

# ORS TAC MINUTES

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**TAC:** Water TAC – Conf. Call      **Approved:**  
**From:** Paul Moledor- TAC Chair



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

**Attendees:** Region Reps: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and OEMA.

## **I. Funding-**

Kathleen Nelson from OEMA an overview of the State’s competitive grant process that was started last year and will continue into the future. The regional grants are through the County EMA and are geared toward terrorism. All aspects of the grant must be NIMS compliant regarding the awards. The grants are out now and will be due September 15<sup>th</sup>. Get with your local EMA Director for more information or call Kathy at 1-614-799-3836.

We discussed the sustainment funding issue for the Water TAC. Numerous options were discussed. The following option was chosen to present to OEMA for consideration: If the Water TAC was given \$48,000 to distribute to the regions as needed, this should sustain the Water Rescue program for the State. Each of the 8 regions could get up to \$6,000 for a total of \$48,000 or a lesser amount based on what the other regions needed at the time. For example if a region needed a special item, the other regions could take less and let that region get the needed funding. This has been done in the past with great success. This method would allow the State to utilize the funding to get the biggest impact for the allotted money. The chairman will develop a paper to present to OEMA.

## **II. TCL-**

The Chairman provided Andrew Elder with the TCL list as was developed by the Water TAC- The list will be posted on the website.

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

Teams are gearing up for typing. Please forward you completed application to Jim Dwertman at OEMA – 1-614-889-7150.

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

No report

## **V. Animal TAC-**

Per Governor’s directive, all 88 counties are required to have a DWART (Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team). The planning guide is not out yet for this team.

## **VI. Water Protocol – Bender**

Lorie will submit to be posted on the website.

## **VII. Curriculum Committee –**

We will be hosting 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. We should plan for 100 instructors.

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 August 20<sup>th</sup> conference call.

## **VIII. Old Business**

A discussion on status of trailer and damaged equipment issues was held with no resolution.

Water Rescue Specialist Position has been developed. Over 30 people have been cross trained to meet the new FEMA guidelines. OTF1 will embed this position with a 14 man swift water element with FEMA. Additionally, it must be deployable by itself.

Tetratex has been conducting a survey on resource capabilities. This survey will be conducted starting April 8 and ending August 31. Each regional TAC member was asked to complete the survey section of the website. If you have not done this yet, do so as soon as possible

## **IX. New Business:**

Mark Ozimek from Region 5 discussed the call for service for a body recovery regarding the ability of the Highway Patrol to utilize the FLIR units. They are able to respond a helicopter with the unit to assist in the location of a victim.

Region 7- Robert Czechewski was attempting to gain information from other regions as to their use of the Ohio Special Response Team (OSRT) in water rescues. This group has 7 units across the state. If anyone has had experience with them, please call Robert at 740-286-5630.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs has requested a progress report which the Chairman supplied.

**Roll Call of Regions:**

Region 1 –  
No Report

Region 2 – Mark/Pete  
Assisting with numerous calls

Region 3 –  
Also assisting with calls in the region.

Region 4 –  
No report.

Region 5 – Paul/John  
Numerous calls related to Flooding issues. R-5 will be hosting a OTS Mask Class on July 25- seen John Carney

Region 6 – Bryan/Randall  
Flooding call with a drowning victim

Region 7 – Robert  
See comments regarding information about the Ohio Special Response Team

Region 8 –  
No Report

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 –  
▪ No report

**Next Meeting:** August 15, 2013

Conference Call 10:00 am

**Conference bridge number (614) 387-3141**

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