

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
Training and NIMS Implementation Committee
November 28, 2006 Meeting Minutes (Amended 2/1/07)
Hartford, CT

Attendees:

Lt. Marcie Culotta
Dan Scace
Steve Walsh
Jeff Morrisette
Susan Rainville
Adam Piskura
Tom McGowan
Wayne Maheu
Mary Duley
Richard Kleindienst, Sr.
Terry Devito
Kristin Sullivan

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jeff Morrisette at 1340 hours. The meeting minutes from the September 26, 2006 committee meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Kleindienst to approve the minutes and was seconded by Wayne Maheu. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Regarding "Old Business", Jeff Morrisette reported that he had a verbal report from the Chief Jack Casner, the Chair of the Higher Education Scholarship Sub-Committee. This subcommittee was charged with developing guidelines for the award of scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education in the area of Homeland Security/Emergency Management. It appeared that funding would not be available through current grants but that an effort will be made by DEMHS to secure funding for this initiative in the future.

Under "New Business", Jeff Morrisette distributed copies of the draft committee report for inclusion in the Annual Report for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security's Coordinating Council. He thanked those committee members who took time to submit information for inclusion in the draft. A number of recommendations for improvement were made by the membership. The recommendations would be worked into a revised draft report and submitted to DEMHS.

Moving to "Items to be raised by Committee Members" Dan Scace brought to the attention concerns with current policies for training reimbursement and backfill. He asked if DEMHS staff could brief the Committee on reimbursement and backfill criteria. Possibly a conference call could be secured with the Deputy Commissioner and Committee members to receive an update. Jeff Morrisette indicated he would pass the information onto Deputy Commission Sandford for follow-up.

A new representative from the Coast Guard, Lt. Marcie Culotta introduced herself and provided an update on Coast Guard NIMS Compliance efforts.

Dan Scace discussed the recent NIMS Alert "'07 NIMS Compliance Metrics Fact Sheet". Copies were made and distributed to the membership in attendance.

Jeff Morrisette extended an invitation to the Committee members to attend the 2006 SERC Conference scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. One of the invited speakers is the Deputy Director of the NIMS Integration Center.

Jeff Morrisette reported that Committee Member David Gofstein Bloomfield Public Works Superintendent, who was unable to attend today's meeting, wrote informing him that the New England

Chapter of the American Public Works Association has designated him as their official representative to the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at Brainard Field in Hartford. A reminder notice will be sent prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Morrissette
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Co-Chair DEMHS Coordinating Council NIMS Implementation and Training Committee