

ORS TAC MINUTES

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The Water TAC met at Ohio EMA on January 21, 2010, Room 124.

Attendance:	Region:	(Yes x) (No blank)
Eric Reed	ODNR	x
Virginia Woolf	OSDA	x
Paul Moledor	Region 5	x
Fred Jackson	Region 5	x
Mark Bender	Region 2	x
Pete Grendze	Region 2	x
Bob Kollar	Region 2	x
Jake Bickenheuser	Region 4	x
Gary Hamilton	Region 4	x
Ray Smith	Region 6	x
Grant Light	Region 6	x
Gerald Robison	Ohio Fire Academy	x
Mel House	Ohio EMA	x
Pam Gibson	Ohio EMA	x

Welcome and thanks for attending. A brief discussion concerning last months meeting minutes.

Grant- Paul Moledor:

Classes

- o March 27-28, 2010, April 10-11, 2010- Region 8 Operation class @ Fire Academy
- o April 19-22, 2010- Region 2 Water Rescue Operations class scheduled. 32 hour course
This class will be held at the Brecksville Fire Dept. Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie in Cleveland. Mark Bender is the POC. Class begins at 8am each day. Register by April 5.
- o March 22-25, 2010- Region 6 Operation class. Ray Smith is the POC
- o March 15-18, 2010- Region 4 This will be the 4th class and will be held at the Fire Academy – Ray Smith and Gary Hamilton will take the lead for this class. Group discussed format of class Instructor or Tech class.
- o **Mel House spoke at length about the funding/grants for training. He advised the group to get the Water Rescue Course, currently being updated, to him within 2-3 weeks to be submitted to DHS for approval of the course.**
- o Much discussion was made concerning the “ownership” of courses.

The University of Akron signed Notice of Award Agreement for \$38,000

- A portion of the grant money needs to be set aside for maintenance.
- FYI – Equipment back ordered is in and needed to be delivered to the Fire Academy, Gerald Robison and Paul Moledor will coordinate the delivery of those items to Columbus.
- Gary Hamilton reviewed equipment maintenance needs- will provide a written update.
- Jan. 21, 2010, Gary was assigned to work out the details of better oars for the John Boat. Fire Academy has an existing and approved vendor to assist with any fabrication that maybe needed. Ray Smith has the specs and will forward to Gary Hamilton

Target Capability List (TCL)- Bob Kollar:

- Everyone needs to review and digest the TCL. The document still needs work on resource description. **Request Ohio EMA assist with the development of a strategy to meet the TCL and provide a template format. (Jim Dwertman will follow up)-No report, Jim was not in attendance.** Bob Kollar updated the group as to where he is at currently with matching DHS TCL with Water tasks and capabilities, in which he geared toward water rescue making it more general. He will be adding the flow chart. One person has reviewed and others have only “skimmed” it. Bob will forward the current version for review

Team Typing/Verification- Pete Grendze:

- We need to get going on this for regional funding issues. Everyone needs to look this over and make changes as needed.
- Each region needs to identify what training and equipment that region needs.
- During the Jan 21st meeting the group would like to accept the changes and finalize the document. One area of concern is: equipment i.e. Truck/trailer requirement vs ability to move.
- There are 133 teams; there will be a cover letter created that will include directions for the site verification. **Mel House has offered to do the mass mailings along with maintaining of the records.** The Water TAC stated they would handle the tracking. This is to be finalized by next month. Mark Ozeman has the most current version and will forward it to the Chairman.

K9 –TAC- Tom Jacksetic/Mark Bender:

- K9 –TAC – The K-9 TAC is moving forward under Ohio EMA vs. Ohio Homeland Security. Mark Bender has been designated to attend the K-9 TAC meetings. He was given the last few meeting minutes. The K-9 group is presenting a breakout session at the Ohio EMA Directors’ Spring Seminar March 31-Apr. 1. They also will have a table for any questions concerning the K-9 resources. There is a database of K-9 resources maintained by the Miami County Sheriff’s office. The volunteer groups are what are missing. The K-9 application and requirements are located on the Miami County Sheriff’s website at <http://www.co.miami.oh.us/sheriff>

Animal TAC- Eric Reed:

- Large Animal Rescue Classes scheduled – on updated sheet listing the classes, location and times will be distributed to the TAC members. One (1) day scheduled courses: Jan. 1st, Feb. 6th and April 15th, 2010.

Near drowning protocol- Mark Bender:

- Will forward article to TAC for review-Article was provided and discussed. Comments are to be sent to Mark Bender.
- Working on turning this into a protocol.
- The majority of the group decided they preferred to make the SOGs specific to dive, ice and etc. to fit the variety of departments and site specifics. It was decided that there would be one (1) SOG with “chapters” for site and jurisdiction specifics.

Water Protocol: Kevin Ganger:

- No Report

Curriculum Updates- Committee:

- Test questions should reflect PowerPoint slides. How do we validate tests?
- An answer key /crosswalk of where the answers can be find needs to be developed.
- The student workbook is being developed.
- Eric Reed of ODNR gave an overview of the manuals and presentation slides. The manuals (instructor and student) and the power points are all being aligned to create very, comprehensive and cohesive course materials. Mel advised the group to have these course materials finalized and in the proper DHS format within 2-3 weeks in order to have it sent to DHS in the next 30 days. Mel advised to use the SCO course as the model for preferred DHS formatting. Mel stated to the group that any courses Ohio gets approved by DHS would be available for public domain. Contact Phil Johnson at Ohio EMA with questions regarding converting the curriculum to the DHS format.

Old Business:

- Paul confirmed regional Water TAC representative for each region (1-8).
 - Will update Water TAC Rep list and distribute to TAC members.
 - This was handed out to those in attendance.
- Question – Sheriff’s authority to control activities on waterways? Jim Dwertman will follow up these questions with Ray and present the issues to Tammy Little for assistance. Jim Dwertman was not in attendance. There was much discussion on this. The suggestion was made to check with the Attorney General’s office, given previous cases such as this, was ruled that the Fire Dept. is in charge of the scene. The Fire Academy will research and provide the legal documents to assist the Hamilton County Fire Dept. with this issue.

New Business:

- None reported

Regional Report Outs

Region 1 - No Report

Region 2 – Working with Cuyahoga County EMA. The 2010 investment justification was approved. All Fire Chiefs made contact with DHS bomb specialist concerning underwater IED detection awareness courses. AT Solutions is an approved DHS vendor that provides this training. Five (5) days of training with a focus on search techniques.

Coldwater Boot Camp videos- Copies will be forthcoming.

Region 3 – No Report

Region 4 – No Report

Region 5 – Animal class scheduled in January.

Region 6 – Upcoming class in May.

EMA Director becoming more involved.

Currently Cincinnati Fire is working with Middletown Fire to join forces in countywide responses in sharing of equipment and staging capabilities for a quicker response.

Region 7 – No Report

Region 8 – No Report

ODNR - Panhandle in Delaware will be no longer by Fall 2010 because they are removing the Dam.

Ohio Fire Academy – No Report

Ohio EMA – No Report

Next Meeting Thursday, February 18, 2010, via conference call, 10:00am - Noon

Action Items:

- Gary Hamilton will provide an equipment update status sheet.
- TAC members will review Self Verification List and provided comments at next mgt.
- Cold Water article will be sent to the TAC members for review and comments. This was handed out to all in attendance.
- Updated list of regional TAC representatives will be distributed to TAC members
- Contact Eric Reed concerning developing an answer key for test.
- Scheduling of the trailer that seems to conflict with BGSU's schedules. Need to set a priority of the use of the trailer to ensure it is available for all that need it and to make it fair across the board.
- **Mel House advised the group to base the typing by goals. Other TACs have addressed numbers you can assemble vs. number of members. Also, know the minimum number to complete the tasks.**
- Site verification- Pete Grendze will be adding the current version date to the form.
- **Paul Moledor will be getting with Mel House and Phil Johnson concerning Ohio EMA being able to fund training.**
- Paul Moledor will meet with Frank Conway of the Fire Academy, to discuss funding for the use of the equipment (boat).
- Pam Gibson notified Bob Kollar of Candice Sherry's contact information. Mel advised Bob to contact Candice regarding Typing requirements.
- Pam Gibson sent Mark Bender the previous K-9 meeting minutes.
- Each region needs to identify what training and equipment that region needs.