

**From:** Eva M. Zito  
Recording Secretary

**Date:** April 24, 2007

**Subject:** Minutes of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee

**Member, alternates, and guests that were in attendance:**

<b>Robert J. Warren</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>RIEMA</b>
<b>Chief Robert Seltzer</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>RI Fire Chief's Association</b>
<b>Carol Kent</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>MHRH</b>
<b>Matteo Gugliemetti</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Office of Energy Resources</b>
<b>Joseph S. Salter</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>TSA Working Group</b>
<b>Dr. Fox Wetle</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Brown University</b>
<b>Brian Glancy</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>RI State Police</b>
<b>Brian Pires</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>US Attorney's office</b>
<b>Chris Daniel</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>RI Department of Health</b>
<b>Vladimir Ibarra</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Office of the Lt. Governor</b>
<b>Jim Bentz</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>US Secret Service</b>
<b>Arthur Bovis</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>RI Dept. of Transportation</b>
<b>Robert Thorne</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>TSA Working Group</b>
<b>Vin Marzullo</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>Corp. for National Service</b>
<b>Maryann Medeiros</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>USDOL/OSHA</b>
<b>Amanda Milkovitz</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>The Providence Journal</b>
<b>Bill Mullen</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>TSA Working Group</b>
<b>Douglas J. Pesce</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>US Dept. of HS</b>

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert J. Warren at 10:05 am.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2007 MEETING**-the minutes of the March 27, 2007 meeting were read, accepted, and passed.

**REPORTS:**

**HAZMAT/DECON TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP-Robert Warren**

They are actually meeting at this time. They are going over some of their budget issues.

**EMERGENCY LEGAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP-in abeyance**

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP-Brian Glancy**

RISCON has been the primary topic at the Communications Working Group which continues to expand. We just changed one of the antennas in Scituate to provide some better coverage there. We were approached by the folks from RIDOT who have had a situation occur. They have a microwave length that runs from Johnston down to Exeter that needs to be replaced. Vendors are negotiating with DOT to replace the spectrum with a new microwave. DOT is looking at taking the money to buy new subscriber units on the DOT system that will be fully compatible with RISCOM and the RIPTA system allowing them in other parts of the state to leverage the infrastructure that the state already has in place.

**VOLUNTEER GROUP'CITIZENS CORPS COUNCIL-Vin Marzullo**

On April 2, 2007 the RI Emergency Management Agency and Citizens Corps hosted a Community Meeting which was represented by various volunteer groups and representatives from non profit emergency support agencies in order to identify priorities. Council Corps Council is under review and is to be reconstituted in the next few months. I just returned from the National VOAD meeting. VOAD is a National coalition of volunteer organizations that assist in disasters. There is a National group that advocates that the states have similar groups and we do have this in Rhode Island to help coordinate the role in the support assistance of non profits to first responders and local EMA's.

**This gave us an insight as to how we can utilize citizens and support activities in the community.**

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION WORKING GROUP-Bob Warren**

**Mike Mulhare is not here because his dad passed away yesterday. We have been working with the ESF's here with Dave Leonard. We have not gotten through all 18. We are trying to get everything updated and making sure that people understand their responsibilities.**

**Matteo Gugliemetti stated that they are going through a transition in their office since Janice retired. They are now called the Office of Energy Resources. Andy Dzykewicz was just confirmed as commissioner. Our agency has to get up to speed as to what their responsibilities are. He stated that they would like to set up a meeting.**

**HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE-Chris Daniel**

**HPPC has been working with the Department of Health to get the hospital prepared for the full –scale hurricane Yvette exercise. We did a tabletop with Newport Hospital on Friday and then this Tuesday we will be doing another tabletop over the web with 9 hospitals playing. This is to get everyone familiar with evacuation procedures using the HPPC in this type of event with the HCS system.**

**BEHAVIOR HEALTH DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK (MHRH)-Carol Kent**

**We are training at RI Hospital on May 24th and Miriam Hospital on June 15th. This will conclude the training package for this year. We will start again in September. Are other energies are directed solely at Hurricane Yvette at this point. We have 11 or 12 licensed programs that are participating and are doing a tabletop on their own emergency plans. We are going to standup our Command Center.**

### **URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE-Chief Robert Seltzer**

Last Tuesday was cache day which will occur every month to keep the equipment up to snuff. There is training tomorrow night. In order for us to put a draft together tomorrow morning a sub-group of the team will be getting together to work on some employment guidelines. Bob Warren asked if this would include an Instate Hurricane Plan and Bob Seltzer stated that he would bring this up at a meeting tomorrow. Bob Warren stated that in the original plans some personnel were to be kept on Aquidneck Island and some on the West Bay. Bob also stated that he has a meeting with USAR on May 10, 2007.

### **MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT (MCI) WORKING GROUP-Marybeth Ouellette**

There are nine 800 MHz portables and bay stations along with the prime movers which are located in the Mass Casualty trailers. This was the \$10,000.00 used from our last year's grant. This year's grant money is \$5,000.00 and the Working Group felt that we need to replace some fluids and some equipment and do some training. Dawn Lewis has brought to our attention that their Mass Casualty Plan for the hospitals needs to come back to the MCI Working Group so that it can bring back that agenda into the State Mass Casualty Plan.

### **PORT SECURITY-not present**

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP-not present**

### **SPECIAL POPULATIONS WORKING GROUP-Bob Warren**

Judy is working very hard with this group. They are meeting on May 1, 2007 and May 10, 2007. They will have their plan written, or at least part of it will be done. Hopefully at the next meeting we will have information on that. We would like them to get more involved in this group and maybe Judy will take over the responsibility of being the Chair.

### **TSA WORKING GROUP-Joe Salter/Bob Thorne**

We will start doing pulse operation in the near future both at the rail station and also at the ferry terminal point. We are working with Dave

**Leonard from RIEMA on the Tall Ships event. We are looking at a strategic plan which has already been drafted.**

**OLD BUSINESS-none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chief Seltzer asked when he would hear about the FY07 grant and Bob said by July 3, 2007. Port Security and Transportation grants are on tract also.**

**BROWN UNIVERSITY-Dr. Terrie Fox Wetle**

**Dr. Wetle has been working with Nancy Moss from URI to develop a manual for university preparedness.**

**Bob Warren stated that there was a meeting at CCRI last month in regards to a plan for school violence and safety. The package was pretty much approved by the group and now it is just a matter of finalizing it so that we can get it into the classrooms before September.**

**The Governor is giving us a budget of \$200,000 to run the security part of the Tall Ships event. Last week we met with Jamestown, Newport, and Middletown. \$100,000 is going to the National Guard for traffic control. The remainder was passed out to the communities. Next week we will start writing the plan for this event. As it stands now, the event will be run out of Newport and the day of the Parade of Sail we will stand up the EOC**

**We are going to offer some radiological training for the field teams involved in the Ingestion Pathway sampling. The training will tentatively be June 19th, 20th, and 21<sup>st</sup>. We are having experts come from the Brookhaven Laboratory to do this training. Any inquiries should go through Lou Ferrante at 751.0310 or Paul D'Abbraccio at 751.1516.**

**US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE-Brian Pires**

**One of the things discussed at the TSA meeting is how things are put out for public information. We spoke to RIPTA and train stations concerning this. People are becoming desensitized. We have been getting less information coming in. We need to have some kind of a uniformed message similar to what RIPTA has on the buses. Brian will**

be drafting a proposal and see if everyone is in agreement with it for brochures and/or making placards.

Bob Warren-April 30, 2007 will start the hurricane season kickoff with the hurricane plane (Kermit) coming into Quonset at 9:00 and the Governor speaking at 10:00am. Ardent Sentry will start right after that. If anyone wants to be a controller or evaluator please call Brittan Bates at 462.7189. We will run Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 5:30, Friday from 8:00am-8pm, and Saturday and Sunday 8-5:30 here.

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR-Maryanne Medeiros**

Maryann stated that the public and private group will also be participating in the hurricane exercise this week

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY  
22, 2007 @ 10:00AM.**