

WMD Regional Planning Meeting

Minutes

June 24, 2009

13:00

Conducting:

David Hall (Springfield Fire Department)

Location:

Springfield Fire Department, Fire Station 8 (1405 S. Scenic)

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes Approval: Not available, will approve at next meeting.
2. Introductions

Old Business:

1. Updates on FY2006 (B) DHS grant funding:
 - Joplin – No representative
 - Branson – Chris Berndt (Taney County) 50% plus spent and allocated. Major issues are with the Sheriff's Office response vehicle fabrication when adding a 7 kw generator.

David Pennington (SFD) - Precision Fire Apparatus – Camdenton, MO.
 - Springfield – 100% allocated
2. Updates on FY2008 DHS grant funding:
 - Joplin - No report
 - Branson – Chris Berndt (Taney County) 5% spent and remaining is still in the process.
 - Springfield – David Pennington (SFD) \$6,180.00 bomb unit quote for robot was old and company no longer does the work.

Discussion: David Hall – Do we use this remaining funding to put on EOD awareness courses, on a Regional basis. These funds would pay for SFD bomb unit member to pay for their time for a 2 hour course.

Start with the HSRRS TF's in the region and expand out from there.

Lt. Higdon – No current EOD/IED training is conducted locally for the SWAT discipline and there is an interest.

Chris Berndt – Taney County is interested in these courses.

Mike Dawson – Cox EMS advised this may be problematic to fill courses but sees the advantage to have the course brought in locally for those responders to catch the majority of the first responder agencies.

These courses should be taught in conjunction with previously identified training dates in the area to catch all first responders.

New Business:

1. RHSOC Update: David Hall (SFD) – FY2009 was somewhat less than FY2008:
 - Sustainment Cost
 - Training
 - Exercise

2. State Homeland Security Strategy:
 - View the document
 - CBRNE devices
 - WMD decontamination response
 - Medical surge
 - Law Enforcement Investigation & Operations

The more things we can tie with the State strategy the better funded the Region will be.

Discussion: David Hall -

What are our goals?

When do find out what our level of need will be?

How will the state fund our strategy?

Chirs Berndt -

We should produce the States Strategy at one of the WMD planning committee meetings and push through the goals for the state as the goals for the region.

A retreat type meeting may be needed to get through all the information.

Greg Higdon -

LE may not full know what other disciplines need to order and would benefit from a goal strategy meeting.

David Hall -

Priority goal oriented voting process.

Steve Lisby (Branson PD) -

Asked if the State has verified what a Type I level is versus manpower issued as they relate to LE (SWAT Vs. Force Protection).

3. RHSOC Investment Justification (IJ):
 - CBRNE track
 - Agriculture track
 - Interoperability
 - Citizen Preparedness

The state then decides what money is directed into which IJ. At the regional level, a subcommittee is established to give skilled material expert (SME) details.

David Hall would like to see WMD Planning Committee established as a subcommittee for IJ's related to CBRNE, HazMat and Bomb.

4. Interoperability:

- Lots of money has been spent on equipment, but the training and procedures may not be as strong as they should.
- State and Federal government has identified MO has spent the majority of monies on equipment.
- David Hall- Would like to see the WMD Committee increase the level of communication proficiency (Human side). ITAC communications are one of the key topics.

Mike Dawson – ITAC issues are many but fall back on the ability to use the equipment we have.

Chris Berndt – Advise the Fire Mutual Aid channel (5) would be the easiest way to communicate.

Shea Lane – DHS Communications Unit Leader training course should be investigated further, by OEM, to bring to the area or secure funding to send responders to, out of area.

Within the next 12 month the HSRRS, in region D, should put together a scenario to show activation, deployment and communications with a HSRRS response. Funding needs to be addressed for a 6 hour drill. Each team needs to address the man-power requirements for this event.

5. Video Conferencing:

Shea Lane – 14 of 18 counties have video conferencing capabilities.

Need to verify if Taney, Jasper and Greene Counties can host the WMD meetings.

6. Training Needs:

David Hall – Would resend out Training information for prioritization by the WMD committee so he knows what to vote for at the RHSOC meeting.

7. Ft. Wood Disaster Center:

David Hall – POC Major Jeff Ford.

Shea Lane – A familiarization trip should be set up for the WMD committee members in mid August 2009, David Hall will set up.

8. RHSOC:

Chris Berndt – Advised the RHSOC want to have a large showing of response equipment and personnel on October 21, 2009. This will be an all day meeting to get the state legislation involved for future funding needs.

9. Tactical Medic Program:

Greg Higdon – Requests additional funding for tactical vest (\$6,000.00 per vest) for EMS. Tactic Medic program is on track and training has begun for 12 EMS personnel.

10. EMS Discipline:

Mike Dawson – Advised the regional EMS services met and went over many priorities but advised the ability to move multiple patients at a time.

11. Greene County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) role within the HSRRS.

Greg Higdon – What if anything will the GCSO potential purchase of a CBRNE capable vehicle (BeatCat) effect the HSRRS.

Shea Lane – The GCSO should be allowed if asked to be a part of the HSRRS, if they apply, as a Force Protection Discipline.

David Hall – Advised the state would not support GCSO SWAT as a discipline within the HSRRS.

Chris Berndt – Disagreed with Hall and advised he did not know of anything the state would be authorized to refuse GCSO's participation within HSRRS.

Next Meeting: Week of August 10-21, 2009, 09:00 hours at Springfield Fire Department, Station 12. Then deploy to Ft. Wood for familiarization with the new disaster facility.

Recorder: Shea Lane (OEM)

Chair: David Hall (SFD)

Attendees

David Hall	Springfield Fire Department
David Pennington	Springfield Fire Department
Randy Vallines	Springfield Fire Department
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Mike Dawson	Cox EMS
Billy Downs	St. John's EMS
Dennis Clinton	Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District
Steve Lisby	Branson Police Department
Greg Higdon	Springfield Police Department
Shea Lane	OEM