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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**VOLK FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE
UNITED STATES PROPERTY & FISCAL OFFICE (USP&FO)
CLASSROOM 140
1 Williams Street
Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5002**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2007
11:05 a.m. – 12:09 p.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), David Collins (WSP), David Heinle (CapPol), Amy Smith (DNR), Johnnie Smith (WEM), and Dave Steingraber (OJA).

Members absent or excused: Dr. Sheri Johnson (DHFS), Jim Warren (DCI), and Martin Henert (DATCP).

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

Others present: Col (P) Donald Dunbar (Adjutant General–Select), Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Nate Zolik (Governor’s Office), Katie Schumacher (DMA staff), Major June Dykstra (DMA staff), Lori Getter (WEM), Erik Peterson (US Attorney, Western District), Jeff Anderson (US Attorney’s Office – Western District), Richard Ruminski (FBI - Milwaukee), Jeff Western (DOT), Michael Kunesh (OJA), Ryan Sugden (OJA), Dave Duecker (OJA), Brad Altman (WSP), Paul Wolfe (WSP), Damien Schuerman (DMA), John Corbin (DOT), and Peter Rafferty (UW-Madison) joined the meeting., First Responders were teleconferenced into the meeting.

Quorum present.

11:05 a.m. – Convene in open session.

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



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11:17 a.m. – Re-convene in open session.

5. Announcements of Closed Session discussion/action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the July 11, 2007 closed session meeting were approved and each agency provided its classified intelligence report. There was a strategic after-action briefing by DHFS on the state agency power grid exercise and an update on the meningitis incident at Ft. McCoy.

6. Review and approval of July 11, 2007 open session meeting minutes.

No action was taken.

7. First Responder and Agency reports.

- Chair Wilkening: Let us begin with an ongoing incident in Douglas County, WI involving a natural gas pipeline distribution system.
- FBI (Richard Ruminski): They have been constructing a natural gas pipeline in Douglas County. There were 22 bombs found along the pipeline at fixed intervals. Seventeen bombs have ignited and the rest were recovered and rendered safe. We are utilizing forensics on these bombs. There has been a lot of opposition to that pipeline.
- Oneida County EM (Ken Korten Hof): We are still working on a regional mutual aid agreement between the counties. We have \$150K to work on inoperability between counties to link dispatch units together. We are going to conduct an exercise involving aircraft.
- Chair Wilkening: There was a discovery of a downed aircraft in West Bend. This was a light aircraft in the corn field, which was discovered by one of our WING pilots.
- Regional Response Teams Network (Neil Cameron): Chief Tim Franz of the Oshkosh Fire Department is now the President of the Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association. He should be added to the Council's First Responder Group. The regional response team contracts have been signed.



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- OJA (David Steingraber): 1) The State Interoperability Committee has wrapped up 4 comprehensive sessions around the state to polish up the interoperability plan. This Committee would be interested in briefing the Council in the future, maybe in November. 2) At the last Council meeting, we discussed the availability of bomb squads throughout the state and the possibility of engaging local law enforcement much the same as for firefighters. The strategy is to move forward and determine who should be in the process. There is not a common vision of what we are trying to accomplish. Every time something is needed, we scramble for resources. Wisconsin is the only state that relies on locally supported bomb squads for response. The issue is compensation for the bomb squads. We can handle the Worker's Compensation and liability issues through legislation for Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces. Due to varying response costs by the existing bomb squads, requesting agencies are shopping around based upon the cost. We need to level the playing field. Ultimately this will move off the planning table and to the legislature. 3) OJA and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) received word about '07 funding. OJA envisioned \$26 million and got \$13 million. Milwaukee asked for \$12 million and only received \$4 million. The budget adjustment will force us to make hard decisions about what will be funded and what will not be.

- WSP (David Collins): We need to look at the assets we have available locally and statewide.
- WEM (Johnnie Smith): Wisconsin is a low-risk state but we may need to provide support to our neighboring states. We need to look at local assets regardless of state boundaries.
- WSP (David Collins): If the Hudson Bridge were to collapse, we may need to use Minnesota assets.
- WEM (Lori Getter): It needs to be agreed upon between the two states.

8. Briefing by DOT on the 511 System.

- Presentation by Peter Rafferty, ITS Program Manager with the Traffic Operations and Safety Lab at UW-Madison. See Attachment # 1, 8/15/07 HLS Open Meeting Minutes. The state of Minnesota currently uses the 511 System. After the recent bridge collapse in Minneapolis, I called the 511 System and information was not readily available. A lesson



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learned was that there are limited resources and technology can assist in the sharing of information to the public. The FCC has given authority to use the short digit 511 number. However, there is no federal funding. Twenty-eight states have the 511 system in place either in large metropolitan areas or statewide. Wisconsin has been working on this since 2000 and has contracted with the university to replace the 1-800-ROAD-WISC number; this system is overused quickly. The new system is more robust and can accommodate 1,000 or more calls. We have used a limited budget for this system. The cost for other states to implement this system has ranged from \$1.4 million to \$50 million. Our system has cost \$2.2 million. DHFS has expressed interest in working with this system in the future. The current 211 system is a routed call center staffed with operators.

- DNR (Amy Smith): Who is the gatekeeper of the 511 system in Wisconsin?
- UW-Madison (Peter Rafferty): Some of that needs to be fleshed out. Security is a big issue. A lot of information would be automated through the State Patrol dispatch. In terms of emergency information, there would be a higher security involved. This is a work in progress.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): There is a statewide 211 Board that discusses policy issues.
- DOT (John Corbin): We do not want sensitive information released. We will screen this information in the automation process.
- DATCP (Robin Schmidt): Could this be used for quarantine or a stop movement?
- UW-Madison (Peter Rafferty): Certainly, We could insert that message into the menu.
- DOT (John Corbin): There could also be a dynamic message sign or media report referring the public to more information. We can leverage an array of travel devices to target certain audiences.



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- DNR (Amy Smith): This could be used with fire danger and travelers in tourist areas. We contacted the DOT to see if we could use their unused alert signs and the DOT refused due to funding.
 - DOT (John Corbin): One of the concerns is we want to use traffic signs for the right purposes. We can use 511 more flexibly than message signs.
9. Update on the revision of 28 CFR.
- DCI (Ed Wall): It is what it is. The comment period has closed and we are waiting for more information.
10. Discussion on course of action for urban search and rescue task force teams.
- DMA (Randi Milsap): This is a work in progress. Firefighters and law enforcement are the key pieces to this matter.
11. Discussion on September Preparedness Month event scheduled for September 19, 2007.
- JFHQ (June Dykstra): September 19, 2007 is the proposed date for the Preparedness Month press conference. We are going to weave DHS into the events for the day. We will be discussing the Wisconsin Threat Assessment.
 - DMA (Randi Milsap): Let me know if you have any state assets you would like to show off at the press conference.
 - WEM (Lori Getter): I will send the draft of the Annual Report by Friday, August 18. The newsletter will be printed and out that week too.
 - Regional Response Team Network (Neil Cameron): We need to examine the rescue capacity in this state including the urban search and rescue teams.
 - WEM (Steve Peterson): We will have a classified DHS threat assessment report briefing the afternoon before the next Council meeting. The target audience is the FBI and intelligence officials. A security clearance is required to attend.



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12. Certificate Presentation to the Adjutant General.

- OJA (David Steingraber): On behalf of the Homeland Security Council, here is a plaque in appreciation of your leadership and service.
- WSP (David Collins): You are always there to assist us. We would like to present you with this plaque and a State Patrol Superintendent's coin.
- FBI (Richard Ruminski): On behalf of the US Department of Justice and the FBI, we would like to commemorate your efforts in combating international terrorism.
- DHFS (Tom Anderson): We would like to thank you for participating in the public health preparedness events.
- Chair Wilkening: I would like to thank Governor Doyle once again; it has been very special to work in this state. This job is all about relationships and building systems to support those relationships.

13. Other business.

None.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at DMA with a press conference with the Governor to follow.

15. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Johnnie Smith and seconded by Amy Smith to go out of open session at this time. **Motion carried.**

12:09 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.