

## Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee

### February 20th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

#### Members Present

Robert Haas  
Bob Painter  
Jason Davis

William Disbrow  
Josh Erskine

#### Guests

Ben Nau  
Matt Sturgeon  
Brian Guccion

Chief Haas called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

Chief Davis motioned to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting, as seconded by Chief Painter, and approved.

#### Old Business

No update was available for striping the SCO trailer.

Ben Nau confirmed that the proposal for the 2020 Capital Bond Grant was submitted and is under consideration.

Since the last meeting, Chief Haas met with Tom Bartfai to discuss the hazmat team's budget since Tom is a new team leader. Additionally, Tom apprised Chief Haas that 11 people are enrolled in the current hazmat tech class with the intention of joining the hazmat team.

Ben Nau updated that Medina County will not be the direct beneficiary of any 2020 State Homeland Security Grant projects. This year's projects only funded type 1 and 2 teams, and no communication equipment projects were approved for our region.

#### New Business

The group discussed the current draft of the All Hazards Contract. It's written to include local and countywide political subdivisions. They concurred that they would be open to considering out of county entities or private entities to be included. The present draft proposes that countywide agencies pay an annual cost allocation based on the average population of all the townships. Brian Guccion discussed asking townships to share with the expense of deputies assigned to their township. Brian said the current proposed cost to the Sheriff's Office wouldn't cover the cost of swiftwater gear for deputies, although the group agreed the proposed cost allocation was fair given the Sheriff's Office doesn't have to participate. Chief Haas said the cost of gear will be recuperated over a few years. Brian Guccion raised the point that we also need money for growth. Ben Nau said that if more money is needed, we could raise the amount per capita. Chief Erskine said that departments with team leaders should have reduced roles or participation requirements to account for additional responsibilities and financial obligations, which creates overtime costs. Ben Nau said that he has also considered how to account for team members who participate in multiple teams. The group discussed that team leaders can schedule training at their location on their workdays to avoid overtime. Brian Guccion expressed concern over the 30% late charge or \$500.00, whichever is greater. He believed this would be too severe for smaller townships. Painter, Davis, and Erskine discussed that the jurisdictions should have plenty of time to

budget for the expense. The group agreed that 30% is a fair late fee rate. The group concurred that the jurisdictions who choose not to enter into the agreement will be responsible to pay actual costs of response plus retroactive fees from the beginning of the contract. The group agreed that jurisdictions should be able to cancel their agreement, but their bill will be prorated up to the point of cancelation. For team member requirements, Sturgeon proposed that we create a points model in which points are assigned for various participation, and the jurisdictions will have a minimum to meet. We will create a model to revise for the next meeting. Due to the amount of time spent discussing the draft at the meeting, and not knowing if the details the group was refining would be executable, the group agreed to revise the draft based on the discussion and forward the draft to the prosecutor's office. The group will allow the prosecutor's office to revise the draft, and then we will resume consideration.

Ben Nau presented a request from Larry Walters for Advanced Rope Rescue Techniques Training from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center for \$3000.00. Ben described that this training will be for more advanced team members. This training was included in this year's budget. Chief Davis motioned to approve the expenditure, as seconded by Chief Disbrow, and approved.

Ben Nau presented a request from Larry Walters for NFPA 1006 Operations Level Confined Space Rescue Training from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center for \$3000.00. This was included in this year's budget. Ben said EMA submitted a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant project application for this. If the HMEP grant project is approved, that award will cover the cost of the training. If it is not, the cost will be from the All-Hazards Fund. The committee's approval is needed should the expenditure be from the All-Hazards Fund. Chief Painter asked how much competitors charge, the group concurred that two additional quotes would be required. Chief Davis motioned to approve the expenditure pending two additional quotes, as seconded by Chief Disbrow, and approved.

Additionally, Ben Nau showed training proposals for NFPA 1006 Technician Level Confined Space Rescue Training from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center and Ohio Hazmat Officer/ Hazmat Safety Officer from Bad Day Training & Consulting. EMA submitted Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant project applications for this training as well. This is for the AHAC's information only, no action was needed.

Ben Nau announced all of the Harris radios have been updated with the most recent Medina County and MARCS templates.

Chief Painter announced that the Career Center burn building is repaired and is currently usable.

Chief Erskine announced that he is anticipating on having three houses to train within the near future. He intends to invite other departments.

Next Meeting: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

