



Highlights
TS Teleconference
October 17, 2012, 3:00 p.m. EST

Participants

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Results of Survey for Revision to the Charter

The votes are in from the TS membership regarding revisions to the charter. The majority of responses chose to keep the current election cycle where the Chair and Co-Chair are elected every two years with no term limits and reelection of the incumbents if they wish to run up to two additional terms. Therefore, the only change needed to the election process (and therefore the charter) is that there will be an impromptu vote for a Co-Chair if the Co-Chair has to assume the Chair position before fulfillment of the term. The revised charter is on the EMI SIG Website.

Status of Current Task Groups

Objective 6: Offsite Training (Bob for Diana de la Rosa, SNL)

Two products for Offsite Training are in development and have been sent to EOTA for review. Site-specific information could be inserted into the templates by the sites. Once these products are done, they need to be beta tested by the sites so we can find out if the product will be beneficial to the sites. The aim for completion of these two products is December 2012.

Objective 9: New Staff Resources (L. Mitchell, Hanford)

A meeting was held with ORISE and Steve Lockett, DOE HQ, to review revisions. The group decided to add a new introduction, stating it is a resource library to be used for information. It does not have to be used all at once because there are more than 100 slides. Each subject area will be put into separate files so it can be used for briefings, one-on-one, training, etc. The group will meet again to finish reviewing the slides.

Objective 10: Subcommittee Liaisons

Bob Burger reported on Ex-Drill and EPI training issues.

- The EPI Subcommittee is working on something that may result in an objective for the TS.
- Ex-Drill will be asking for TS involvement in development of a Basic Responder and Player Briefing.
- Other groups have not said anything at this time about training issues that they want us to get involved with. The FFRSC may have an objective in the future.

New Objectives

A survey will be sent out to the TS and Ex-Drill membership inquiring about how sites conduct drills. After results come in, a potential objective may be to clarify/define expectations of a drill because the sites may all be doing different processes for drills. This may result in a way to improve the process and lead to an objective. The objective will be between the TS and Ex-Drill to better define and clarify the definition of a drill compared to the current guide, which may lead to possible recommendations to DOE to better clarify the drill/training process. This will depend on the responses to the survey. (Y-12 will be involved in a drill in November 14, so survey response deadline should be after that.)

Bob asked Amparo to compile the points of contact of training programs and offsite liaisons at each site for use on surveys. We are looking for the people who are involved in doing the drills and training—the person who could answer questions about training formats, etc.

Brenda Andersen reported that FFRSC is working on different issues that may lead to an objective for TS, and they will start meeting within the next month.

Open Discussion

Site Reports

Don Nelson, LLNL

They received a Freedom of Information Act request through the Inspector General's Office regarding Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) training. The training that they are talking about is ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800, which is available free on the FEMA website.

They will have a 5.2 earthquake tomorrow morning. It will be the Great California Shakeout that involves the whole state of California, about seven million people.

David Cornely, LANL

They are currently looking at processes to improve training—going from procedure-based training to performance-based and taking advantage of EOTA and FEMA courses. They are also reviewing their



drill training program and note the same difficulty in interpretation. They are focusing on their incident command position, emergency director of public information, and facility elements.

Teresa Lawlor, Y-12

They have an annual exercise planned for November 14. They also had a security event a couple of months ago. As a result, people have been removed from the ERO and replaced with different people, so they trying to get everyone trained.

Thom Kerr, ORNL

On the training drills and exercises, they always have to be careful about definitions because they are also used for proficiency determination. Proficiency determination needs to have some sort of an evaluation that can be pointed to. They treat drills differently but develop them much like exercises, to a lesser degree.

They were able to apply what they learned during Bob's presentation on handling venomous snakes during the EMI SIG. The Lab Superintendent's office got a call from lady on third floor, who found a snake in the elevator. Fortunately, it was a corn snake, which looks a lot like a Copperhead. Someone was waiting on the first floor and was able to contain the snake using the procedure from the presentation.

Laurie Mitchell, MSA Hanford

They are revising courses based on the new DOE procedure regarding roles and responsibilities of a response organization related to NIMS and ICP. They are making some modifications based on the relationship of the FERO and emergency response personnel, fire department, and patrol. Their Occurrence Notification Center is on 24-hour call, and they are talking about changing its name to Hanford Emergency Operations Center Shift Office, which will affect training.

Melissa Otero, EOTA

EOTA has new contractors in place. By the next call, there may be some things that could impact the TS that can be discussed.

Marta Bleich, ANL

Argonne is currently still building their program. They are putting together a five-year training drill and exercise plan, as well as conducting assessments of all existing training courses and reviewing and revising content as necessary.

Action Items

- Amparo will make a listserv announcement detailing the results of Chair/Co-Chair Election Survey.
- Amparo is revising Objective 9 introduction based on discussions of the group meeting. She will send it out to the group and schedule another review meeting before the final is submitted.



- Bob will get something out to the listserv when more details are available concerning the TS involvement in Ex-Drill's development of a Basic Responder and Player Briefing. He will also ask for volunteers to be involved with this new objective.
- Amparo will send survey to TS and Ex-Drill listservs to inquire about how sites do their drills.
- Amparo will give Bob the list of the points of contact for each site's training programs and think about where to house it. She will also look at the deadline for response to the request for points of contact and may send out another query

Future Conference Call Dates

- January 16, 2013
- April 17, 2013

Adjournment and Next Subcommittee Meeting

The teleconference adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled call will be held **January 16, 2013 (3:00 p.m. EASTERN)**.

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