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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Room 230**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2008
10:05 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.**

Members present: Chair Brig Gen Donald Dunbar (DMA), David Collins (WSP), Susan Crawford (DNR), and Martin Henert (DATCP).

Members absent or excused: Dr. Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Dave Steingraber (OJA), CapPol vacancy and DCI vacancy.

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS), Greg Engle (OJA), Steve Peterson (WEM), Robin Schmidt (DATCP), Ed Wall (DCI), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA), Lori Getter (WEM), Katie Schumacher (DMA), Colonel Scott Legwold (DMA), Major Tim Covington (DMA), Captain Jamie Makowski (DMA), Larry Reed (WEM), Diane Kleiboer (WEM), Jeff Hieb (U.S. Coast Guard), Ed Gleason (DHS Protective Security Advisor – Wisconsin), Ed Rooney (DHS/TSA), Josh Maas (OJA), William Engfer (DNR), Dr. Carol Evans (CAW), and Kevin Spitler (Independent Consultant). Ben Schliesman (Rock County EM) was teleconferenced in.

Quorum present.

10:05 a.m. – Convene in open session.

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

10:15 a.m. – Re-convene in open session.



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5. Announcements of Closed Session discussion/action.

Chair Dunbar announced that the Council received a Classified Secret briefing in closed session on laser technology.

6. Review and approval of January 16, 2008 open session meeting minutes.

- DNR (Susan Crawford): On page 3, “In” and “,” should be deleted; “is advocating for” should replace “we are starting;” and “EPA is seeking” should replace “We will need to get.”

A motion was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Steve Peterson to approve the January 16, 2008 open session meeting minutes, as amended. **Motion carried.**

7. Briefing by U.S. Navy’s Center for Asymmetric Warfare in Support of HLS/HLD Training and Exercises.

Presentation by Dr. Carol Evans (Center for Asymmetric Warfare): The Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) is part of the U.S. Navy. Our organization can design a scenario around your objectives; we are fair-minded and independent. You are our customer; this is not a top-down approach. We can bring DoD capabilities to the exercise. In Virginia, we are helping to identify critical gaps and working with the state’s fusion center. We worked with Maine on a bridge scenario; the bridge spans both Maine and New Hampshire. We can design an exercise that allows different agencies to be able to meet their own objectives. We have a lot of different expertise on our team including former members of the Coast Guard, law enforcement, Haz-Mat, and a CST commander.

- DCI (Ed Wall): Will there be a way for outside agencies to observe the Virginia exercise?
 - CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): Yes, we will put you on the list.
- Chair Dunbar: If we can secure funding, what is the timeline?



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- CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): We have a July-August time framework when the appropriation is released. This should hit the DoD coffers in December or January. At that time we can begin planning.
- Chair Dunbar: I have a trip out to the DoD in April.
- DMA (Major Tim Covington): There will be collaboration between WEM, DNR, the military, and the Coast Guard. The core planning group will be from WEM, DNR, and DMA.
- U.S. Coast Guard (Jeff Hieb): The City of Milwaukee has received funding but it must be a Coast Guard-led exercise. We can take elements of the exercise in Green Bay and implement those. We have already started a pre-planning conference. We are hoping that there is funding from the CAW but we will go forward whether there is funding from the CAW or not. The Coast Guard partnered with DHS, so the exercise must be HC compliant. We could use those funds in conjunction with this exercise. We received approximately \$125,000 - \$150,000 in funding.
- CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): All of our exercises are HC compliant.
- Chair Dunbar: How much is the total bill?
- CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): We used \$500,000 - \$ 600,000 to run the Maine exercise.
- Chair Dunbar: This seems like a very comprehensive four day exercise that would be very valuable.
- DMA (Major Covington): Do you recommend we have a team working on it?
- Chair Dunbar: Absolutely.
- WEM (Steve Peterson): Other agencies will want to participate. I'll speak to the Inter-Agency working group.



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- CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): In past exercises, we had minimal equipment costs. Agencies brought their own equipment and paid for the associated costs. \$600,000 covered the cost of the exercise.
- Chair Dunbar: Would you prefer one point of contact for information about viewing the Virginia exercise?
- CAW (Dr. Carol Evans): Yes, Major Covington.

8. First Responder and Agency reports.

- WSP (David Collins): Nothing to report.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): Dr. Sheri Johnson would like to thank those of you who participated in the January 25, 2008 Region V Pandemic Planning guidance overview. We have some people in Atlanta for preparedness planning. The pandemic planning starts August 10th. We have been notified that we will not receive any grants for influenza pandemic planning next year. That amounts to an 11% decrease in funding, with an overall 32% budget decrease.
- DNR (Susan Crawford): Nothing to report.
- WEM (Steve Peterson): We continue to look to see how we can improve our response to events in Wisconsin.
- OJA (Greg Engle): 1) On February 1, 2008 the Homeland Security grant guidance was released; the deadline for grant submission is May 1, 2008. 2) Two listening sessions were held; the last one is scheduled for this Friday, February 22, 2008. The comment period for public input to the State Preparedness Report closed on February 15, 2008. We will review the feedback at the next Advisory Committee meeting on February 27, 2008. 3) DHS has set two priority areas that 25% of funding must be allocated to: a) IAD detection and prevention; and b) preparedness planning including mass evacuation and public/private partnerships.



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- Chair Dunbar: This is an issue of concern. We are trying to re-engage with DHS on this and other issues. It is difficult for the states to respond to this lack of consistency.
- OJA (Greg Engle): DHS is limiting funding for fusion center analysts to 2 years. The funding will end in October 2008.
- WSP (David Collins): When is the next SIAC meeting?
- OJA (Greg Engle): February 26, 2008.
- DCI (Ed Wall): The first state-wide training for terrorism liaison officers will be held on March 6-7, 2008 at Volk Field. We will also tour the REACT Center. We are the fifth state doing this training. DCI will cover the cost of the rooms and training; please let me know if you have anyone interested in attending this training.
- DATCP (Martin Henert): There was a massive beef recall in California. Nothing has been shown to be contaminated in Wisconsin. If you have any questions, call Robin or myself.
- Chair Dunbar: 1) The Homeland Security Consortium paper is completed and is moving forward. 2) I received a briefing from FEMA on the decaying satellite. The Navy will attempt to shoot down the satellite. The issue of concern is the fuel tank containing hydrazine. 3) FEMA trailers have been identified to have high levels of formaldehyde. These are commercial trailers that could be available in Wisconsin. We are coordinating with the WI Department of Commerce and DHFS to look at these trailers. We should be in pretty good shape in Wisconsin; without the humidity and high temperatures, formaldehyde should not be a problem here. If there is an issue, then DHFS will issue a notice to the public.
- Kenosha County EM (Ben Schliesman): 1) On behalf of WEMA, I would like to thank WEM for its EOC support and keeping us up-to-date. We have been dealing locally with severe weather. 2) I will be attending the NEMA Legislative Conference. One or two of us will be joining Johnnie on Congressional visits. 3) We are working on the conversion from EOP to ESFs. The templates are too shallow and there is nothing for municipalities. The County EM directors do not have enough time to re-work these. 4)



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Regarding the Kenosha County tornado, we are lucky that everyone was insured to some extent even though some were under-insured. There will be a town hall meeting this Monday to answer questions. There is still a lot of cleanup to be done.

- Chair Dunbar: Thank you for your comments. We are glad to hear your update on the tornado recovery; as bad as it was, we are lucky it was not worse.
- Coast Guard (Jeff Hieb): We received a Port Security grant. This grant does not go through OJA but goes directly to the ports. Three ports are eligible for funding (Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Superior). It requires 25% matching funds.

10. Other business.

There was no other business.

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at DMA.

12. Adjournment.

A motion was made by David Collins and seconded by Ed Wall to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

11:12 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.