

Minutes of the May 10, 2007 Meeting of the North  
Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders  
Cleveland County Hazardous Materials Team  
Shelby, NC

The May Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President A.C. Rich. President Rich thanked the Cleveland County Hazardous Materials Team for hosting the meeting at the Cleveland County Community College Fire Training Center. Twenty-Five attendees were present.

The Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Meeting were then read by Secretary Glenn Clapp and reviewed. A motion was made by Garry McCormick to accept the minutes as read. Frank Burns seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously accepted as read.

Frank Burns then provided the Treasurer's Report. Invoices were mailed out the first of March. The NCAHMR account totaled \$6,639.74. A recent expense was for the Street Smart Hazmat Class in Greensboro, which was in the amount of \$1,750.00. A motion was made by Billy Thompson to accept the report as read. Danny Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

-- Conference Committee

President Rich gave an overview of proposed Conference activities. The NCAHMR has four seminar slots, each 1 ½ hrs. in duration with a break. On Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, August Vernon will be providing a presentation on IED's from 1:30 - 3:00 pm and the 42<sup>nd</sup> CST will be presenting a capability briefing and static display from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. On Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Chief Mark Haraway will be providing a presentation on the EQ

Fire from 8:30 – 10:00 am and Don Gross will be providing a presentation on the Chemistry of Hazardous Materials from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

President Rich then stated that the Committee was working on coordinating the Hazmat Challenge. Eight teams participated last year. The exact time and date have not yet been set. Garry McCormick noted that the Fire/Rescue International Exposition may be a conflict, as it is occurring from August 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta (relocated from New Orleans). A consensus was also reached to seek corporate sponsorships, prizes, etc. Members were asked to e-mail Association Officers with changes or questions.

-- Education and Outreach Committee

Abby Moore was unable to attend; therefore President Rich presented a summary of activities. There was a good turnout for the Street Smart Hazmat Class presented by Mike Callan, with forty persons in attendance. The Committee is looking at outreach activities such as opportunities to train and the like. The possibility of a once a year sponsorship outside of the Annual Conference was mentioned. Association Members were asked to provide suggestions for further classes. It was stated that Brad Harvey of Raleigh Hazmat has talked to Mike Callan regarding providing the Hazmat Safety Officer Class in August, with three days for attendees to choose from.

A discussion then ensued as to whether such classes were beneficial. Garry McCormick stated that the use of nationally recognized speakers was a good thing and that such classes offered an opportunity for networking. President Rich agreed. Danny Smith stated that such classes provide a direct benefit and a more focused presentation than Conference offerings. President Rich then stated that we eventually may consider holding our own conference. The feasibility of a partial Association sponsorship of the upcoming Raleigh class was then discussed. The cost should be about the same as that for the Greensboro class. Frank Burns then stated that time was of the essence in terms of voting on a motion, as the next Association Meeting is in August. Billy Thompson

echoed that statement. Garry McCormick asked about the price for such a class. A three day class would cost a total of \$9,000, with the Association paying up to \$2,000 of the costs. Frank Burns motioned that up to \$2,000 be earmarked for such a class. Garry McCormick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Frank Burns added that teams should advise on further possible partnerships and possible programs for next year. President Rich then stated that the RRT's could possibly support training with RRT funds.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A discussion of the current and possible future dues structure of the NCAHMR then ensued. President Rich asked if the dues should be increased, as they have been stable at \$10 for individuals and \$50 for teams for many years. Frank Burns stated that the By-Laws indicate that dues are set at the Annual Meeting in August. Billy Thompson stated that there is a need to increase the dues, because of increased training costs. Garry McCormick stated that an increase in dues is warranted with more involvement, and the matter should be discussed in August. The statement was made that \$50.00 for team memberships was on the low end of the scale when viewed nationwide. A greater differentiation between individual and team dues was discussed, such as \$20 for individuals and \$100 - \$200 for teams. A consensus was reached to discuss and hopefully vote on the matter in August.

A discussion was then begun regarding new developments at the State level. The NC SERC is emphasizing regionalization. NCEM looked at existing regions for use in regionalization planning. The RRT regions were chosen, as they were deemed the most suitable. The SERC passed the regional delineation and it will be in effect in 2008. The Charlotte UASI will be the only deviation.

A discussion on team typing was then initiated. NCEM has sent out an asset list request, which will assist with capability assessments. President Rich stated that the point of contact in the matter should be County EM Agencies. He then posed the question of who would be the lead in the matter. Garry McCormick stated that the concept involved mini-SERC's with a State Planner heading each. Frank Burns stated that this is in line with the thoughts of the IAFC Mutual Aid Committee. Comparisons are also being drawn between North Carolina's plan and that of the State of Florida. There will be a presentation on the matter at the Conference in August.

Sherry Rigouard stated that NCHSEES was collecting data on all spills of non-hydrocarbons of 1 gallon/10 pounds and greater.

Ken Rhame also introduced himself, as he will be the USEPA representative located in Raleigh.

### **Training**

The OSFM will not be offering any more Hazmat Technician Classes this year. Raleigh will be offering a Chemistry of Hazmat Class from July 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Members were advised to e-mail Joey with any training.

### **Team Reports**

- Raleigh: No large incidents.
- Charlotte: Hosting a CSX/DuPont Advanced Railcar Class for five days, with the same class being offered each day. Harry Hopes is the contact.

### **Further Activities**

The Cleveland County, Gastonia and Charlotte Hazmat Teams provided a static display.

The next Meeting of the NCAHMR will be held at Winston-Salem on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Conference. The Meeting will commence at 1:00 pm. The Meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes of the August 22, 2007 Meeting of the  
North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders  
Winston Salem, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by President A.C. Rich. Thirty eight members and visitors were present.

President Rich welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and thanked Winston Salem for hosting the meeting.

President Rich read the minutes from the May 10, 2007 meeting, in Secretary Glenn Clapp's absence. Chief Danny Smith made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Chief James Peele.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Frank Burns. As of August 20, 2007 the balance is \$7,013.98. Treasurer Burns asked that you look at the spreadsheet to determine if your dues are paid. T-shirts and golf shirts are for sale \$8.00 and \$20.00, respectively. Steve Williams made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Bill Jones.

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

1. Dues

Discussion was to increase dues to support training classes that could be co-sponsored by the association. Chief Garland Sechrist motioned to increase dues for 2008 to \$20 for individuals and \$100 for teams. Mark Dalton seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, the question was raised if this increase would be a problem in this budget year. No one voiced any problems. The motion was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Conference Updates

President Rich stated everything is set for the Association's involvement. Four presenters were secured.

2. Education and Outreach Committee

President Rich led the discussion in Abby Moore's absence. The Raleigh Street Smart HAZMAT class cost \$1500. There is need for feedback and input for future education ideas from the Association, since this is a dynamic group from RRTs to smaller teams. One example for the future is round table discussions: monitoring equipment, PPE, control containment/confinement equipment, etc. Email your other ideas to A. C.

Outreach ideas are needed. An example would be to provide things for sale, i.e. duffle bags, notebooks. Email other ideas to Abby.

The idea of creating a database to look at the layout of trucks and how equipment is mounted was discussed. Another idea was member access to a web page of SOPs and training programs. Website access brought about discussion on security of the site. NCIAAI requires a password to access that should be updated regularly.

Another idea was for the Association to consider sending a representative or two to the VA HAZMAT Association Conference in Hampton. Garry McCormick and James Peele voiced their support of this conference because of the valuable networking opportunities.

3. HAZMAT Challenge Information

The challenge is on Saturday at 2:00 P.M.. Seven teams have registered to compete. Winston Salem was very gracious in getting everything set up. Prizes include books, duffle bags, etc.

TRAINING REPORTS:

Vince Marks and Derrick Clouston (OSFM) stated that the 4 tech classes have trained 120 technicians. The program is constantly being tweaked. Standard 472 in 2008 has big changes in operations when adopted. NFPA website has a link: go to ROC (Report on Comments) for further information. All tech classes are scheduled for next year. They are still running two classes behind.

Upcoming classes: Kinston 11/26 – 12/7 and Wilson 12/12

Inquiry was made about the Captain Eudy award. This is still awarded based on highest grade point. The winner could be posted on the website.

HMEP grants have increased tech trainer class requirements and given no additional funds with the addition of teams in 2002 with new typing guides. Priority is given by date requested and if the team was in place before 2002. Let Derrick know if you want a class and he will schedule into 2009.

Amy Ikerd (RRT Coordinator) said legislature has given \$250,000 additional funds for the purchase of 2 new tractors. Homeland Security money had not been decided on as of last Friday. The initial request was \$5 million, but that was cut to \$2 million and would be cut more.

In 2006 H.S. money provided new SCBAs for teams, replaced travel IRs, and provided new HazCat kits. Teams are deciding how to spend money for upgrading truck equipment. Current contracts are up for rebid this year. If you are interested she will send you a bid packet.

Training plans:

11/12 – 11/14 Gold Spike Drill in Hamlet with CSX. Two 12 hour operational periods with shift change.

EM training division can pair you with other agencies for training to save costs. Contact your local EM coordinator or Steve Sloan/Diane Benton 733-3619.

Team Reports:

Williamston: initial pesticide response was actually due to food poisoning.

Raleigh: Responded to 15,000 gallon release of sulfuric acid.

Teams represented: Williamston RRT-1, Gastonia FD, Cleveland Co., SHP, City of Monroe, City of Newton, High Point, Winston Salem, Wilson, Charlotte, Greensboro, Concord, OSFM, NCEM.

The next meeting of the NCAHMR will be held at Parkwood in Durham on November 8, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.. Future meeting locations and times will be set at this meeting.

Chief Sechrist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Dalton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherry G. Rigouard, MPH

North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders  
Durham, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Vice-President Ben Major. Twenty-one members and visitors were present.

Vice-President Major welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and thanked Parkwood Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

Secretary Glenn Clapp read the minutes from the August 22, 2007 meeting. Steve Williams made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Danny Smith.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Secretary Clapp in Treasurer Frank Burns' absence. As of October 3, 2007 the balance was \$6,470.16. Secretary Clapp reminded everyone to look at the spreadsheet to determine if your dues are paid. Copies of the spreadsheet were provided after the meeting for those who wanted one. Dues for 2008 are \$20.00 for individuals and \$100.00 for teams.

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

2. 2008 Meeting Locations

February 14, 2008 – Mooresville

May 8, 2008 – Monroe

August 2008 at the conference in Winston Salem – date to be determined

November 13, 2008 – Gastonia

There was a brief discussion that the meetings are mostly centrally located, but no opposition was expressed.

3. Support of the 2008 N.C. Society of Fire/Rescue Instructor's Instructor Conference – HAZMAT Track

Secretary Clapp stated the Association has been asked if we are interested in sponsoring the HAZMAT track at the 2008 conference. The cost to sponsor the track is \$1000. Classes in the track include: (1)Getting the Most "Bang for Your Buck": Creating a Realistic and Challenging Hazardous Materials Exercise, (2)The Planning "P" and the IAP, (3)Graniteville, SC Chlorine Leak, and (4)Back to the Basics ~ A Tutorial for Instructors. This is a three day event, May 7-10, 2008 in Asheville. It was voiced that this may be a way to get the Association's name out there and become more prevalent throughout North Carolina. The question was raised, if we sponsor would there be a "break" on the registration cost for some of the members? It was also noted the sponsorship would take a sixth of the budget and a quorum was not present. A motion was made by Arlin Sechrist to send out a link to the conference with additional information about the conference electronically for further discussion and then do an electronic ballot to vote on the sponsorship of the HAZMAT Track. The motion was seconded by Danny Smith.

4. Change number of meetings per year

An idea of changing the number of meetings per year from four to two and tie the meeting to training or mini-seminars was presented. An August meeting and then a mid-winter overnight meeting with training was suggested.

Discussion included the following statements: (1) Teams not associated with RRT use the meetings for networking and keeping up to date on trainings, etc. (2) If we have fewer meetings maybe the website could be updated frequently with questions and trainings. (3) Fewer meetings would be a set back for the Association that could lead to disbanding. If you miss one meeting and there are only two, you might decide it isn't worth it to attend another. As it stands you can miss one quarterly meeting and still have 3 other opportunities to attend a meeting. (4) Adding training to the meeting is a good idea and could be a draw for higher attendance throughout the year. (5) If the number of meetings is reduced, maybe regional meetings could be held in the interim.

Conclusion: more discussion of this idea is needed in the future.

#### Committee Reports:

##### 4. Education and Outreach Committee

Secretary Clapp led the discussion in Abby Moore's absence.

Feedback on the Street Smart HAZMAT class was requested. Ben Major has gotten a lot of positive comments from attendees. Arlin Sechrist stated it is good common practical everyday information and highly recommends the class.

Training from other teams and outside sources could be listed on the website. Billy Thompson stated Tony Bateman will be instructing a 4-day class on Basic Chemistry after the first of the year through Gaston College. Brian Amerson said it is short notice, but Smith's Detection is doing a Travel IR class in Raleigh November 13 – November 14. Steve Madison stated 3M will be offering a 1 day refresher on gas detection – setting a hot zone focused on hands-on issues for free starting sometime after the first of the year.

Work has started for next year's conference. The Hazmat Challenge at this year's conference was a success.

#### Training Reports:

Greensboro Team, Fayetteville Team, Hamlet Fire Department, and other agencies will participate in a railroad (CSX) based exercise 11/12 – 11/14 in Hamlet. Each day will be the same scenario, but each shift gets a chance to participate and attack the issue. This will be a chance to learn what works and what doesn't. All are invited to attend.

Greensboro will have a Technician and Chemistry class at the end of January into the beginning of February. Check the OSFM website for details.

Check OSFM website for details on Kinston 11/26 - 11/27 and Wilson 12/12 trainings.

Wake County LEPC will have BEST conference 2/20/08. A link will be posted to the website when available. Contact Jordan Rink or Glenn Clapp for details.

### Team Reports:

Raleigh and Greensboro RRT responded to an Anhydrous Ammonia leak in Siler City. One and a half days to off load the Anhydrous, because the valves were mangled in a collision. The vehicle was transported on a flatbed with product.

Fayetteville participated with Fort Bragg in the Orbit Comet drill. Fort Bragg is closing access to the base. The biggest concern is getting on base, maneuvering traffic and access gates.

Monroe had a radioactive call. A scrap metal yard sent a truck to Charleston where it set off the monitors. The truck was sent back to the scrap metal yard in Monroe. They determined the readings were coming from iridium on the compass dial off of a WWII aircraft.

Mooresville got a WMD call as a hand grenade at a dump that was really teargas.

Raleigh Hazmat responded to a fire alarm at a lab. Upon entry found a cloud. Turned out to be steam from an autoclave.

Mooresville responded to a fire call in Statesville. Charlotte RRT responded also. A company mixed chemicals causing an exothermic reaction that set off the sprinkler system. The tank ruptured so chemicals were sent downstream.

### Guests and Vendors:

Thank you to Newton's Fire and Safety for providing Chick-Fil-A for lunch. Due to an illness in the family the representative was unable to attend the meeting. Presentation was made by Steve Madison of 3M.

The next meeting of the NCAHMR will be held in Mooresville on February 14, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

Danny Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Arlin Sechrist. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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