

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**TAC:** Water TAC – Conf. Call      **Approved:**  
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**Attendees:** Region Reps: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, OFA and OEMA.

## **I. Funding-**

There is still no word on availability of funds. Paul has the detailed list of needs with totals from 2012 discussions. Please let him know if there are any changes to your respective regions needs prior to the July 25, 2013 TAC Advisory Meeting. Please keep in mind the needs should address sustainment items.

## **II. TCL-**

Paul will be contacting Jim and/or Mel to follow up on the status of the TCL. Bob to forward Paul the most current TCL list. Paul will distribute and Lorie will submit to be posted on the website.

## **III. Team Type Verification-**

There were continued discussions on moving forward on the team type verification process. Pete to forward letter and application for county teams to request team verification. If there are no issues from TAC members. Ohio EMA to assist in getting information to the teams. Jim's most recent list will be used and information sent via email. Discussions indicate that the team was in agreement to send to all team types. The TAC review team will attempt to respond to applicants within 60 days. Lorie to work with Jim, Rick (Field Ops Supervisor) and Field Liaisons to get information out to teams.

## **IV. K-9 TAC -**

Sandy Lesco is recommended to possibly do training with water to allow K-9 to ride on boat so they can get used to being on a boat environment. Potentially this asset will dispatch with ODNR so they will be working to get trained/certified dogs. The K-9 TAC is currently typing dogs and handlers for this specific training.

## **V. Animal TAC-**

Per Governor's directive, all 88 counties are required to have a DWART (Disaster Wild Animal Response Team).

## **VI. Water Protocol – Bender**

All TAC members present on the call voted "Yea" to adopt the proposed water protocol. Lorie will submit to be posted on the website.

## **VII. Curriculum Committee –**

Mark advised that minor changes are being made that have been requested by FEMA. He also expressed concerns about continued issues getting approval by FEMA. He recommends that curriculum be kept within the state for approval. There has also been a recommendation for a face-to-face roll out session to the instructors. Lorie will check with Rick and Andrew to see if Ohio EMA can host this roll out session and potentially funds to provide thumb drives with pre-loaded training material.

There was also a brief discussion in regards to requiring continuing education especially the swim test. This should include the following...

- Successfully passing the swim test annually
- Participate in at least 1 boat handling and 1 rigging training course

Members are requested to consider these recommendations and be prepared to discuss during the July 18<sup>th</sup> conference call.

## **VIII. Old Business**

Discussion on status of trailer and damaged equipment issues. Paul to follow up with Dale on specifics.

Water Rescue Specialist Position is being developed. OTF1 wants this position imbedded with a 14 man swift water element with FEMA TF. Additionally, it must be deployable by itself. Each TF to receive additional john boats. These teams will be part of the 80 not additional to. Also, can only work in flood water not swift water situations. This is progressing. There is a concept of operations document in draft with a NFPA “flavor” to it. Paul will be providing information that reflects the water insight aspect.

Tetrattech will be conducting a survey on resource capabilities. This survey will be conducted starting April 8 and ending August 31.

## **IX. New Business:**

Progress has been made to post Water TAC information to the Ohio EMA website under the Readiness and Response Branch section. It is listed below the quicklinks as the “Ohio Swiftwater Rescue TAC”.

<http://ema.ohio.gov/RRBranch.aspx>

## **Roll Call of Regions:**

Region 1 – Jeff

The dive rescue class has been completed. Team is currently searching for a child.

Region 2 – Mark/Pete

The July sonar class has been cancelled and they hope to have it rescheduled in the fall.

Region 3 –  
No report.

Region 4 – Ed  
No report.

Region 5 – Paul/John  
Dive instructor training series has been completed. Recommend that a coordinated use of sonar for rescue/recovery be implemented. There was a mission in Portage Lake area for a fisherman drowning. Sonar was successfully used to recover the victim.

Region 6 – Bryan/Randall  
They region is currently working to get more individuals on board to participate on the team. Also, Butler County will contact the TAC shortly to request team verification.

Region 7 – Robert  
Advised that most of the boats and equipment are in. Four (4) team members attended the OPS class at the OFA.

Region 8 – Tom (via email)  
Received interest from Muskingum County and Jefferson has funds available to provide future training.

OFA – Dale  
Future training opportunities:

October 21 – 25, 2013	Ops class
March 10 – 14, 2014	Ops class
April 7 – 11, 2014	Ops class
April 21 – 25, 2014	Tech class

OEMA – Lorie

Information has been posted on the Ohio EMA website.

- [Target Capability List - Water Search And Rescue](#)
- [State Of Ohio Drowning / Near Drowning Protocol](#)
- [Water Rescue/Recovery Operational Guidelines](#)
- [Application for Swiftwater/Flood Team Verification](#)
- [Ohio Response System Swiftwater/Flood Response Team Application for Swiftwater Team Typing Verification](#)
- [Ohio Response System Verification of Swiftwater/Flood Rescue Response Teams Resource Typing](#)

**Next Meeting(s):** July 18, 2013

Conference Call 10:00 am

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