



CBRNE/Training and Exercise Working Group

**April 17, 2014
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**MEETING LOCATION: Alameda County Sheriff OES
4985 Broder Rd. Dublin, CA – OES Room #1013**

CONFERENCE CALL AVAILABLE

Call In Number: 866-249-5279
Participant Code: 428336

Meeting Minutes

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS - Dennis Houghtelling, Project Manager Bruce Martin CBRNE Project Manager

Commander Dennis Houghtelling requested that meeting participants introduce themselves.

Teleconference Attendees: Bruce Martin, Damon Watson, Berta Simpson, Rick Kovar, Katheryn Spaulding, My Cruze, T Twohey, Nubia Mendoza, Chris Reilly, Sage Howell, and Jack Thomas.

II. REGIONAL TRAINING & EXERCISE PROGRAM – Dennis Houghtelling

A. PROGRAM UPDATE:

Commander Dennis Houghtelling reported staffing changes for the fire discipline. He reported Brian Ballard will assume the interim Project Manager role for Bob Schumacher, and Retired Chief Phil White will assume the role shortly.

Commander Houghtelling reported Training & Exercise is doing well at pushing courses out to the Region and planning future courses for 2014. Currently all funds are committed to the courses that have been promised and scheduled. Another vetting session will be held in June to review new proposals and prioritize below the line courses in case additional funding becomes available. There may possibility be some salary savings can be reallocated for training.

Commander Houghtelling reported that vendor contracts are expiring and Alameda County procurement has offered to assist in the process. He reported there is a possibility that the contracts terms could be extended from three to five years, but a new process will be conducted to ensure new vendors can become eligible to provide courses.



B. HAZMAT A-G COURSE UPDATE:

Commander Houghtelling reported since the vetting session, there have been requests for HazMat training from fire chiefs in the North Bay and South Bay. Brian Ballard will facilitate the course offering which is partially funded. The funding includes two shifts (A-D) instead of three shifts (A-G). Brian Ballard shared that agencies have the option to pay the costs for additional participants. Commander Houghtelling remarked that if agencies feel it is a high priority, please express it at the next vetting session.

C. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING:

Larry Plummer reported all available courses are offered on the website with a few more course offerings in June.

D. FIRE UPDATE:

Brian Ballard reported most planned Law courses are published on the website. If there is a high need for a course offering, please contact him directly.

E. MARITIME & EOD TRAINING UPDATE:

Brian Ballard reported a course entitled "Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response" will be offered August 4-5, 2014, is currently being offered on the website. Brian Ballard commented that the course is free and there are other free courses available from the Consortium. There will be a continuing effort to utilize the Consortium as a resource for training.

Commander Houghtelling remarked that if Consortium courses match our needs we will attempt to bring them to the Region.

F. OES & CONSORTIUM TRAINING UPDATE:

Eric Shanks reported most courses are ICS or Consortium related and are published on the website. Those that are published are section specific ICS courses. Eric Shanks reported an upcoming Consortium course related to medical preparedness for bombing incidents at OES in May.

III. CBRNE ISSUES:

Bruce Martin (UASI CBRNE Project Manager) reported he will be connecting with agencies that have FY-2013 CBRNE grants to ensure purchasing is progressing properly.

Bruce Martin reported the IMT project is on hold until research and development winds down.



A. Rad/Nuc REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

Bruce Martin reported he is planning to address the regional gap analysis related to Radiological Nuclear Detection for both maritime and land. He reported on the formation of a work group to explore and prepare for special events planning, intelligence, concept of operations, training and exercise, and equipment capabilities which includes collaboration of joint purchases and compatible equipment for jurisdictions. Bruce Martin noted that the strategic plan would be sent out today. Those who would like to be involved are requested to contact him via email. He reiterated there is no cost other than staff time, as existing CBRNE and Training and Exercise funding would be used.

B. OTHER:

Bruce Martin reported the Region is in the process of applying for a highly competitive "Securing the Cities" grant (\$30 million) for the purpose of rad/nuclear detection. The grant will fund training and exercise, infrastructure, network communication, and equipment. Bruce Martin reiterated bids for the grant funding are highly competitive and only Tier I UASI regions are eligible to apply.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting May 15, 2014 10:00am (Teleconference Meeting)