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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Classroom 230**

**Friday, March 18, 2005
10:29 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.**

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

Members Absent or Excused: Ken Baldwin (retired - DHFS).

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

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), and Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff). Two members of the public joined the meeting: David Woodbury (DNR staff) and Robin Schmidt (DATCP staff).

First Responders present via teleconference: Chief Neil Cameron – Regional Response Team Network, Ken Korten Hof (Oneida County EM Director), UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President), Ben Schliesman (Kenosha County EM Director), and Chief Bruce Fuerbringer (representing Keith Tveit – Wisconsin Fire Chiefs).

Quorum present.

10:29 a.m. – Convene in open session.

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

10:40 a.m. – Re-Convene in open session.

1. **Announcements of Closed Session Discussion Action.**

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the January 25, 2005 closed session meeting were approved. Each agency provided its intelligence report, to include strategic roundtable briefing. The Council also received updates on the Intel/Fusion Center, the State of Wisconsin Homeland Security Strategic Plan, the Civil Support Team and future Homeland Security initiatives, and on special events scheduled in Wisconsin in 2005.

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2. Review and Approval of January 25, 2005 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Dave Steingraber and seconded by Dave Collins to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2005 open session meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

3. First Responder Updates.

- Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): We've been busy. 1) First Responders committee met with Congressman Ryan. Ben serves on this committee. The next meeting is Thursday, March 24, 2005. 2) We have an exercise planning meeting for a full-scale chemical./terrorism exercise at UW Parkside. 3) We have had a Citizen Corps kick-off meeting. 4) Certification classes per Executive Order of the County Exec. 5) County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. 6) Working on our Inter-Operability Grant. 7) South East Regional Planning Committee – working on 10 year plan. 8) Installing Broadband with grant we have received... I have questions on '05 grant. How is the money divided up? I have looked at ODP Bulletin #131, dated Feb 05 regarding training for search and rescue. There are approved courses at the WI Vocational Technical System but they say there is no money to conduct training. Why can't fire departments get training locally versus traveling to Volk Field?
 - OJA (Dave Steingraber): OJA will make a presentation at Governor's Conference on the allocations of the spending plan. I recommend you call Greg Engle about the Bulletin.
- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Kortenhof): 1) We are working on an Inter-Operability Study for 16 counties. We have hired a firm out of Virginia (NEWCOM Group to do an assessment. We will hold kick-off meeting on Monday, March 21, 2005. We have already started the evaluations. 2) We are continuing to meet on a search and rescue team. We had a meeting with Mike Kunesh at OJA.
- Wisconsin Fire Chiefs (Chief Bruce Fuerbringer representing Keith Tveit): I spoke with Mike Kunesh on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. There is no money being allocated for the NIMS Awareness course because there is a free on-line course available through FEMA. The NIMS ICS 700 course is intended for high ranking officials who don't have the time to devote to an on-line to be fully trained. This is a fantasy to expect this. We need to get people together face-to-face. Eau Claire will be doing this on its own initiative. We are disappointed that ODP didn't think about this and is only offering on-line courses.
 - Chair Wilkening: Point well taken.
 - OJA (Dave Steingraber): Mike Kunesh will pass on these concerns but ODP made it very clear that they will not fund if it is available free on-line.
 - Chair Wilkening: Is there any value for using the train-the-trainer concept?

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- OJA (Dave Steingraber): That course is a prerequisite for taking other courses. We will need a record of having received the training.
- Wisconsin Fire Chiefs (Bruce Fuerbringer): Many volunteers do not have computers. Each region needs to take the ball and run with it. That may be a challenge but is not impossible.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): Within DHFS, we have picked an individual and are using the train-the-trainer concept.
- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Kortenhof): We will be sponsoring as individual agency and will make it happen.
- WEM (Johnnie Smith): We realize that there is difference between classroom presentations versus on-line courses. ODP's position is to save money. . We can recommend the option to ODP of the train-the-trainer concept that won't cost additional funding. If ODP sets up future on-line training, we need to meet with ODP to discuss other alternatives and effectiveness of training.
- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Kortenhof): The biggest fear is that some communities may not have professionalism and will use shortcuts to obtain certification merely to get funding but will not receive true professional training.
- Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): 1) Regional teams continue to work protocols to respond to potential incidents. 2) There was positive feedback on the CST after WAHMR Conference. 3) We need to tap into each others resources. We need to be careful to lay out path and not to over-commit local resources. The ongoing challenge is wrestling with state versus regional versus local issues. We would encourage you to support a regional approach to get best value for the money. 4) Outagamie County is doing a radio engineering study. Neighboring counties are also doing similar studies but are using different vendors/contractors for each county.
 - OJA (Dave Steingraber): Wisconsin law requires competitive bidding. All vendors/contractors should be referencing a federal engineering Bulletin on interoperability. Governor signed an Executive Order on Interoperability. A state interoperability committee will be meeting in April, 2005. An upcoming conference in Atlanta next week should address policy issues. Competition may be a good thing, different studies may offer diversity.
 - Kenosha County EM Director (Ben Schliesman): Different consultants may be utilized but consultants are all talking to each other.
 - Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): We need to continue to stress a "regional" approach.

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- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): 1) I agree with everything said about classroom courses versus on-line courses. 2) WCPA update: At the last Board meeting a motion was passed to have every police officer and deputy in the department carry PPE equipment in the trunk of law enforcement vehicles. The legacy is to have every cop protected.
 - Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): To clarify, we got a letter from Tom Bauer on PPE. The last recommendation to the sub-committee was to get feedback before a final recommendation. Is this a conflict?
 - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): It definitely is a change but not necessarily a conflict. Law enforcement needs to have PPE in vehicles to hold the perimeter until regional teams arrive.
 - Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): Be careful what you wish for. There is significant training needed on PPE and long-term ramifications. You need to select the correct PPE and provide for maintenance, training and medical surveillance. Guns, vests and radios are checked on a regular basis but not necessarily the rest of the equipment. I recommend a careful look.
 - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): I agree with the pros and cons. Dane County has a vigorous maintenance program. On the UW campus, police have been the first responders to 52 out of 54 calls. We attempt to buy time in initial phase while waiting for more help to arrive. We have a lot of work to do on this issue. We have come up with standard within Dane County for purchasing PPE.
 - WEM (Johnnie Smith): On the type/level of equipment, has there been any discussion on masks versus suits?
 - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): This is still in discussion. Everybody is comfortable with the basic mask.
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): 3) Governor's Council has its first meeting on March 29, 2005. I am also on the Council. 4) Homeland Security Meeting IACP. The mid-year meeting is in May. 5) I just attended a two-day meeting on homicide bombers and terrorism in the United States. Homicide bombers are an interesting group. There is not enough understanding of what to look for. This was very riveting information / training put on by the Israeli's. 6) Update on domestic terrorism. Where does international terrorism meet up with domestic terrorism in Wisconsin?
 - Chair Wilkening: We are all linked to international piece. Our focus is to keep aware / engaged in what is going on internationally and look domestically and internally in Wisconsin and be ready to respond to events in Wisconsin.

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- WEM (Johnnie Smith): Homeland defense is national issue. Everyone needs to be involved / aware / alert to suspicious activities. If citizens report suspicious activity to law enforcement, then law enforcement can follow up.
- Chair Wilkening: There is Citizen Corps training. All citizens must be vigilant. We need an open line with the Coast Guard on our coasts and shores.
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): We have a domestic situation developing on campus. We have reached out to other agencies.
- Chair Wilkening: DCI has been very responsive to keeping us informed.
- DCI (Jim Warren): This is still in the development stage. We will continue to monitor and will continue to work with UW as well as keep the Council informed.
- WEM (Johnnie Smith): Once Intel Center / JOC up, this information will be important for the Homeland Security advisor. This will also be beneficial for future training exercises, we can use potential scenarios and address within the exercise.
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police President (UW-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling): 8) The last issue is special events for 2005. We would like to include UW home football games.
- Chair Wilkening: Would like First Responders present at some meeting in the future.

10:36a.m. – First Responders signed off teleconference.

10:36a.m. Dave Steingraber departed the meeting.

4. View and discuss Public Service video ‘The 7 Signs of Terrorism’ created by the Michigan State Patrol, Homeland Security Section.

- Deferred until next meeting.

5. Other Business.

- WEM (Johnnie Smith): 1) Software for managing incidents. We formed a committee and went with E-sponder. This is the same software used by the City of Jacksonville, FL for the Super Bowl. The software is Microsoft-based with an unlimited number of users. If the State of Wisconsin purchases the software, any state agency can use it. 2) GIS capabilities. A vendor did an assessment of needs and will report on findings on March 28, 2005. 3) Early Alert System: We are looking at system used in Washington, DC. Current system doesn't give enough coverage in notification of interested persons in an emergency. We are doing an engineering survey of the dead spots within the state.

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- DATCP (Robin Schmidt): There is an international symposium on May 2-5, 2005 given by the FBI on Agro terrorism and the food supply. This is law enforcement and terrorism directed.
 - DHFS (Tom Anderson): We should delay the briefing by DATCP until after conference.
- DNR (David Woodbury): DNR has developed protocols for water sampling kits. May 18, 2005 is the NIMS national rollout in Chicago.
- WEM (Steve Peterson): 1) EMPG update: The counties have been notified of FY 05 dollars. There is 100% pass through of money.2) Buffer Zone Protection Plan: We have gone to OJA for distribution of funds.

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

Next meeting - TBA.

7. Adjournment.

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

11:46 a.m. – Meeting Adjourned.