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**Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Department of Military Affairs  
Classroom 105**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2004  
1:03 p.m. – 2:08 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Collins (WSP), Marc Schmidt (CapPol), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Dave Steingraber (OJA), and Jim Warren (DCI).

**Members Absent or Excused:** None.

**Alternates present:** Tom Anderson (DHFS alternate), Mike Kunesh (OJA), Steve Peterson (WEM alternate), and Steven Sell (WSP alternate).

**Others present:** Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff), Colonel Scott Legwold (DMA staff), Lieutenant Colonel Tim Donovan (DMA staff), Rob Rude (WEM staff), Lori Getter (WEM staff), Holly Heggstad (WEM staff), and UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President), Andy Hall (Reporter for Wisconsin State Journal) and David Woodbury (DNR staff).

**First Responders present via teleconference:** Ben Schliesman (Kenosha County EM Director) and Sheriff Kurt Heuer (Badger Sheriffs).

**Quorum present.**

**1:03 p.m. – Convene in open session.**

After convening in open session, the Council took a short break.

**1:20 p.m. – Re-Convene in open session.**

1. Announcements of Closed Session Discussion Action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the July 30, 2004 closed session meeting were approved and each agency provided its intelligence report, to include strategic roundtable briefing.

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2. Review and Approval of June 11, 2004 and July 30, 2004 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Dave Collins and seconded by Jim Warren to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2004 and July 30, 2004 open session meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

3. First Responder Updates.

- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): The Southeast Regional WEM meeting occurred last Friday. The HIRSA and Health Consortium handling training and exercises are not talking to county EM Directors. They're operating in a vacuum.
  - WEM (Rob Rude): We're already working with both groups to facilitate this issue. We already have meetings set up next week for closer facilitation and coordination.
  - Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): That should help a lot.
- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): We continue to remain vigilant. There was a coal fire at the plant in Kenosha. We applied for a Citizen Corps grant. We recently hosted a Safety Fair and the National Guard was present.
- Badger Sheriffs (Sheriff Kurt Heuer): We continue to work with OJA and WEM workgroups.
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): We're teaming with OJA on governance structures. We're working on securing personal protective equipment for all first responders across the state. The UW was granted buffer zone grants. You've probably noticed the work being done at Camp Randall and the Kohl Center. The Kohl Center is being done in two phases. As a brief update on our Axis control system, the first building is on-line which is Camp Randall. The second building to come on line is the State Lab of Hygiene. During the next 12 months, we project 2000 installations of this system. The Chancellor is scheduled to listen to Secretary Ridge next week. An issue affecting universities is the 27% reduction of foreign students. We've been busy recently with several incidents. We recently arrested two anarchists; they have been linked to over 80 cases. The animal rights groups are again targeting the UW Primate Lab.

4. Other Business.

Chair Wilkening read the prepared statement regarding election security measures. See Attachment #1, 10/12/04 HLSC Open Meeting Minutes.

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5. Update on Implementation and Compliance Requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Presentation by Dave Steingraber (OJA). This has been mandated by Presidential Executive Order and implementation involves action at all levels of government. ODP will be mandating implementation as a condition of any HLS funding at local and state level. We need to certify a good faith effort to implement NIMS. NIMS updates must be included in emergency operations (EOP) plans at state and local levels. The implementation of NIMS ensures that emergency responders functioning at a single incident all operate the same way. We're moving toward that.

- WEM (Rob Rude): Starting in 2005, we are implementing NIMS in the restructuring of state EOP plans. We are in the process of converting to Emergency Support Functions. We're including NIMS in operational phases - both state and local level. Several meetings are scheduled across the state to ensure compliance. Guidance will be provided to county agencies. The conversion is a long process – half will be done in 2005 and half in 2006. This will be incorporated into performance contracts and plans of work.

6. Update on the Justice Gateway Grant Award.

Dave Steingraber (OJA) presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Justice Gateway Grant Award. See Attachment #2, 10/12/04 HLSC Open Meeting Minutes. Justice information sharing predated the tragic events of September 11, 2001; however, those events brought into focus the need for sharing information. We received a grant for \$856,000. We initially submitted three grant applications. Wisconsin won 1 of 10 grants awarded nationally.

- Randi Milsap (DMA staff): Will place PowerPoint briefing on the WI Homeland Security website.

7. Discussion on Approach for Communicating Vital Homeland Security Issues to the Public.

Chair Wilkening indicated that is he very pleased with the WI Homeland Security website and the fact that it is updated frequently.

- Lori Getter (WEM staff): Any e-mail questions posted to the website have been forwarded to the appropriate Council members or staff.
- Randi Milsap (DMA staff): If Council members want to add any links, please notify me.
- Chair Wilkening: I would like to have the GuardGram and other similar vehicles placed on this website.

8. Other Business.

- Chair Wilkening: I attended the Southeast Wisconsin Homeland Security Partnership Workshop in Brown Deer on Wednesday, October 13, 2004. This workshop was originally scheduled for last year

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but had been postponed. The emphasis of the workshop was securing inter-dependent infrastructures. Several attended, including Ben Schliesman, Johnnie Smith, Rob Rude and Dave Steingraber.

- Dave Steingraber (OJA): The Governor appointed the State Citizen Corps Council. OJA is charged with oversight. The Governor has also created the Wisconsin Interoperability Executive Council. As an update on '05 funding, preliminarily it looks like there is some reduction in funding to the states. There is a slight increase for urban initiatives. Law enforcement / terrorism stays the same.
- Steve Peterson (WEM): Critical infrastructure protection plan update: The review of 12 of 21 buffer zone sites has been completed.

7. Set date, time and place of next meeting.

Next meeting - TBA. We will keep in touch with Council members over the next several weeks and will schedule an emergency meeting if conditions warrant.

8. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Marc Schmidt and seconded by Jim Warren to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**2:08 p.m. – Meeting Adjourned.**