Field and First Responders Working Group (FFRWG)

Highlights
FFRWG Teleconference
June 9, 2011, 3:00 p.m., EDT

Participants

Brenda Andersen, LANL
Brian Brown, NSTec
Portia Drost, ORISE
Chuck Fauerbach, Chair, NTS
Scott Hackler, Vice-Chair, B&W, Y-12
Jeff Leifel, ORISE
Debbie Maez, LANL Security
George Mosho, ANL
Nickie Panis, WSI-NV
Craig Patterson, ANL FD
Roger Paul, Y-12 EM
Dennis Urban, ORISE
Scott Wical, B&W Y-12

Purpose/General Information

The meeting opened with an announcement of the meeting being recorded only for note taking accuracy. There were no objections to the recording by the participants. Participants were assured that the recording will be destroyed when highlights are approved. Using this approach, DOE is allowing the recording of these teleconferences.

A roll call of the participants was taken, and Chuck Fauerbach chaired the meeting.

May 2011 Workshop

Chuck reviewed the evaluation comments from the May 2 FFRWG meeting at the EMI SIG, which had previously been compiled and sent out to the membership.

Scott Hackler reviewed the notes from the May 12 Leadership Debrief conference call between Fauerbach, Hackler, Gurney Wiggins, and Dennis Urban about the May 2 meeting. These notes were also distributed prior to this teleconference. There was discussion on the ICS training matrix that Scott distributed prior to the Leadership Debrief call.

Discussion Items

Meeting Frequency:
Regarding the upcoming meeting dates, Chuck suggested that since we are going to make assignments and produce products this year, a call should be scheduled every 4–6 weeks. Other Working Groups seem to be meeting with such frequency.

ICS Discussion:
The primary project for this year will be ICS and could involve suggesting standardized training for specific groups or developing training for specific groups. Comments solicited from Bob Burger, Training Subcommittee, and their efforts to tackle ICS issues were discussed. The focus of the Training Committee was at the emergency management and EOC level rather than the responder level. Burger also commented regarding EOTA being the training entity for DOE. The FFRWG recognizes the need to coordinate with the Training Subcommittee.

Chuck suggested an initial approach could be the ICS level of training recommended for each position. A later decision would be to suggest how to implement the training. Brenda Anderson (LANL) is a member of the Training Subcommittee and will be the FFRWG liaison to that group. Scott emailed Bob Burger's comments to Brenda.

Chuck suggested the group consider a more detailed, site-specific ICS survey targeted to the response groups Scott identified. Data received would be compiled to develop a current picture of the ICS training received by various groups within each site. The initial survey prior to the EMI SIG provided a snapshot of the variables that currently exist, but more specific information would be helpful. A new survey should be written and distributed as soon as possible. Maybe by the next meeting, we can have more specific survey information to allow the FFRWG to narrow its focus and determine a path forward.

Active Shooter Discussion:
A recent ORO/JIC TTX subject was an active shooter scenario, which involved employee training and an active shooter checklist. Comments from other sites represented at the EMI SIG and on the call indicated that some sites are addressing the issue but that there is not uniform guidance for active shooter planning across the DOE complex. The FFRWG sees this as a significant issue for our responder group to handle.

Eugene McPeek (SNL) surveyed the sites for his active shooter presentation at the EMI SIG. Since Eugene was not on the call, we do not know how many sites provided information. It would be beneficial to obtain information from those sites that did not initially respond. This would assist the FFRWG in its planning around this important issue. Eugene may be tasked to gather the additional information.

Working Group to Subcommittee Progression:
The chair had inquired about the difference between and progression from a working group to subcommittee status within the EMI SIG. The question was posed to Dorothy Cohen who explained that this is undefined and that she has been working with Jim Fairobent on the issue. Dorothy also offered that if, at future SIGs, the FFRWG needs more than one day to conduct its

business that would be available to us. Chuck suggested to the meeting participants that next year we might consider one day for a meeting and an additional day for training.

Action Items

Chuck will rebuild the existing ICS survey making it more detailed. The new survey will be sent out by the end of next week (June 17). Dennis will also post the survey to the SharePoint site in blank format. The survey results will be discussed at the next conference call.

Wrap-up

The next FFRWG conference call will be Thursday, July 14, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Noon PDT.

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The teleconference was concluded at 3:45 p.m. EDT.