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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Room 230**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2007
10:11 a.m. – 11:08 a.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Heinle (CapPol), Dr. Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Amy Smith (DNR), and Johnnie Smith (WEM).

Members Absent or Excused: David Collins (WSP), Dave Steingraber (OJA), Jim Warren (DCI), and Judy Ziewacz (DATCP).

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS), Dan Blackdeer (CapPol), Barb Knapp (DATCP brevet alternate), Mike Kunesh (OJA), David Pabst (WSP), Steve Peterson (WEM), Ed Wall (DCI brevet alternate), and David Woodbury (DNR).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff), Kyle Whitaker (DMA staff), Major June Dykstra (DMA staff), Lori Getter (WEM staff), Rob Rude (WEM staff), and Tracy Wannamaker (USCG). Vince Williams (Rep Ballweg's Office), Jerry Haberl (WEM), Richard Woldt (VFW Post 8337), and Jeff Wiswell (Badger Sheriff's Assn) joined the meeting. First Responders were teleconferenced into the meeting.

Quorum present.

10:12 a.m. – Convene in open session.

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

10:19 a.m. – Re-Convene in open session.

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7. Announcements of Closed Session Discussion Action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the March 21, 2007 closed session meeting were approved as amended and each agency provided its classified intelligence report. There was a briefing by DHFS on the Pandemic Operation Plan and discussion on the State Defense Force and Incident Management Teams (IMTs).

8. Review and Approval of March 21, 2007 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Sheri Johnson and seconded by Ed Wall to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2007 open session meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

9. First Responder and Agency Reports.

- Badger Sheriff's Assn (Ron Cramer): Nothing.

No agency reports were given in open session.

10. Briefing by WEM on Incident Management Teams (IMTs).

Presentation by Jerry Haberl. See Attachment # 1, 4/18/07 HLS Open Meeting Minutes.

10:25 a.m. – Jeff Wiswell (Badger Sheriff's Assn) arrived.

- Chair Wilkening: How do you communicate information about the training to other organizations and coordinate training exercises?
- WEM (Jerry Haberl): We are currently scheduling training through our group members. There is no formal training in place yet. Once the training program is scheduled, we will communicate directly with the team members who will receive it. We will have more information on this following our meeting tomorrow with the course manager. We also have a schedule of exercises on our website, and the national website, Nexus, has this information as well.
- Chair Wilkening: I continue to receive questions on upcoming exercises. I am thinking about ways to push rather than pull – some people are not accustomed to checking websites.
- WEM (Jerry Haberl): We can look into it.
- WEM (Johnnie Smith): The participation of state agencies is an issue right now. They are going to be unknown entity going in to support local groups in the event of a disaster. It is important that state agencies support this available training.
- WEM (Jerry Haberl): We do have strong state agency participation. The more participation we get, the more successful we will be. In light of Virginia Tech, we are currently working with colleges

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and high schools on school safety. We have been working with Beloit College and are planning a table-top exercise with them in October 2007, including a hostage and explosion scenario. If you need more information on this exercise, let us know. Mauston is also looking for a similar exercise at the high school level.

- Chair Wilkening: If I were a college president right now, I would be installing a “big voice” system in every building to let people know when a major problem occurs. Email is not effective enough.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): Is the main point of contact for this the vocational foundation in Waunakee?
- WEM (Jerry Haberl): Beloit College got involved with people at the county level, who then contacted us.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): I ask because I know last year in Weston there was some ongoing training with the vocational foundation in Waunakee.
- DCI (Ed Wall): PA systems are a major problem. There will continue to be questions regarding the informational system.
- WEM (Jerry Haberl): The UW system has been pretty proactive on this. We expect more requests for training on these types of scenarios in the future.

10:45 a.m. – First Responders Ken Kortenhof and Neil Cameron were teleconferenced into the meeting.

10:45 a.m. – Jerry Haberl (WEM) departed.

12. Update by OJA on the 2007 Homeland Security Funding Process.

Presentation by Mike Kunesh. This year’s homeland security grant application was submitted one day early without any computer glitches. Peer reviewers will now take a look at it over the next few weeks. Our application will not be looked at by any adjacent states. The documents will then be taken to Washington, D.C. and are scored accordingly. We expect a response in early June and shortly thereafter funds will be made available. The base formula and competitiveness changed slightly this year, but the change should help Wisconsin. We hope to come out very strong. This is the third year. Based on past practice, we should see stable funding.

- WEM (Steve Peterson): How much did we request this year?
- OJA (Mike Kunesh): Our total is in the low \$30 million range, we asked for \$34 million last year. There is a self-imposed cap, if you make unreasonable requests you start to lose points in the scoring process.

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- Chair Wilkening: Secretary Chertoff indicated that block grant funding is under review by Congress. Equipment grants hurt the ability of the state to allocate funds towards needs as they see fit.
- OJA (Mike Kunesh): We like the old system, but some states are unhappy and looking at changes again. One last item, everyone will be invited to an open house at the REACT Center at Volk Field, May 8-10, 2007. Governor Doyle has been invited for a ribbon cutting ceremony. If there is a specific time that you can come up as a group, we can arrange a special tour.
- Chair Wilkening: Will the alternate EOC be outfitted by then?
- WEM (Steve Peterson): I'll have to check about that.

9. First Responder Reports (contd).

- Oneida County EM Director (Ken Kortenhof): We have been working on a new communications system which has been taking up a lot of our time.
- Regional Response Team Network (Neil Cameron): We have a regional response team meeting tomorrow, April 19, 2007, as well as a meeting with Randi Milsap and Johnnie Smith.

13. Update on the new State of Wisconsin Portal.

- DMA (Randi Milsap): 1) There has been no new progress on the portal. We are still waiting on DET to make a decision. Oskar Anderson is reviewing the project. 2) Also, we will unveil a new Wisconsin Homeland Security website in June, 2007. Please submit any pictures or web links that you might find helpful.

14. Other Business.

- WEM (Lori Getter): I have extra Homeland Security *Homefront* newsletters. Let me know if you would like some for any upcoming conferences.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): We are supporting a Public Health Preparedness Conference scheduled for May 23-24, 2007 in Appleton, WI. The Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Homeland Security will speak. We will not be holding a public health preparedness convention in September of this year.
- Chair Wilkening: 1) There was a lot of discussion on maritime security with Secretary Chertoff this week. 2) We had a recent inquiry from Mr. Richard Woldt regarding the State Defense Force. There is a State Defense Force statute on the books. In the event that requirements exceed the capabilities of the National Guard, which is very unlikely, the State Defense Force could be

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activated. In our closed session at today's Council meeting, we did talk about the logical point of entry for veterans with your skills sets being through VOAD and the Citizen Corps. That was the basis of our discussion.

- Badger Sheriffs Assn (Jeff Wiswell): We are working to lift the levee cap on extra funding to allow law enforcement in the schools. This came out of the Weston incident so right now we are trying to find a way to get funding for that initiative. A number of school districts are working with local police to review their policies particularly with regard to active shooters. A new policy has been developed, now people are starting to train on it.
- DMA (Maj June Dykstra): We hope to plan an exercise in support of Preparedness Week in September, 2007. What are other agencies planning on doing? Is there a way for the National Guard to fit in to improve interagency planning?
 - Chair Wilkening: We need to act on this between now and next session because September will be here before we know it.
 - DNR (Amy Smith): We have plans but no details yet.
 - DHFS (Tom Anderson): We would also be happy to get involved.
 - DMA (Maj June Dykstra): Is there one place that lists all agencies' exercises?
 - Chair Wilkening: That's what I was getting at earlier. We need to improve this effort. There needs to be one local site and we need to push that information out.
 - DNR (David Woodbury): We are not fully developed for our September exercise. June, are you interested in participating in our exercise?
 - DMA (Maj June Dykstra): I'll need to speak with Colonel Russell.
- DHFS (Dr. Sheri Johnson): We have a new Deputy Secretary in DHFS, Reggie Bicha. I would like to invite him to our next meeting.
 - DHFS (Tom Anderson): There is also a request that Reggie and Gina Frank come out and tour the state EOC.
- DATCP (Barb Knapp): With regard to the recent pet food recall, it was initially reported as rat poison. Some believe the source is related to wheat gluten and others rat poison. The FDA says that it is melamine on wheat gluten. We are trying to test for rat poison but now realize we should also be testing for melamine. The question remains: at what point does a lab have the authority to announce findings that that are not verified? Do we need to be looking at foods coming in from other countries through our ports? If so, we do not have really good testing abilities. The source has

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still not been identified and sabotage has not been ruled out. It has not made its way into the human food chain (i.e. eggs and milk).

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

There being no other business, the next meeting will be held on May 16, 2007 at 9:00 am at Department of Military Affairs.

16. Adjournment.

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

11:08 a.m. – Meeting Adjourned.