

From: Eva M. Zito
Recording Secretary

Date: July 24, 2007

Subject: Minutes of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee

Members, alternates and guests that were in attendance:

Robert J. Warren	Chair	RIEMA
Peter Popko	Member	USCG
Nancy Bailey	Member	DOC
Brian Glancy	Member	RiSP
Ray LaBelle	Member	E-9-1-1
Steve Preston	Member	Hazmat/Decon
Joe Salter	Member	TSA
Dr. Terrie Fox Wetle	Member	Brown University
Janet Essex	Member	Office of the Governor
Carol Kent	Member	MHRH
Vincent Marzullo	Member	Citizens Corps Council
Michael DiMascolo	Alternate	St Fire Marshal's office
Arthur Bovis	Alternate	DOT
Klaus O'Neil	Alternate	Office of the Governor
Bob Thorne	Alternate	TSA
Erin Lambie	Alternate	USCG
Rik Papagolos	Guest	Indian Health Clinic
James Rajotte	Guest	DOH
Joe McGarry	Guest	Prov. Communications
Geof Milner	Guest	RI-Saturn
Nancy Smith Greer	Guest	US Dept. of HUD
William Mullen	Guest	TSA
Al Lamothe	Guest	CAP
Maryann Medeiros	Guest	USDA-OSHA

The 65th Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert J. Warren at 10:05 am.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2007 MEETING-the minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting were read, accepted and passed.

REPORTS:

HAZMAT/DECON TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP-Steve Preston
Last monthly meeting was July 16th. We discussed our Tall Ships deployment and its success. We are going to be doing some running exercises in the next few months. We have been working on our Training Calendar and also on our budget. We are also working with DEM to assist on ESF 10.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP-Brian Glancy
For the last month we have had Tom Kilday attending our meetings discussing the new Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grant (PSIC) application.

Tom Kilday-The grant is based on the distribution of funds from the 700 MHz sell-off spectrum. These are Federal level frequencies that were sold off to the cell phones companies and other groups to make available funding to the states for expansion of the interoperable communication specifically 700 spectrum communications and 800 interoperable communications. Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program Fact Sheet was passed around along with a questionnaire that was sent to all of the state agencies, locals, fire, police and EMS regarding their interest and needs if they were to receive the 800 interoperable equipment. We received 7.3 million dollars for the 700 and 800 roll out. We have to submit a Statewide Interoperability Plan by September 30, 2007 and a grant request. We have a meeting today with the Communications Working Group and a meeting on Friday to work out some of the investments. This is all due by November 1, 2007 but we have an opportunity to submit at the end of September and DHS will review it and make comments. There is an 80/20 split between the communities and local dollars and there is 20% match on those dollars.

Brian stated that the State Police are 100% on board.

Bob thanked Brian Glancy for taking over this committee.

VOLUNTEER WORKING GROUP-“Citizens Corps Council”-Vin Marzullo

The Citizens Corps Council has now been reconstituted and tomorrow we will hold its first organizational meeting. A committee will be established. The primary focus of this committee to develop a sighting and outage plan for various volunteer support including shelter management and mass care can be carried out CERT activity can be carried out with appropriate community partners that are in the volunteer business ie, Red Cross, Food Bank, Volunteer Center, Salvation Army and the United Way. A public education campaign will be looked at as well so that we can be ready for the national ready campaign. Rick Andreano and Joe Cournoyer from RIEMA will be working with us. There are some federal funds available to support this work from DHS and other partners as well. This will also include the Medical Reserve Corps. I want to thank Vin for all the work he has done in the past few months along with Rick and Joe.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION WORKING GROUP-Bob Warren

Dave Leonard from RIEMA has taken the lead on this and he has met with some ESF's. It has been on hold because Dave was the primary planner for Tall Ships and he did a great job with that project. Maryann Medeiros mentioned that there is a National ESF 16 draft which states that safety and health will be elevated from an.....to an ESF. When it gets to the stage where it can be distributed, I will distribute it to you. (Call Maryann and ask her what was it elevated from.

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS –James Rajotte

Recently received our HRSA funding so the hospitals and the DOH are working on that. All of our subcommittees are doing very well. Several of the hospitals will be participating in the antiviral distribution tabletop exercises on August 15, 2007. Decon trailer delivery and delivery of supplies to hospital has been occurring. HICS training continues at the hospital and health centers.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK (MHRH)-Carol Kent

We are planning a hurricane exercise for MHRH on 8.29.07. We will be testing our new facilities and also communication with providers and partners.

USAR-Bob Warren

They have had some quiet time because there MOA's with the state expired on June 30, 2007. Now the new MOA's have all been approved and are being signed by the local fire chiefs.

MASS CASUALTY WORKING GROUP-Tom Kilday

We are planning a meeting for September.

PORT SECURITY-Peter Popko

The Port Security Grant Program awarded \$1.47 million to RI and Southeastern Mass applicants. An additional award of \$274k was made under the Ferry Transit Security Grant Program. Congress provided an additional @110m in supplemental money for the FY07 Port Security Grant Program which must be awarded by Sept 07.

HOMEPORT- The HOMEPORT alert and warning system (HOMEPORT AWS) is currently in the final phase of development with implementation this fall.

PORTSTEP-Port Security Training and Exercise program (PortSTEP) Advanced Tabletop Exercise will be held on Cape Cod on 11 October 2007. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the Area Maritime Security Plan and the interaction between the AMSC public sector and private industry resources during an incident.

AMSTEP-Area Maritime Security Training and exercise Program (AMSTEP) exercise will be held in RI in March 2008. This exercise will meet the annual exercise requirements of 33 CFR 103.515. This exercise will emphasize port preparedness, crisis management and sector representative, government officials, law enforcement officials and emergency responders, will be given an opportunity to practice methods to ensure maritime security of RI.

TALL SHIPS RI 2007-Instead of holding a full-scale port security exercise, USCG Sector SENE got permission to use this year's tall ships event for exercise credit. During the event a team of evaluators

observed the use of the communications systems that have been put in place since the last tall ships event in 2004. These included 800 MHz, Web EOC and the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). An after action and lessons learned report should be completed within 90 days.

Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)
Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 03-07 was published July 2, 2007. A copy of this is available on Homeport (<http://homeport.uscg.mil>). Once on the Homeport website on the far right side of the homepage under “Featured Homeport Links” click on TWIC. The under policy click on NVIC03-07. Peter introduced Erin Lambie who will be the single point of contact for RI issues.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP-not present

Bob Warren stated that Capt Swanberg could not be here today but he sent him an e-mail. They are planning to do a drill at the airport in September. He updated all the MOA’s.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS WORKING GROUP-Kim McCleod

The group met yesterday and we have two new co-chairs Kate McCarthy -Barnett and Steve Florio. New registry is just about ready to be rolled out.

TSA-Joe Salter/Bob Thorne

We are doing some additional VIPR operations here in the state. Those letters stand for Visible Intermodel Protection Response Team Exercises. Full scale exercise will take place on September 27, 2007 late in the evening with preparation around 9pm. The exercise itself won’t start until midnight. Bob Thorne is working on the Design Team. We have some concerns about the aircraft because Delta is stopping the use of the MDADA the large aircraft and substituting it with a CRJ and the maximum size is 70 passengers. I asked if an MDADA craft could be brought in for just that evening and we are working on that but have not heard back as of yet. If not we will have to go to Southwest or US Airways for a larger aircraft. Tower is involved.

OLD BUSINESS-Bob Warren

Tom Kilday passed out the grant information. SERC is returning to EMA. Mike DeMascolo and Richard James passed over the information. Kim from this agency will be the SERC Coordinator and Bob will be the chair.

Tom Kilday- Bob, Amy, and myself sat in on the DHS conference calls. I am handing out the Press Release from the Governor's office related to the grant awards and the Excel sheet break down.

Tom handed out the National Intelligence Estimate which came out last week. It is well worth reading. Any people holding meetings in this building have to submit a list of names to the Guard Shack before the meeting. Please let us know if you are sending a substitute in your place.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS-Nancy Bailey

Nancy wanted to thank RIEMA for all the help we gave them during their power failure. There are still five buildings that are on generator power. For us our concerns were our communications. At the present time, we are holding our own. Nancy wants to thank DOT for the lighting they provided for the perimeter fence in our high security facility which was a huge concern.

Bob stated that August and September are our primary months for hurricanes, but there is no new news at this time.

We are having a Point of Distribution drill on August 8th and 9th. It is a Regional Drill and Steve Preston is running it in Woonsocket. August 8th there will be a classroom portion from 8-4. August 9th they will unload trucks and setting up an actual POD and sending vehicles to distribute commodities. Lunch time we will have MRI 101. We will learn how to open them up, heat them, and eat them.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2007.**

