

**Minutes**  
**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION TRAINING COMMITTEE**  
**January 22, 2014**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal, Providence, RI**

The January 2014 meeting of the SERC Training Committee was called to order in the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman William T. Giannini.

**ATTENDING**

William Giannini, Chairman  
Tina Ahlborg, RI Fire Academy  
James Gumbley, RI SMFO  
Susan Mayo, J&W University  
Steven Preston, LEPC-1  
Jeffrey Varone, LEPC-2

Minutes of the December 2013 meeting were read and accepted. (MMS – Varone, Mayo)

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**REQUESTS FOR TRAINING** – see attachment

All requests for training were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held regarding the HMEP funding hazmat training for private industry. It was determined that historically it has been allowed and that the grant allows for it. It will continue to be funded when requested.

A discussion was held regarding the prioritization of HMEP grant awards. Of the approximately \$62.4K for training, 5% is set aside for expendables such as training tools; \$20K will be set aside for the fall conference in Plymouth; \$5K will be used for training conducted last year. This leaves approximately \$34K for this year. The committee questioned whether the grant should purchase the IFSTA book for each student at \$80-\$90 each. Jim Gumbley will research best price and we will continue the discussion at the February meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the conduction of an open enrollment HazMat technician class. The committee agreed it should be conducted.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 3:10 p.m.

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled for:** February 12, 2104

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WILLIAM T. GIANNINI  
Training Committee Chairman

