

CAPITOL REGION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM  
Steering Committee Meeting  
June 11, 2008

Meeting Location: East Hartford Public Safety Complex

Present: Asst. Chief Gary Allyn, West Hartford  
Acting Chief Will Perez, East Hartford  
Asst. Chief Rob Levandoski, Ellington  
Don Jannelle, Manchester  
Dep. Chief Mike Jepel, Simsbury

Guest: Chief Jim Baldas, Simsbury  
Dep. Chief Rick Westman, East Hartford  
Firefighter Kevin Brown, East Hartford

New Business:

Training:

Group discussed training and how to get more members involved. Discussions followed.

Radio/Communications:

A/C Allyn commented on the dedicated high band frequency. Adding additional narrow band frequencies related to FEMA. Keith (West Hartford) will be coordinating the radio changes.

Assignment:

Discussions related to each town taking a 1-week assignment for key point of contact on behalf of team. To be discussed further.

Team Additions:

Enfield is seeking to participate as part of the team. Discussions followed related to resources and equipment consolidation. No equipment will be moved from existing resources.

Hartford Fire Department is also seeking to participate in the team. Based on discussions with Hartford, they are looking to have 160 NFPA472 Technicians. Several 472 classes scheduled on behalf of Hartford through negotiation with Chief Bill Austin.

Hartford Bomb commented that they are now a Type-1 squad and have added a second robot.

Discussions followed related to the size of the team and it was agreed that 60 would be the maximum size. This is to be discussed further since there is such a diversity between towns and the resources each can bring to the team.

Training:

Group discussed the status of the Pathways program. There is clearly a need to additional classes for current personnel to complete the program and challenge the 472 exam. Currently there are at least six team members who can teach the pathways program.

Level A Suits:

A/C Allyn comments that extra A-valves were purchased. West Hartford is also going to hang suits instead of folding/rolling due to increased number of suit failures. Looking to possibly

transition to One-Suit™ . A/C Allyn will also provide suit testing equipment to Ellington due to personnel time limitations and availability as originally agreed.

Equipment Inventory:

Each town needs to provide A/C Allyn with an updated equipment inventory.

(4) SCBA being allocated to Simsbury.

1<sup>st</sup> Defender going to Ellington as part of equipment distribution.

Sampling Protocol:

Team will support Hartford Bomb Squad with material sampling. Since sampling will follow ASTM Protocols, HFDBS is best set-up to complete this task.

Formalized that (4) Quicksilver test kits will be provided to each trailer.

Bulk sampling kits available from West Hartford.

Command Discussions:

Asst. Chief Levandoski seeking clarification on command kits. To be discussed at next meeting.

Computers:

Discussions followed. Acting Chief Perez commented on the new programs and versions.

Next meeting: July 8, 2008, 09:30, East Hartford Public Safety Complex