

ORS TAC MINUTES

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TAC: Water TAC – Conf. Call
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Attendees on the conference call: Region Reps.: 2, 3, 4 and 5.
(Pete Grendze, Kevin Ganger, Fred Jackson, Jake Bickenheuser, Dale Dittrak, Mark Bender, Bob Koller, Gary Hamilton, Paul Moledor and Rich Lauffer)

I. Funding- Paul Moledor

Region representatives (2 – 5) indicated where they were at for spending down their funding source (Rescue Fund). All represented regions indicated that either the money had been spent or the money's was encumbered at this time. Quarterly reports are due by all regions by May 1, 2011. The final closeout is due July 1, 2011.

Grant funding for 2011-2012 has been approved for prerequisite classes that the region needs to build the SCO and Water capabilities. Each region will be awarded \$20,000 for this purpose.

Director House discussed regional Funding for SFY 2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). The Water TAC will be receiving money similar to last year to be spent by each region as needed to build their water rescue capabilities. The TAC was assigned to get a funding plan developed similar to last year's plan. Director House requested the pass through agencies be kept the same as last year, if possible. Additionally, in order to receive this funding, your regional team must have completed the self-verification survey and returned it to Jim Dwertman, Readiness & Response Branch Chief, Ohio EMA. This funding can be used for approved regional training as long as the Notice Of Award is written to allow that training.

II. TCL- Bob Kollar

Director House is checking on the status of the TCL document.

III. Team Type Verification- Jim Dwertman

The group is waiting on the return of the surveys. Region coordinators ask for a list of who received the survey so they can reach out to them and request it be completed and returned. The goal of the TAC is to get the self-verification surveys turned in so we have a better analysis of the water rescue capabilities of the State. Jim Dwertman can assist with this task.

IV. K-9 TAC - Mark Bender

No report, Paul will get the name of the K-9 Chairman.

V. Animal TAC- Eric Reed

No Report- Paul will get the name of the K-9 Chairman.

VI. Water Protocol – Kevin Ganger

Kevin Ganger provided a draft Dive Rescue protocol for the group to review. He has forwarded it to the committee along with the swiftwater protocol for review. All comments can go to him at kevinganger@yahoo.com.

VII. Near Drowning Protocol – John Carney

The group discussed the SOG and the progress being made on the document. Their desire is to have a draft template ready for the State Fire Chief meeting. Hypothermic resuscitation is rapidly becoming the norm in many areas of resuscitation.

VIII. Curriculum Committee – Paul Moledor

Progress is being made to insure compliance with issues identified by DHS. The PowerPoint is completed with the updates.

IX. Old Business:

Naming coordination had been previously discussed and agreed upon. Each regional team will be called the following during an activation of the State Response Plan. What you call yourself on a daily basis is up to your jurisdiction.

Ohio Region (Your Regional #) Water Rescue Team

RESPONSE: The committee also discussed the issue of the number of personnel needed to be on a Type I team vs. the ability to respond to an incident. The committee is in complete acceptance that a Type I team will respond with at a minimum of 16 people and 14 shall be swiftwater technicians and 4 shall be certified divers. This will include all the required equipment for a Type I team. If a team cannot for whatever reason get the required number of personnel or equipment for a deployment, they will not be a Type I team for that deployment. Depending on the staffing level, they may be only a Type II or Type III team.

TEAM TYPING: For team typing, it is recommended but not required to have a total roster of “2- deep” in all required positions for team typing.

X. New Business:

Discussed flow chart (algorithm) for requesting a water rescue team. Mark Bender will be working on this assignment.

Also discussed DHS courses, status of, standards, and when they will be available for delivery. M. House gave a lengthy discussion on the DHS courses status and stated that the review process is almost completed. All courses were built to address NFPA standards. Mel also indicated the state is conducting a statewide all-hazards, multi-discipline training needs analysis. Contractor (TetraTech) hired to conduct analysis and to draft a report. This process will begin on April 22, 2011 and will continue through the end of the year. Tetra Tech will be conducting surveys and interviews (TACs, regional all-hazard multi-discipline meetings, associations, state agencies, etc.) to identify training gaps and to make prioritized recommendations regarding the filling of the gaps. More on this later.

Decontaminating of divers and swiftwater technicians was also discussed. The general guidance by the committee is; decontamination should be addressed in SOG and performed whenever there is concern of contaminants in the water.

Roll Call of Regions:

Region 1 – No report

Region 2 – Pete Grendze handed out copies of the cold-water near-drowning DVD- Beyond Boot Camp USA- Rescue, Recover, Rewarm- Thanks Pete

Region 3 – Currently working on getting price quotes for equipment. Rescues occurred during recent flooding.

Region 4 – Results from training are being seen across the state- Sydney Fire had two successful rescues

Region 5 – Conducted two body recoveries due to capsized boat.

Region 6 – No report.

Region 7 – No report.

Region 8 – No report.

ODNR- No Report

SFM – Discussed replacement of use and damaged equipment.

Ohio EMA – No Report

Next Meeting: May 19 at 10:00 am for a conference call. Number will follow.