



**MINUTES OF THE
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)**

Counter-terrorism Subcommittee

DATE AND TIME: September 5, 2002 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: National Emergency Training Center
Room S-113
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

**MEMBER AGENCY
REPRESENTATION:** **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
Mr. Tom Marlow
Emergency Management Institute

Mr. John Brasco
United States Fire Administration

Mr. Jeff Dyar
Subcommittee Chairperson
United States Fire Administration (USFA)

Department of Agriculture
No Representation

Federal Communications Commission
No Representation

Department of Defense (DOD)
No Representation

General Services Administration (GSA)
No Representation

**Department of Health and Human Services
(DHHS)**
No Representation

Department of Interior

No Representation

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Ms. Susan McHenry
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
(NHTSA)

Department of Veteran Affairs

Mr. Bruce Young

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

No Representation

Department of Labor

No Representation

**OTHER FEDERAL
ATTENDEES:**

Department of Commerce (DOC)

Ms. Lula Latham
National Technical Information Service

Ms. Jennifer Hendrickson
National Technical Information Service

Ms. Jeanette Young Reese
National Technical Information Service

Department of Justice (DOJ)

No Representation

**OTHER ATTENDEES
PRIVATE SECTOR:**

American Ambulance Association (AAA)

Ms. Brenda Staffan

American Integrated Training Systems (AITS)

Mr. Billy Rutherford

**American Society for Testing and Materials
(ASTM)**

Mr. Pete Chambers

Dartmouth University

Mr. Joel Henderson

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue
Captain Christine Woodard

Medical Transportation Insurance (MTI)
Mr. Bill Leonard

Counter-terrorism Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Jeff Dyar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone and went around the table for introductions.

I. WELCOME:

Mr. Jeff Dyar welcomed everyone and introduced a couple of individuals that were not in the FICEMS meeting earlier in the day.

II. INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Chairperson requested that we go around the table for introductions.

III. ROUNDTABLE OF ATTENDEES' INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTER-TERRORISM PROJECTS:

Each person introduced him or herself and briefly mentioned the reason for their participation in the subcommittee.

American Integrated Training System: Mr. Billy Rutherford

Mr. Rutherford distributed a pamphlet titled 'Emergency Planning and Response Training Materials'. Mr. Rutherford also brought in a CD Library Kit that is a good resource for accessing training programs relating to emergency readiness. The CD's are self-paced and available to most people. Additional information and resources are listed on www.emergencyprep.com.

NTIS: Ms. Jennifer Hendrickson, Ms. Lula Latham, Ms. Jeanette Young Reese

Ms. Hendrickson reported that NTIS provided and distributed training programs and also provided other services relating the training. Ms. Latham mentioned that they were here gathering data.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue: Captain Christine Woodard

Capt. Woodward reported that her interest is from the emergency responder viewpoint.

DOT: Ms. Susan McHenry

Ms. Henry reported that NHTSA is working on a course titled Medical Response to Terrorism. They are currently in the third pilot phase. It is approximately 160 PowerPoint slides. They will be conducting a major effort to rollout the program within the next twelve months.

VA: Mr. Bruce Young

Mr. Young reported that the VA has 171 hospitals and they are concerned with training hospitals how to respond to WMD incidents.

USFA: Mr. Tom Marlow

Mr. Marlow is a counterpart of Mr. Dyar. They are working with local planning teams and train the trainer type programs. The training will bring all responders together.

USFA: Mr. John Brasco

Mr. Brasco is a Fire Program Specialist and is here to focus on Terrorism.

USFA: Mr. Jeff Dyar

Mr. Dyar is interested in effecting the joint efforts of training programs. The goal is to get people talking so we can use the programs effectively. The training has become too competitive.

Mr. Dyar mentioned the 8 courses and/or products. Brochures and CD's were available for those interested.

ASTM: Mr. Pete Chambers

Mr. Chambers is here and interested as a first responder, Fairfax County Volunteer

Dartmouth University: Mr. Joel Hendrickson

Mr. Hendrickson reported that they are working on a grant from the NI Justice to develop a program on mass destruction.

Medical Transportation Insurance: Mr. Bill Leonard

Mr. Leonard is interested in the effectiveness.

AAA: Ms. Brenda Staffan

Ms. Staffan is sitting in for Mr. Kurt Krumperman. She is interested in the best practices.

NATEK EMS Specialist: Sandy McMinn

Ms. McMinn is interested in assisting the FICEMS committee.

IV. ESTABLISH OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Mr. Dyar reported that there is so much information out there that isn't being shared.

Action: Each member should submit a brief outline of what you are working on (EMS efforts) so we can gather this data. Submit this information to Sandy McMinn at smcminn@natekinc.com.

Mr. Chambers, ASTM, reported that one area of focus should be pre-hospital transportation for this subcommittee.

Per Congress Mandate, USFA updated the list of Federal courses that identify and evaluate Federal Compendium. It was revised based on pilots from nine different cities. For more information, please see www.usfa.org.

The Whitehouse Federal Protection Agency, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Office of Domestic Preparedness are completing other comparable efforts.

Mr. Dyar reported that according to Tom Ridge, Office of Homeland Defense, FEMA should be the lead agency in regards to Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Dyar discussed the history of terror and how it became competitive. Basically there is only one definitive body of knowledge, USAIDC. Whatever information the consumer gets still comes from this body of knowledge. Depending on where the information comes from, it may be written different but the content is still the same.

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Mr. Hendrickson, Dartmouth University, proposed the question about where radiological and nuclear preparedness fit in the overall picture. The response was that the method of delivery is different, but also better prepared in this arena vs. chemical and biological.

He also mentioned a DOL initiative; they are working on an online compendium relating to Counter-terrorism.

Mr. Leonard, MTI, is interested in the liabilities and legal implications of private sector EMS support outside of ones jurisdiction, as well as the inclusion of volunteer and professional in a WMD incident.

Ms. McHenry, NHTSA, responded that in a disaster response the rules go away to an extent, though maybe not from a liability standpoint.

Mr. Chambers, ASTM, suggested creating an electronic bulletin board so activities can be continual not just at the quarterly meetings.

Upon further discussion regarding the SCOPE/FOCUS of this subcommittee, the five identified areas of focus will be:

1. Pre-Hospital Community (EMS)
2. B NICE (Bio-nuclear Incendiary Chemical Ecological/Explosive)
3. Preparation, Response and Recovery
4. Training and Equipment
5. Share Information Activity

Actions:

Provide a product or activities synopsis to [Cathy Broughton@fema.gov](mailto:Cathy_Broughton@fema.gov) by the end of September. **NOTE: This contradicts Mr. Dyars' earlier statement to submit this information to Sandy McMinn, which would you like in the minutes?**

V. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

Once we get the above information in, we will combine the efforts so we can analysis and provide you will a cumulative synopsis of the variety of efforts

VI. NEXT MEETING:

December 5, 2002, 1:30 p.m., Emmitsburg, Maryland

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, Chairperson Dyar made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.