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Amended Open Session Meeting Minutes

Department of Military Affairs Room 230 Wednesday, December 17, 2008 10:39 a.m. – 11:42 a.m.

Members present: Chair Brig Gen Donald Dunbar (DMA), Oskar Anderson (DOA), David Collins (WSP), Martin Henert (DATCP), Johnnie Smith (WEM), Dave Steingraber (OJA) and Charles Tubbs (CapPol).

Members absent or excused: Susan Crawford (DNR), Chief Ed Flynn (Chiefs of Police Assn), Sheriff Dave Mahoney (Badger Sheriffs Assn), Mike Myszewski (DCI), DHS vacancy, and Fire Chiefs Assn vacancy.

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHS), Dan Blackdeer (CapPol), Sheriff David Graves (Badger Sheriffs Assn), Steve Peterson (WEM), Ed Wall (DCI), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA), Lori Getter (WEM), Cregg Reuter (WEM), Brigadier General Scott Legwold (DMA), Major Steven Sherrod (DMA), Capt Lan Swei (DMA), Tim Pfrang (DMA), Larry Reed (WEM), Paul Wolfe (WSP), Ed Rooney (DHS/TSA), Bob Kelly (USDHS), Dr. Pete Schult (State Lab of Hygiene), and Diane Christen (DHS), Jeff Wiswell (WI Sheriffs & Deputies Assn) joined the meeting.

Quorum present.

10:39 a.m. – Convene in open session.

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

10:40 a.m. - Charles Tubbs Arrived

<u>10:47 a.m. – Re-convene in open session.</u>



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6. <u>Announcements of Closed Session discussion/action:</u>

Chair Dunbar announced that each agency provided its classified intelligence report and that the Council had received a strategic briefing by the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center on recent world events, with follow-on briefings by the U.S. Postal Service and State Lab of Hygiene.

7. Review and approval of November 12, 2008 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Dave Collins to approve the November 12, 2008 open session meeting minutes, as amended. **Motion carried.**

8. <u>Update by WEM on the Road Closure Tabletop Exercise After Action Report.</u>

Cregg Reuter distributed the Draft Road Closure Exercise After Action Report. He reviewed the recommendations in the After Action Report with the Council. See Attachment #1, 12/17/08 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.

• <u>Chair Dunbar</u>: I would ask each agency to appoint a POC to respond back to WEM on the recommendations made in the Report by January 15, 2009.

9. <u>Presentation by the WI Dept of Health Services on the 2008 Public Health Preparedness</u> <u>Report.</u>

Diane Christen presented the Public Health Preparedness Report. In the 2007 report, Wisconsin scored 6 out of 10; there were 4 areas where Wisconsin lost points. Many states contested the 2007 scores. In the 2008 report, Wisconsin scored a perfect 10. Four other states also received perfect scores. Wisconsin was the only Midwest State to receive a score of 10. See Attachment #2, 12/17/08 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.

• <u>Chair Dunbar</u>: This is a tremendous report. Thank you and your team for this great effort.

11:02am. Pete Schult departed.



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10. First Responder and Agency Reports.

- WSP (Dave Collins): 1) At 5:30 a.m. today in Minnesota there was a train derailment, just north of LaCrescent. Two trains hit head-on with cars derailing into the Mississippi River. There are only 49 cars still standing. There were also 2 injuries. There are ramps closed north of the Mississippi River Bridge. We have a plan ready if we need to pull cars out of the river. 2) They are predicting heavy snow with mixed precipitation this Thursday and Friday. When a severe storm covers a large area of the state or there is mixed precipitation predicted, I recommend activating the state EOC. We need to stand up then and have to ready to go. Just because we have no requests for assistance does not mean that activating the EOC is wrong.
 - <u>DHS (Tom Anderson)</u>: Do you have the current status on the placement of barricades at ramps?
 - <u>WSP (Dave Collins)</u>: We have added portable barricades on ramps in Dane and Rock counties. Permanent barricades with drop-down arms are very expensive to maintain; additional barricades and cameras are costly.
 - <u>WEM (Johnnie Smith)</u>: The National Weather Service (NWS) runs models on the incoming weather system. We need to look at certain triggers to activate the EOC. If we reasonably believe that the locals will need state assistance we will activate. We work with the NWS and the state agencies to make storm response reasonable and timely.
 - <u>WSP (Dave Collins)</u>: During the most recent EOC activation last week, there was snow in all 72 counties. There were 3 major incidents. We cleared up the back-up in an hour, but this had the potential to take longer to clear up.
 - <u>WEM (Johnnie Smith)</u>: We brainstorm the size and effect of the storm. We look at the size of the area affected (geographic footprint). We open up the E-sponder site to track. We want to be there if we are needed but this is not an exact science. We are concerned about the counties, if they need us, we respond to them.
 - <u>DHS (Tom Anderson)</u>: I want to note that nothing precludes a county from setting up a County EOC to handle an emergency / snow storm.



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- <u>Chair Dunbar</u>: We need to continue to review our protocols and trigger points. The importance of staff in the EOC is the synergy of what is being heard through the staff in the field. We need to make promises and deliver.
- <u>CapPol (Charles Tubbs)</u>: We appreciated the collaborative work done on the recent suspicious letters sent to Governors. We also appreciated the continuity, leadership and the prompt notification of law enforcement.
 - <u>Chair Dunbar</u>: We need to review our protocols as to who pushes out the information, who is notified, and who needs to follow-up.
 - <u>DCI (Ed Wall)</u>: We need to determine distribution lists (alert groups). I will draw up these lists before our next meeting.
 - <u>WEM (Johnnie Smith)</u>: Ed can handle law enforcement, WEM will handle the EM channels.
 - <u>CapPol (Charles Tubbs)</u>: We appreciate the updates from WEM on weather conditions and situation reports.
- <u>DHS (Tom Anderson)</u>: Nothing for open session.
- <u>DNR (David Woodbury)</u>: 1) We have received additional information of the train derailment. The propane involved in the incident is a heating element for the train engines. We are dealing with the Minnesota Pollution Control. We are closely monitoring what's going on. 2) Last week there was a large warehouse fire in North Hudson, WI. With 22 fire departments responding. The DNR is dealing with the hazardous waste disposal of fire debris. 3) The water tables are still high from the rains last summer and we foresee that there may be flooding this spring in the same affected counties. I recommend a strategy meeting on potential flooding in February.
- <u>WEM (Johnnie Smith)</u>: We recently had a meeting regarding EMAP accreditation with FEMA. We intend to begin the EMAP accreditation process. This process is for the state and not just WEM. We need to put our best practices in writing. We will ask state agency heads for their support and will be sending a letter out in the near future. 20



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states are currently accredited. Several surrounding states in Region V are accredited (Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota).

- <u>DHS (Tom Anderson)</u>: A lot of state agencies are using EMAP in the accreditation process. In a recent article on emergency medicine, we got a less than glowing report due to the lack of EMAP accreditation.
- <u>Chair Dunbar</u>: Do we have a timeline on this?
- <u>WEM (Steve Peterson)</u>: EMAP is one of the strategic performance objectives. We expect to complete the process by summer 2010.
- <u>WEM (Johnnie Smith)</u>: We have drafted a letter for the Governor's signature.
- <u>DCI (Ed Wall)</u>: 1) With regard to the train derailment, we sent a TLO from La Crosse County to Minnesota. Minnesota is all set, we are on standby. 2) We are standing up for the upcoming troop send-off which may be a target for protestors. We are providing route security. 3) There will be a TLO training event in January 2009 at Volk Filed and we expect 200 attendees.
- <u>DATCP (Marty Henert)</u>: 1) We received a federal grant which we will use to attend a Immunization Training workshop in Oklahoma City. 2) Steve Ingham was appointed as the new Director of Food Safety.
- <u>DOA (Oskar Anderson)</u>: 1) There is an Internet Explorer 7.0. defect and vulnerability. It allows a person to take over total control of your computer. There will be a patch out today. 2) We will be putting out a RFP on protecting data on laptops and thumb drives in the next week. We are looking at options for State agencies. 3) We have hired a new person effective January 5, 2009 who will be working on cyber-terrorism.
- <u>Badger Sheriffs Assn (Sheriff Graves)</u>: We just completed a CD which contains listings of equipment and deputies for all 72 counties; it is entitled "Sheriffs Helping Sheriffs".
- <u>Chair Dunbar:</u> 1) The recent fire and dislocation of 20-25 people in Arcadia involved the assistance of WEM, the Red Cross, and a WI National Guard Armory. The WI State Patrol assisted with a highway closure. 2) Last week, I attended a Governor's Homeland



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Security Advisors Council (GHSAC) meeting and NEMA Homeland Security Consortium meeting. An appointee for President-elect Obama met with both groups. 3) On January 8, 2009, I will be attending a Terrorism Threat Briefing by the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security; the focus of that meeting will be on cyber-security.

- 11. Other Business. None
- 12. Set date, time and place of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Martin Henert and seconded by David Woodbury to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

11:42 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.