

From: Eva M. Zito
Recording Secretary

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Subject: Minutes of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee

Members, alternates and guests that were in attendance:

Amy Grzybowski	Acting Chair	RIEMA
Nancy Bailey	Member	DOC
Peter Popko	Member	USCG
Paul Tencher	Member	Office of the Lt. Gov.
Chief Robert Seltzer	Member	RIAFC
Carol Kent	Member	MHRH
Peter Marinucci	Member	PEMA
Klaus O'Neal	Member	Office of the Governor
Dawn-Marie Lewis	Member	HARI
Joe Salter	Member	TSA
Brian Glancy	Member	RISP
Robert Patton	Alternate	VA Medical Center
Robert Mowry	Alternate	RI State Fire Marshal
Matteo Guglielmetti	Alternate	Office of Energy Resources
Thomas Kilday	Alternate	DOH
Robert Thorne	Alternate	TSA
Marybeth Ouellette	Guest	RIEMA
Rick Andreano	Guest	RIEMA
Rik Papagolos	Guest	Narra. Ind Health Ctr
Jim Benz	Guest	US Secret Service
Robert Pesapane	Guest	RIEMA
Amanda Milkovits	Guest	Providence Journal

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

RI Dept of Transportation
RI Dept of the Attorney General
RIDEM
DMAT
Amb. Serv. Advisory Bd.
Brown University Medical Center
E-9-1-1
Lifespan
Private Security Association

RI Police Chfs Association
RI State Police
HAZ/MAT Dec. Work. Grp
American Red Cross
RICOSH
URI
Naval Health Clinic NE
Gov. Comm. on Disabilities

The 61st Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Robert J. Warren at 10:05 am.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**-Bob welcomed Brian Glancy from the RISP who Bob has appointed to this Committee as the new representative of the Communications Working Group.
2. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2007 MEETING**-the minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting were read, accepted and passed unanimously.

3. **REPORTS:**

HAZMAT DECON TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP-not present

EMERGENCY LEGAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP-not present

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP-Brian Glancy

We continually get updates on the RISON system which is moving along rapidly. A very nice piece has been added in the last week which gives the State Police the ability to monitor the system. The last two Communication Working Group meetings have only been status reports from the participating agencies. There will be a presentation of the RI WINS project at the next meeting on March 6, 2007. Verizon spoke at the last meeting speaking about where they stand with wireless in the state. State Police will be meeting with Connecticut and Massachusetts State Police this Thursday to decide on a plan for the deployment of the ITAC channels in the Northeast. We have deployed these interoperable ITAC channels all over the state and they are in place with the State Police controlling them.

Rick Andreano attended a meeting at T.F. Green Airport with RIAC to talk about bringing the Airport Police online with the 800 MHz system. One of the things that they decided to do was create a new-talk group on the 800 MHz system for airport incident command in case there is a multi-jurisdictional response needed.

RIEMA has currently completed and updated its Master List of Low Band, VHF and UHF frequencies used by the state, municipal, and district response agencies. The Master List will be used to update radios at RIEMA and in our Mobile Command Center. (The Gateway unit in the MCC is capable of linking multiple agency frequencies on one or more interoperable channels without effecting or programming individual agency radios). As departments upgrade equipment, frequencies and access tones on a staggered basis, it is imperative to keep the Master List current to assure proper functioning of our interoperability equipment.

Ham Radio (Pine Hill, Tactical Net w/ Red Cross)

Currently the RI Red Cross is working with Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) to train and license new amateur (ham) radio operations in RI. Part of the new volunteer radio operator's role will be to support communications needs to shelters throughout the state.

RI Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) has had volunteer instructors and examiners throughout the state training up to 60 new operators. In addition ARES has created a radio net twice per month for new radio licensees to learn operating practices and procedures.

VOLUNTEER WORKING GROUP-Rick Andreano

We have been meeting with various representatives from across the state for a two-fold purpose.

1. Completing Municipal Profiles to produce our statewide Volunteer and Auxiliary Capacity Assessment.
2. Bringing together a Strategic Planning Group whose mission will be to recreate the structures and goals of the State Citizen Corps Council which is slated to formally launch in May/June of this year.

Along with RIEMA staff the Strategic Planning Group is populated from two key areas with Regional and Functional Representatives. These include representative from:

Communications (Ham/CAP)
Animal/Pet Care (RIDART)
Non-Profit/Civic Groups (VOAD)
Public Safety Support (NW, VIPS)
Medical (MRC)
Mass Care/Sheltering (RC,SA)
Counseling and Faith-Based

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION WORKING GROUP-not here

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANING COMMITTEE (HARI/DOH)- Tom Kilday

We met last month and discussed all the funding for the hospitals. The funding has been released and all the hospitals have received their contracts. In addition to that our main focus over the last several weeks has been getting the Hospital Capacity System set up. Dawn and I have been working with first responders, the hospitals and other states to get them on board. The system will go live on the 28th.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK-Carol Kent

We will be meeting next week. We continue to do the behavioral health trainings for hospitals and in April we will be training new responders and offering a refresher course for people who have been in the network for awhile. Next week we will look at how we want to play during the hurricane exercise.

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE-Chief Robert Seltzer

Urban Search and Rescue is working on spending their FY06 funds. Just put together a proposed budget for FY07 for the grant that will be submitted this year. John Washburn is now up at the CACHE and I think that this will work out well for the team.

MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT WORKING GROUP-Marybeth Ouellette

This year we are buying 800MHz portable radios for the 9 trailers, and there will be a stationery one in each prime mover also.

Tom Kilday stated that through the Hospital Capacity System we will present the MCI Plan, the Diversion Plan, and the MC Annex to the MC Plan which have been modified to the MC Working Group to get their approval on the changes that we have made. Because we added a new system for monitoring hospital status we needed to make some changes to the Plans. These Plans are out in draft form now.

PORT SECURITY-Peter Popko

Tall Ships RI 2007 will be taking place at the end of June with the parade being on July 1st. This offers us a great opportunity to try out some of the new communications systems that have come into the State in the past few years. Normally the CG would be doing a full-scale Maritime Security Exercise this year, but we will be using the real event in place of an exercise. We have been meeting with different agencies that will be participating in Tall Ships including RIEMA. We want to focus on the communications system and having the ability to evaluate those systems in a real world event. We have the 800MHz system, the Port Security Communications Network (wireless internet), HOMEPORT, and Web EOC. On the landside we will have traffic management with the Portsmouth and Middletown Police as well as the National Guard and State Police. On the water during the parade we will have the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, RI DEM, RISP, and Harbormasters etc. The initial Planning Conference the “exercise credit” portion of Tall Ships RI 2007 will take place 10 am on February 28 at RIEMA. IF all goes well we will have a report back as to what worked and what did not work.

Right now is the open period for the Port Security grants of this year. Next month we will be doing a review and then it will be sent to Washington. Next Port Safety and Security Committee meeting will be on March 13th.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP-Capt Swanberg is drilling today and they have two more drills in March.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS WORKING GROUP-not present

FAMILY RESOURCE WORKING GROUP-Plan is done and we will find out if group is still meeting.

4. **OLD BUSINESS-none**
5. **NEW BUSINESS-Joe Salter**

Motion is made, seconded and passed to have the newly formed Transportation Security Working Group become a member of this Committee.

The Transportation Security Administration protects the Nation's transportation system to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce. The TSA FSD Providence has responsibility as delegated by the Administrator for TSA for conducting multimodal operations to secure and reduce risk in all modes of transportation which includes, aviation, rail, mass transit, highway, maritime, pipeline and shipping. Ultimately the FSD Providence has oversight of the TSWG and will report its status and progress to the Domestic Preparedness Committee in RI and the TSA TSNM office in Washington, DC. There will be a full-scale hijack exercise on September 27, 2007 at the airport.

LT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-Paul Tencher

First EMAC meeting went well and the minutes will be out shortly. Lt Governor is finalizing the meeting schedule for at least the next three meetings. They probably will not be at 10:00 every 3rd Thursday. She would like to use this group to solve as many problems as possible that might not be able to be accomplished because our Subcommittee here does not have the cross section possible that EMAC does. Please let us know of any exercises or meetings of subcommittees.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS-Nancy Bailey

We are having an exercise on March 14, 2007. It is a 3-4 hour exercise. We will test (3) emergency plans: (1) Inmate disturbance (2) mass casualty (3) fire. We have 225 people who will be involved. We will involve the RISP, Cranston Police and Fire. We will test a number of objectives by involving our CERT, our healthcare folks are involved in the mass casualty, and we will put our hostage negotiators to the test. The media will be alerted. No casualty cases will be removed from the facility.

Amy Grzybowski welcomed Rik Papagolos from the Narragansett Indian Health Clinic.

PROVIDENCE EMA-Peter Marinucci

We are in the process of finding dates for TTT courses to instruct EMP's how to inoculate themselves and distribute medication themselves and their families. We are in the process of providing these pharmaceuticals. We also applied for the FY07 MMRS funds. Two weeks ago I joined a group of people in DC, counterparts throughout the country, and we had a chance to meet with members of Congress and their staffs to educate them about MMRS. The President had stopped the MMRS funds for FY08. We are working to have people support this program.

FY07 GRANT APPLICATION-Amy Grzbowski

Mid term review for HS is between yesterday and next Monday where the application has to be submitted to DHS for both the Uasi Grant and the State Homeland Security grant. We will get a feedback on March 15th to move forward on the application. The final application is due on April 4th. Transit grant and Buffer Zone grant are due to Homeland Security on Monday.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE-Bob Mowry

The State Bomb Squad along with the RISP, Airport Police, and the Federal Protective Agency is sponsoring an Explosive Detection Canine Seminar on the first week in April here is Rhode Island. Last year this was held in Boston. As of now, there are 40 dog teams committed to this exercise.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007.

