

From: Eva M. Zito
Recording Secretary

Date: May 22, 2007

Subject: Minutes of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee

Members, alternates, and guests that were in attendance:

Tom Kilday	Acting Chair	RIEMA
Dawn Lewis	Member	HARI
Joseph S. Salter	Member	TSA
Lt. David Haden	Member	RISP
Brian Pires	Member	US Attorney's Office
Dr. Terrie Fox Wetle	Member	Brown University
Robert Patton	Member	VAMC
Alysia Mihalakos	Alternate	DOH
Maryann Medeiros	Guest	USDOL/OSHA
Shree Kavalla	Guest	Brown University
Johua Hussey	Guest	Volunteer Ctr. Of RI
Vin Marzullo	Guest	Corp. for Nat'l Service

The 64th Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Tom Kilday.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2007 MEETING-the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting were read, accepted, and passed.

REPORTS:

HAZMAT DECON TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP-We have been working with the teams related to the upcoming Tall Ships Event. They will be pre-positioning some resources at Fort Adams. There is RIDI Conference on June 2nd and Ken Williams and team folks may set up a HAZ/MAT show.

EMERGENCY LEGAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP-in abeyance

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP-not present

VOLUNTEER WORKING GROUP-“Citizens Corps Council-Vin Marzullo/Josh Hussey

Joshua works for the Volunteer Center of RI. This morning they had their first general meeting. They will be establishing a working data base and call down information to organizations and activate important groups that would be involved in response and recovery. We will be working on this throughout the summer to get this data base up and running. Citizen Corps is continuing to reorganize and on June 1, 2007 we are having another meeting of our Strategic Planning Group to help finalize the re-establishment of the Council. We are also going to look for some private sector partners to help with community education.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION WORKING GROUP-not present

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE/DOH-Dawn Lewis

HPPC has been working on the drill. Hospitals felt that it was a very positive experience. It really identified some gaps in their plan. As a group they want to have more tabletops especially statewide ones. Decon trailers are starting to be delivered and the first one is coming

into RI in a week or so and we will have 18-foot trailers delivered to each hospital over the course of the summer. We will be expecting 2 trailers to be delivered each week across the summer. We are going to have a vendor fair for fit testing for evacuation equipment and possibly ventilators. We are going to be in contact with the State Police Fusion Center who will come out to do a presentation to the hospital in the event the hospitals have a bomb threat. The trailers will be located at assigned sites of their choice at the hospitals. We will also have one extra trailer that will house any extra supplies that we have available that can be transported to the site of an incident. When the first trailer comes in Tom Kilday and Peter Ginaitt will be contacted to go to the first prototype trailer and ask them to do a best setup knowing that there are some restrictions. There is 6 inches less in interior space.

We have five (5) initiatives:

1. As far as the Hospital Capacity System is concerned, we ran into a snag because one of the hospital computers stopped functioning and we have been trying to face down extra equipment from Gateway. This is the first stumbling block that we have had and I am sure that we won't experience it again in the future.
2. We have a community drill registration calendar where everyone can go into the HCS system and look and see where there are drills, exercises and meetings and register the meetings and place them in the calendar and other people will be able to locate them. It is now in prototype and should be available in a month or two.
3. Emergency Notification System-which is the ability to have 2-way Communication in a blast, e-mail, phone calls (about 3000 in an hour) out to the hospital employees of the hospital responding to a particular event and having them give information back on EPA. This is temporarily on hold for the next 30 days while we await Lifespan to hire an IT Manager.

Discussion:

Dr. Wetle stated that Brown was putting in an emergency blast phone text message system. If everyone is doing one of these during an emergency, can the servers and phone service actually handle that kind of load? Dawn said yes because they are going to purchase 109 ports and will be able to send out 3,450 calls per

hour that does not include your blackberry. We have 55,000 healthcare workers in RI. That is one system in an hour but that does not include the e-mail, the blackberries which are separate and limitless.

Dr. Wetle stated that she was speaking about Verizon. During 911 it was her understanding that part of the problem was that the system became overwhelmed and people got busy signals.

Tom stated that one of the big issues was that a tower came down and a main telephone line broke. Cell system can get overwhelmed. Dawn stated that she will ask that question to the software company with whom she is working. They presently represent the Coast Guard and the Whitehouse and various others.

4. Dawn continued with Patient Tracking-we have met with the software people and have an agreement on the table which will be reviewed on Friday. Once the calendar is down we will be diligently working on patient tracking.

BEHAVIOR HEALTH DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK-not present

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE-not present

MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT (MCI) WORKING GROUP-not present

PORT SECURITY-not present

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP-Lt. David Hayden
They will continue to have their monthly meetings. Last month they had a 2-day session at Rocky Point Second day they had a scenario that involved Warwick PD and their Swat Team, Warwick Fire Special Hazards, 13th CST and the RI WMD Tactical Team. Their monthly training will be May 29th which will deal with fire arms training and the PPE Equipment. The June training will deal with air monitoring devices.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS WORKING GROUP-not present

TSA WORKING GROUP-Joe Salter/Brian Pires

TSA was just at the Amtrak station running a pulse operation which brought a variety of people to deal with what might be a potential terrorist incident. We are also working with the Coast Guard with a pulse operation for the Point Judith to Block Island Ferry.

Brian/Joe stated that the working group is looking at all the different venues, trains, ferries and the aviation sector. What we do is not as intrusive as what is done at the airport. A lot of it is being done on a voluntary basis. We keep a low-key look so the public feels comfortable. We are looking to get the former CIA folks who are outstanding trainers in behavioral analysis testing to come to this area to do roll plays.

Brian showed everyone a template that he has created for RI and he feels that it should be placed in critical infrastructures. The 800 number has not been given to him as of yet, but when he has it we will have copies of this placard.

Dawn asked about the new back-scatter equipment and if the airport is going to have this. Joe stated that he hopes we do get it and we do have room for it. TF Green was involved in the pilot program of this technology.

Dawn stated that South County is planning a drill which will consist of a terrorist attack on Amtrak on June 3, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS-Tom Kilday

EMA and other agencies are still talking about Hurricane Yvette which did not cause damage but some stress for everyone. It was a valuable exercise for me. I feel that we learned a great deal about the ESF's. I think that future exercises will be small focused table top style exercises. Some will include decision making drills with a focus on evacuation, decisions to be made related to closure of different agencies, activation of different capabilities. We are also doing dome training in WEB EOC and ICS training.

If any group would like EOC training, we ask that you contact us. Room is usually available.

Grants-Some of you who participated in the DHS grant process we anticipate word on that on July 3, 2007. We have been working diligently with the UASI group developing the strategy to match the state strategy. There is also an additional UASI grant for the non-profits that we sent to the ones with which we do business to include; Salvation Army, Red Cross, the hospitals. The Providence folks are looking into expanding into groups that are not always a player but because they are security based i.e. putting up fences, ID cards, cameras. This grant has a 25% match. Rhode Island received Port Security funding for Providence and Quonset ports as well as Transportation Security Grant Program (TSGP) for RIPTA to implement security protocols and training and finally, Buffer Zone Protection Program Funding (BZPP) for Providence.

**Events: Tall Ships June 27-July 1, 2007
Tabletop Exercise June 6 2007 @ Salve Regina
Contact is Dave Leonard @ 462-7188 for information
Air Show June 23 and June 24, 2007**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 22,
2007 @ 10:00AM HERE AT CRC.**

