

WEMA/OJA Interface Committee
June 23rd, 2005
Stevens Point, WI

Meeting Notes

Direction for Future Years

- The *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG) and the *Seven National Priorities* set forth by DHS will have an impact on how future funding is distributed. The focus of the preparedness goal will be on “incidents of national significance” which are defined in the NPG as “*major events that require a coordinated and effective response by an appropriate combination of Federal, State, local, tribal, private sector, and nongovernmental entities.*”

Note: Information on the NPG can be found on the website: www.wema.us

- OJA stated that with this new direction, we may no longer see the grants being distributed on a formula basis. They will take a look at this for future funding. We could see funding go primarily to regional teams, or we could focus on specific threat/vulnerable areas. This remains to be seen.

Use of Funds for M&A

- 2.5% of the county’s allocation can be used for administration of the grant. These funds cannot be used for planning or for hiring staff.
- This is in lieu of the 3% that was available last year for planning (only 1 county pursued this)

Regional Teams

- Questions were asked about the original advisory teams that OJA assembled to address the regional teams.
- OJA will be handing the operational side of the teams over to WEM
- WEM put together a “Statewide Emergency Services Advisory Council” which met for the first time on June 22nd
- WEMA **WAS NOT** included in this meeting
- WEM will be responsible for looking at how the teams are going to function (governance structure, dispatching, MOU’s, etc.) this will no longer be the responsibility of OJA

Volk Field

- Training will initially be for the regional teams. It will be open to everyone when this is complete
- The facility will include an EOC and Dispatch Center for training
- There will be 3 levels of training
 - Awareness – conducted online
 - Operations – they will conduct train-the-trainer for tech school instructors and they will be able to deliver the training at the local technical colleges
 - Technical – only available at Volk Field
- How the dollars for Volk Field were distributed were outlined in Bulletin 04-24

PPE for Law Enforcement

- The level of PPE is being worked out through the State LE associations and the State Department of Commerce to determine the requirements that will be placed on agencies accepting the funds
- A kit will be developed that will be available through the Statewide purchasing plan. (it will be a drop down menu on the grant; similar to the Hospital Decon Kits)
- The funds WILL COME OUT OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION
- Each law enforcement agency will be able to opt for the kit or sign-off (a document will be sent by OJA) stating that they either meet the necessary level of protection and they do not want the equipment OR that they don't meet the minimum level, but they still do not want the kit.
- They will have to meet a number of requirements if they accept the kit (i.e. fit testing, have a trainer trained, and others)

Volunteer Department Compensation

- OJA is currently working on the reimbursement rates with the department of commerce
- They will reimburse volunteer departments for training with the 2005 dollars.
- As of now, they are looking at reimbursing the volunteers at the same rate that like ranks IN THE AREA are reimbursed (i.e. if a Captain on Manitowoc Fire is paid a rate of \$25/hour, Valders Volunteer Fire could be reimbursed \$25/hour if they had a Captain attend training)
- Volunteer Depts/Div training – 05 being paid = to full-time departments trying to find equivalent pay. (rates being figured by Dept of Commerce)

WEM and OJA Coordination

- We were ensured that the agencies are working closely to meet the needs of the counties

Critical Infrastructure Pilot Program

- Wisconsin is doing a pilot program that will be used to determine what is most critical. The program will be able to decide what has a higher priority when deciding between bridges, power plants, etc.

WEM Grant Funding

- WEM has Hazmat, EMPG, other money (same amount) General Funds for training

Miscellaneous

- OJA is using the same guidelines as WEM for training size.
- OJA does funding, sets direction standards, and does Strategic Planning, WEM does operational planning.