

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security  
Training Committee  
June 8, 2005  
DPS-Middletown

Attendees:

Jeff Morrissette  
Paul Benyeda  
Thomas Flaherty  
Susan Rainville  
Michael Spera  
Scott Selig  
John Field, Jr.  
Sue Vaughn  
Bob McGarry  
Paul Winfield Smith  
Denny Galloway  
Terry Devito  
Steve Walsh  
Bob Christ  
Kristin Sullivan  
Robert Kenny  
Jeffrey Schaff  
Michael Varney

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jeff Morrissette at 1:40 p.m.

The draft June 2, 2005 Meeting Minutes were distributed for review. A MOTION was made by Paul Benyeda to approve the Meeting Minutes and was SECONDED by Michael Spera. MOTION carried.

Paul Benyeda distributed a document detailing 04' Funding Proposals detailing Project #8 Citizens Corp, Project #15 Statewide Exercise Initiatives and Project #16 Statewide Training Initiatives. He provided an overview stating that he was asked to develop these proposals for review by the committee last Friday. General feedback relayed concerns from Committee members on the timing of the proposal and the difficulty in meeting the performance period unless a 6 or 12 month extension could be approved. Michael Spera indicated the need to have sufficient time to review any proposals so as not to be perceived as just a rubber stamp. Sue Vaughn inquired whether the salary estimates including a fringe benefit factor. Paul indicated that it appeared they did not. Kristin Sullivan inquired whether the proposal provided opportunities for EMS training. An inquiry was made whether the proposal provided funding for overtime and backfill reimbursement. Paul Benyeda indicated that if the community signed an MOD with the state to manage their funds then Backfill/Overtime funding would come from the state portion. Those that are managing their funds locally or through a RPO would have to cover from their funding Backfill/Overtime and overtime expenses.

Paul Benyeda indicated that the Proposal identifies using current instructors from the POST and the Fire Academy for delivery of training specifically WMD, PPE, NIMS, etc. He would like the Academies and others to identify personnel who may be able to participate in the FEMA Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) as they are needed to facilitate exercise planning activities.

Following a lengthy discussion the Committee agreed to approve the 04' Funding Proposal amended to identify specific funding for those projects deemed priority projects as follows:

Project #8- \$5,000 Citizens Corps Statewide Strategy

All other Citizens Corps recommendations for funding should be directed to the Citizens Corps Council.

Project #15- \$30,000 EOC Telecommunications Training Equipment

Project #16- \$68,150 Program Coordinator (Citizens Corp. & ODP Programs)\*Adjusted to include fringe

\$65,520 NIMS Compliance Coordinator \*Adjusted to include fringe

\$35,000 USAR Staff Training/Conferences

\$25,000 Public Service National Preparedness Campaign

\$30,000 Mass Decon Trailer/Prime Mover Training Program

There was general discussion on the need to present a Committee Report to the DEMHS Coordinating Council at tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Morrissette solicited specific issues that should be included in the report. He indicated that he would keep the report very general. Items suggested included development of a multi-year training strategy/plan; build training capacity; reenforce concern that DEMHS have adequate staffing to support any training initiatives if it will no longer be relying on UCONN. Mr. Morrissette indicated that he would do his best to reflect the discussion of the committee but for committee members that plan on attending the DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting to speak up if he missed any specific points.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. with the specific location to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.