



Hazardous Materials Specialist Group

Meeting Minutes January 12th and 13th 2015

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Dell Valle training Center

Santa Clarita, CA

Members in attendance, Brad Haldeman, Tony Duran, Jack Fry, Steve Carrick, Steve Baker, Ken Murray, Steve Byers, Jon Poganski, Jan Dunbar, Jay Joiner, Jeff Adney, Shanna Kuempel.

Guests present: none

Associate Members: Vance Bennet , Mike Garcia, Dan Casner.

Absent: John Crook, Jim Blue

New Members: Jay Joiner (TF approval Pending),

Approval of minutes

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

Task Force Updates.

Mike Garcia, Membership turnover on the Task Force level. Trying to follow the Charter to replace members.

Review and approval of minutes from December Meeting.

Update of Roster. Confidential and Non-confidential

Roundtable:

Ventura County: Water treatment plant incident update. Mission Incident. Waste product that became unstable when it evaporated and became an inhalation hazard and shock sensitivity hazard.

OES letter regarding Type II Haz Mat apparatus purchases to Mutual Aid Coordinators. The Departments interested will also have the option to piggyback onto the bid is an option.

New Haz Mats apparatus will also be deployable in the same manner as other OES resources.

Santa Barbara County Search for a new Fire Chief.

CSTI Update change of staff

UC Davis: Leak used ultrasonic detection to determine leak location

LA County: Called to assist Ventura as mutual aid during the water treatment plant incident. Discussion of investigation in to previous incidents involving chemical compounds that become shock sensitive when it is dehydrated.

One Day of live agent Ammonia Class to be held at Dell Valle on Wednesday 1/14/15 to develop SOG's and monitoring strategies related to Ammonia.

Orange County Update on staffing changes in Orange County. Incident Large spill in an Oil Field issues surrounding notifications being made.

Discussion of the loss of an individual that had developed a industry level ammonia program for the supermarkets. Impacts to the group that delivers the Ammonia program training to be determined.

Review of Charter and Plan of Work with minor changes.

Detailed revisions of Position Descriptions as it relates to the 2012 FOG Guide Chapter 17.

Addition of Position Description Manual for Refuge Area Manager.

Discussion to present proposal to the Task Force to re-number some of the Position Descriptions to be in alignment with the order as they appear in the FOG Guide.

Work to be continued at Sacramento Meeting on Mass Decontamination and Chapter 18 WMD

Meeting adjourned at 1330 on January 13th 2015.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled in Sacramento for March 2nd and 3rd Location TBD

Minutes Approved: Jack Fry, Second: Tony Duran

