling, etc.
- F. Hospital Planner: New grants have ordered medical surge pods, including cots, office equipment, diagnostic equipment, care equipment, pharmaceuticals, etc. Each pod is the foot print of a semi-trailer. These are being distributed across the region, with a total of 2,250. They can be used as acute care or alternative care system. Evacuation plans are being worked for MO hospitals, both with community support and without community support.
- G. 7<sup>th</sup> CST: Looking to next year, wanting to increase participation in exercises. Also working on training and ride along system, which allows responders to pick and choose a particular topic and invite CST to review the components of that topic.
- H. Health: Waiting to see what happens with funding issues which should be known in about a month. Get flu shots.

### III. Next Meeting

November 14, 2007 at 13:00  
 Springfield Fire Station 8  
 Attendance:

Michael White	IST
Greg Hickman	Neosho HSRT
Mitch Randles	Joplin HSRT
David Hoover	Region D Hospital Planner
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County HSRT
Steve Lisby	Branson Police Department
Jeff Ford	7 <sup>th</sup> CST
Wendell Hall	MO DNR
Robert Benn	Nevada Fire
Dennis Clinton	LR Fire
Bruce Bjorge	Springfield Fire HazMat
Bill Downs	St. Johns EMS
Todd Revell	Springfield Police Department
Eddie Delp	Springfield Fire Department
Mike Dawson	Cox Health EMS
Kevin Wolven	Southern Stone County Fire
Steve Hoerning	Springfield Fire Department
Chris Berndt	Western Taney County Fire
David Hall	Springfield Fire Department
Ryan Nicholls	Springfield-Greene County OEM