



Hazardous Materials Specialist Group

Meeting Minutes April 30th and May 1st 2012

Orange County Fire Authority

Irvine, CA

Members in attendance, Shanna Kuempel, Brad Darbro, Steve Langston, Steve Carrick, Jeff Adney, Josh Stinnet, Shane Sherwood John Poganski, George Rojas, Jack Fry, John Crook, Brad Haldeman.

Absent: Steven Byers, Bob Whitman, Clay Flad, Scott Quirarte, and Randy Alva.

New Members: none.

Approval of minutes

Meeting called to order at 1300 hours. Update on status of new and pending issues.

Task Force Updates-lessons plans on hold for now direction from Task Force

Draft questions to task in regards to SEL and team type inspections and began to talk about possible changes and updates needed to the SEL

Discussion about CSTI possible closure

Discussion about lesson plans direction from Task force is to keep on back burner for now

Discussion about a representative from the Haz Mat working group being available for team typing inspections: this would provide a peer to assist with questions and help the process go smooth from the Agency's perspective.

Discussion over Safe Refuge Area Manager...

Roundtable: George Rojas had emailed regarding cost breakdowns between a Haz Mat team Type I and Type II. Cost Differences including equipment and maintaining the team. Group to further research the idea.

Steve Carrick: still working on type I upgrade may by the end of summer

John Crooks: Federal government trying to cut back some of the funds to maintain equipment that was issued in response to 911... detergent suicides on Base HQ wants to draft a letter about level A suits 5 year shelf life is still ok if pass testing...

Jeff: nothing new to report on

Jon: UC Davis and Placer County Haz Mat in Auburn close to typing, joint training in Feb with FBI

Josh: Kern County: CAD changes but no changes to Haz Mat response changes seem to be deficient

Steve Langston: Nothing new to report

Shane: OCFA running Haz Mat training A-D weeks at OCFA for the first time...Ran C/D week back in Feb, Santa Ana has been absorbed by OCFA and their Haz Mat team has been dissolved.

Shanna: looking into recovery costs for neighboring department's use of haz mat services, county looking into the cost difference between Type I and Type II

Next Meeting is Scheduled for June 12-13th 2012 Location Fresno