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Unify and coordinate the efforts of SAR Responders in the State of Florida.

Task Force Leaders Working Group Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2014

Introductions – Todd Livingston

SFM Training Report - Operation Integration VI (OI VI)

-This is a part of the Florida CERF-P's EXEVAL

-We will participate in the first two days of this event (March 22 and 23)

-OI VI will be similar to SoFLEX. The first day will LTRT and Haz Mat Response and then the second day will be US&R TF and Haz Mat Response

-We are working on an IMT and hope to have Comms incorporated in this event

-While there may not be evolutions specifically set up for these assets, please bring StSs and K9s teams as appropriate and we will incorporate everyone into the exercise

Work Group Report

Communications - identified issues in comm plan during south fl exercise. Looking at updating comm plan and will be looking to other comm groups for information.

Medical Protocols - need TF to provide input to complete protocols

Structure Specialist - all day training for the StS with variety of speakers and presentations. Looking for other areas within the tf. TFL and program managers need to reach out to the StS during training events.

Water - Larry Doerffel leading this group. Will be developing typing for boats and water assets

Training - Clint Roberts leading this group. Discussed statewide training instead of team training in order to continue funding.

Search - Mike Marks will be asked to include technical search with this wg

DHS Funding Update: 11 and 12 are closing out spending is only 13%. Need to look at budgets and decide what you are giving back if you cannot spend it. 14 is in process. All TF's need to get their inventories together. Will be using TF 3 for Type 1, TF4 for Type 2 and TF 7 for Type 3 as models for inventory. Need to identify capital items for sustainment and cost to sustain. \$1000 limit needs clarification for sustainment. Radio caches not P 25 compliant. Will have to phase this in due to costs.

South Florida Exercise Report: successful exercise. Good venue and good work by all teams. 2 sites utilized. Need to get claims in asap

SUSAR - Todd on BoD. Contracted with NEMA to utilize EMAP as evaluator as 3rd party evaluator for are/ore process. Starting with 4 teams to be validated. K9 search and rescue typing documents submitted to SUSAR and is being reviewed by Mike Marks

Federal USAR Report - President signed budget, so same budget for teams. National exercise in spring, 3 sites to be used. 8 type 1 teams east coast division rep retired. Joe Downey, FDNY, will be east coast rep. Cataloging continues to move forward.

Federal typing and catalog ad hoc report - all typing info has been submitted and will go out for public discussion.

Animal Rescue presentation - John Haven, Univ Florida

The new NFPA 1670 (2014) just published, includes a chapter on animal technical rescue – both large and small, as well as an extensive annex. The animal chapter was added to allow AHJ to choose to adopt or not based on local decision, vs embedding animal technical rescue in all the specialties, which would have caused issues since not all teams are supportive or can fund training to perform ASAR activities.

There are 7 caches of equipment for large and small animal technical rescue. Their locations can be found: <http://www.flart.org/RegionalEquipment/>

There will be a future discussion regarding animal technical rescue in NFPA 1006, and requested feedback from the group on how to proceed – were the teams open to including animal technical specialists (animal control, rural service sheriff's deputies, etc) who are not all 5 skill USAR members, but can perform animal technical rescue with USAR team assistance, vs creating JPRs for USAR members to be able to perform animal technical rescue. Impression that the former and not the latter was the preferred, particularly for the costs involved it is cheaper.

SART had funding (supported by USAR) to provide four trainings a year (essentially allowing me to train/retrain regional teams every other year) in animal technical rescue. My course that I created is a 2 day, Ops Level course, and conforms with NFPA 1670, and is in the catalog – listed as FL-002-RESP, https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/catalog.do?a=state_federal (course was listed as DHS 11-26325 prior to new training course catalog). (I don't have a flier). (Course is usually scheduled with the equipment host agency). There does appear to be interest in training more agencies than currently funded for through SART.

There has been considerable interest in have TLAER Inc come and perform animal technical rescue training. (www.tlaer.org). Since they are adapting their curriculum to follow NFPA 1670, how do they become a provider in the state? Also, TLAER offers an Awareness Level class, which I do not. TLAER is in the process of providing an online Awareness level class as well – how do we get it approved so training dollars can be used? It appears I need to take this question to Linda McWhorter at FDEM to solve this one, but there was group interest for it. I checked with TLAER and she didn't have a flier for the Ops course. Her Awareness course syllabus is attached.

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine has a field deployable hospital, which could be deployed quickly to support USAR dogs in disaster, vs awaiting a Federal team from NC. The team is interesting in assisting in the task, and training with the USAR teams.

As the state comprehensive plan is revisited, if more could/should be done to address animal technical rescue, and now that our team has gained significant training, equipment, and experience, if we should be factored in? We have several team members trained in Rope, Confined Space, and Swiftwater. The state SART also now has a much more robust animal 'capture and collection' capability that could be assigned to go along with USAR teams to assist. Can SART be utilized within various missions within the state where animal rescue may be necessary? They are available but how to work them into the deployment.

ORE discussion - self assessment will begin this year

Report by Task Force:

TF1

TF2

TF3 - finishing Structural Collapse Class

TF4 - 3 attending large animal rescue class. 24 hour Mobex at Camp Blanding

TF5

TF6 - attended South FL exercise, other training completed

TF7-

TF8

Adjourn

Next Meeting will be held during **FFCA Annual Meeting & Executive Development Conference**, tentatively August 1, 2014 at **Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa**, 3030 Holiday Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.