

**ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

<b>DRAFT MINUTES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	September 29, 2016	10:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	ODPS – Division of EMS 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43218

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><u>Committee Members/Attendees:</u> Geoff Dutton and Mark Resanovich (EMFTS Board) – Co-Chairs, Karen Beavers, Brian Charles, Scott Demmitt, Jeff Klein, Jack Liberator, Rob Martin, Jeff Pellegrino, Brian Quinn, Jeffrey Scott, Allen Solomon, Patrick Vessels, Mike Vorhees.</p> <p><u>ODPS-Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staff:</u> Director Melvin House, John Molnar, Jack Smith, and Valerie Koker.</p> <p><u>ODPS Staff:</u> Michael Wise (Associate Legal Counsel).</p>
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**AGENDA TOPICS**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	Meeting held in Room 1102.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None		

	<p>Co-Chair Mr. Resanovich welcomed attendees. Executive Director Mel House introduced John Molnar and Jack Smith who recently joined the Division of EMS. Mr. Resanovich explained the requirement of the Ohio Administrative Code that requires those who are on the committee to complete an application for 2017. Mr. Resanovich thanked everyone for sending in the plans to review and thanked Auglaize County for a great presentation. A DVD of the plans were distributed to the members for review. From these plans the goal of the committee is to develop a systematic, singular community approach to active shooter events so that everyone is speaking the same language, approaching these events the same way and have the same goals working together to reduce death, dismemberment and injury. Our purpose is to develop a program that can guide local communities to create their own programs.</p>	
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<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None		

**Introductions**

<b>TOPIC</b>	
	Attendees introduced themselves and their background.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None		

**Plan Presentations**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Auglaize County representatives explained the process they followed to put together a plan for an active shooter incident. A lot of research was done when the Rescue Task Force began. At first they started with a large group for training; however, they found that it is much easier and more effective to train with a smaller group.</p>
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Miscommunication was a problem due to all agencies having different ways to communicate. Once they had a unified command it ran much smoother. The first class was in December 2014 and since that time a great deal has been learned. The last drill, a few weeks ago, had approximately 50 victims in the building and they wanted to time from when law enforcement arrived on the scene taking care of the shooter, command established, and RTF established with all the victims out. The final time was about 35 to 40 minutes. Every situation will obviously be different but the goal is to get to the victims who are injured. One goal is to have the hospital involved in a drill in the future. A question was posed as to what is the focus for this committee? The goal is to gather information about other agencies and their plans, ask a lot of questions and go from there. Education in an active shooter situation for EMS and fire providers is of utmost importance.

Many of the EMS and fire agencies would like to get protective equipment such as bullet proof vests; however, the cost is very expensive.

Law enforcement and EMS will work together in deciding what the “mass casualty” or “shooter bag” should include. It is also important for law enforcement to learn what to do in case of a gunshot wound and how to stop bleeding. If victims are not mobile, an effective way to move them is a hospital sheet which folds up nicely and neatly in a “mass casualty” bag. A suggestion was made to evenly distribute victims among area hospitals, not just the one that is the closest. It was also suggested to use a “tagging” system to transport the most critical to a trauma center even if the distance is further. A discussion ensued regarding how law enforcement and EMS can work together and the importance of how communication is delivered.

Hanco EMS distributed and presented their Emergency Response Plan. Originally the community, fire, EMS, and law enforcement met to create the plan. Hanco EMS took a unified command approach. Training has been done with law enforcement, EMS and fire. Emergency backpacks are on all front line ambulances and first responder vehicles. Dispatch centers and hospitals are very involved in this plan. Discussions continue as to how the plan can be perfected. The printed Emergency Response Plan was very impressive and cohesive.

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	Review the DVD of the different plans and come to the next meeting to discuss.	All members.	none
<b>Power Point</b>			
<b>TOPIC</b>	<p>Mr. Resanovich presented a PowerPoint presentation from Mr. Gerstner, MMRS/RMRS/EP Coordinator in Dayton, titled “EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents-RTF”.</p> <p>One of the major changes for EMS and fire providers will be in regards to “scene safety”. Active shooter incidents in the past have taken hours for victims to be rescued and this is what needs to change to save lives. Law enforcement, EMS and fire working together is a must in these type of scenarios. Communication is a key factor to ensure everyone’s safety.</p>		
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None			

**TOPIC**

Mr. Resanovich suggested that at the next meeting to begin brain-storming to develop an active shooter response plan. He requested that everyone review the position paper "Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents" for discussion at the next meeting.

The end goal is to develop a guideline and identify needs for law enforcement, EMS and fire providers. The focus at this time will be on the active shooter incidents not mass casualty. Ultimately we can focus on mass casualty to include bombs and IED situations.

Auglaize and Hancock counties have excellent plans and have given the committee a great start in our planning. Many thanks to the agencies who have shared their emergency response plans with this committee.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Review the position paper "Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents" for discussion and planning at the next meeting.	<b>Individual members</b>	<b>Prior to next meeting.</b>

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: November 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at ODPS in conference room 1102.