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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**State Capitol
Room 328 Northwest
Madison, WI 53703**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2006
1:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Collins (WSP), David Heinle (CapPol), Dr. Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Amy Smith (DNR), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Jim Warren (DCI) and Judy Ziewacz (DATCP).

Members Absent or Excused: Dave Steingraber (OJA).

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS alternate), Daniel Blackdeer (CapPol), Greg Engle (brevet OJA alternate), Carolyn Kelly (DCI), David Pabst (WSP alternate), Steve Peterson (WEM alternate), Robin Schmidt (DATCP alternate) and David Woodbury (DNR alternate).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Anita Cornell (DMA staff), Amy Kasper (Governor's Office), Holly Heggstad (WEM staff), Lori Getter (WEM staff), Ed Gleason (DHS Protective Security Advisor - Wisconsin), Capt June Dykstra (JFHQ staff), Jim Finch (FBI - Milwaukee), Daniel Lindstedt (Senator Ron Brown's Office) and Oren Hammes (DHFS).

Quorum present.

1:40p.m.: Open Session

Note: Invited first responders were teleconferenced into the meeting from 1:40 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

1. Announcements of Closed Session discussion/action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes from the February 15, 2006 closed session meeting were approved. Each agency provided its classified intelligence report and the Council received an update on the Intel/Fusion Center.

2. Review and approval of February 15, 2006 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Dave Collins and seconded by Jim Warren to approve the open session minutes from February 15, 2006. **Motion carried.**



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3. First Responder updates.

- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): I want to thank WEM and OJA for bringing the NIMS training to the forefront. I have questions regarding 2005 funding for ICS training and interoperability grants.
 - Greg Engle (OJA): The interoperability grants will be coming shortly. We are waiting for the draft of the interoperability plan. We have worked closely with the SIEC on this plan and have a direction on the funding. We will use the remainder of 2005 grant to complete Level 3 mutual aid. We will complete this step with 2006 funding. We will begin our long-term goal with the 2006 funding. We will issue further information in the next month or so.

4. Briefing by OJA on the update of the statewide strategic plan.

Greg Engle addressed the statewide strategic plan in his response to Ben Schliesman's inquiry above. The 2006 Homeland Security Funding grant request was submitted March 1, 2006. We expect to hear back in early June 2006. The grant request was for approximately 35 million dollars for 11 proposed projects. OJA will determine how to allocate the funds. Greg indicated there should be a process in place after the awards are determined in mid-summer.

- Dave Collins (WSP): There was a very short deadline on submittal but this turned out to be an excellent document. We put our best foot forward with over 80 people having input.
- Amy Kasper (Governor's Office): Will the state grant awards be released at the same time?

Greg responded that he assumed that all state awards will be issued at the same time.

3. First Responder updates (continued).

- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Korten Hof): We continue to work with our communications group on the communications repeater project. At a recent Northeast WEM regional meeting, the new Esponder program was presented. This will be a very beneficial program in the future.



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- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): The UW is working with DOA on Continuity of Operations Planning. A subcommittee is reviewing how business is conducted and the type of protocols utilized. The University has formulated a terror/security response elevation plan and is looking for some guidance on threat level color coding. The terror threat level has been at “Yellow” for so long. As a state, are we matching the National and State reference points for threat color codes?
 - General Wilkening (DMA): We are still using the original threat level color coding system.
 - Johnnie Smith (WEM): How we respond to issues, actions, or threats can be different for different locations in the country. It is important to plan, make modifications and take protective measures as needed by threat analysis.
 - Dave Collins (WSP): We can adjust color codes regionally based on threat analysis.
 - Jim Finch (FBI): People are much more aware and are watching out naturally even without a change in threat level color code. We can now escalate the color code more quickly than before if necessary.
- 5. Briefing by DHFS on Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6 - Mass Care, Housing and Human Services.

Briefing by Oren Hammes, Disaster Mental Health & Emergency Human Services Coordinator with the Division of Disability and Elder Services at DHFS. We are addressing the special needs populations in the state. DHFS is the lead agency for Emergency Support Function #6. Red Cross does not shelter everyone, only the general population requiring minimal assistance. It has been determined that 20% of the population has disabilities excluding hospitals and nursing homes. Wisconsin is a leader in public health planning for individuals and groups with disabilities including behavioral disabilities. There are sensitive and confidential issues involved regarding identifying special needs individuals. See Attachment # 1, 3/15/06 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.

- 6. Update by DHFS on the Governor’s Healthcare Facility Stakeholders Summit held on January 18, 2006.

Tom Anderson indicated that the summit was very successful. He has provided a summary of the results and comments by participants. See Attachment # 2, 3/15/06 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.



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7. Other business.

Dan Lindstedt with Senator Ron Brown's Office was recognized as in attendance at the Council meeting. A special thank you to Senator Brown and his staff for the leadership and support provided to pass the mutual aid (MABAS) legislation.

We are planning to hold a Crisis Communication Seminar on the afternoon of May 17, 2006 to Council members and senior management at Volk Field. Public Information Officer training will take place on May 18, 2006. There may be a Homeland Security Council meeting the morning of May 17 in conjunction with this training.

Robin Schmidt reported that DATCP is hosting its 1st annual conference on Multistate Partnership/Risk Communication on April 18-19, 2006.

Lori Getter discussed the upcoming Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The conference will be held April 4-5, 2006 at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva. The homeland security newsletter *Homefront* will go to the printers next week with subsequent distribution.

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

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at DMA.

9. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Dave Collins and seconded by Johnnie Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.