



**FEMA**

**MINUTES OF THE  
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)**

**COUNTER-TERRORISM SUBCOMMITTEE**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	March 4, 2004 1:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Building J, Room 102 16825 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
<b>MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATION:</b>	<b>Department of Homeland Security</b> Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mr. John Brasko Substitute CT Subcommittee Chair United States Fire Administration (USFA)  Office for Domestic Preparedness Mr. Terrance Flynn
	<b>Department of Agriculture</b> No Representation
	<b>Federal Communications Commission</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Defense (DOD)</b> No Representation
	<b>General Services Administration (GSA)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Interior</b>

	No Representation
	<b>Department of Transportation (DOT)</b> Ms. Susan McHenry
	<b>Department of Veteran Affairs</b> No Representation
	<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Labor</b> No Representation
<b>OTHER FEDERAL ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>Department of Commerce (DOC)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Justice (DOJ)</b> No Representation
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES PRIVATE SECTOR:</b>	<b>International Safety Equipment Association</b> Mr. Dan Glucksman
	<b>Trauma-EMS Technical Assistance Center</b> Mr. Terry Mullins
<b>DIAL-IN PARTICIPANTS:</b>	<b>American Ambulance Association</b> Mr. Kurt Krumperman

**I. WELCOME**

Mr. John Brasko is sitting in for subcommittee chairperson Mr. Gordon Sachs.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendees introduced themselves.

**III. ROUNDTABLE OF ATTENDEES' INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTER-TERRORISM PROJECTS**

Mr. Terry Mullins mentioned that the trauma EMS unit has moved to the office of special programs within HRSA.

International Safety Equipment Association: Mr. Dan Glucksman

Mr. Glucksman posed a question about the level of concern about equipment standards and compatibilities in EMS. Mr. John Brasko responded saying that some of the medical things are already standardized in the field, and added that we could put this topic on a future agenda for further discussion. **(ACTION ITEM)** Mr. Terrance Flynn commented that he knows of only one NIOSH approved gas mask. Mr. Glucksman replied noting he was under the impression that there weren't other gas masks that have gone through the appropriate approvals. Mr. Glucksman concluded suggesting that if FICEMS ever meets in another location, it might be beneficial to invite someone from the NIOSH National Personal Protective Technologies Lab to do a presentation.

Mr. Kurt Krumperman inquired about the existence of a committee that discusses equipment inoperability for fire and EMS related to inoperability issues with masks. He was not sure if the committee was still meeting or if it was absorbed into some other group. Mr. Brasko was not certain either, but said he would look into this matter. **(ACTION ITEM)**

USFA: Mr. John Brasko

Mr. Brasko reported that the update version of the job aid has been released and is available at [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) in various formats for laptops, desktops, pocket PC, etc. The Homeland Security Practices Guide was handed out in the main FICEMS meeting. There are several upcoming courses to note: an updated awareness course was handed off to the state; the ERT self study course is going online next month; and a mass decontamination operation course for fire departments will be handed off in May. Mr. Gordon Sachs will be the contact for each of these. If you would like to sign up to receive program notices for all the new courses via email, you may do so on the USFA website.

DOT: Ms. Susan McHenry

Ms. McHenry reported that the Medical Response to Terrorism Program, which was the result of a coalition organized post 9-11, in an effort with the National Association of EMS Physicians will be joining forces with the American Medical Association and their Disaster Life Support Series. This would become the core disaster life support piece and would get out to the entire medical community. There are organizational changes through this effort, and Ms. McHenry will keep the group informed going forward.

American Ambulance Association: Mr. Kurt Krumperman

Mr. Krumperman reported that they participated in a survey effort of members and state EMS providers regarding the DHS/DOT grant process and accessibility to those grant programs. ODP was asked to produce this survey in the appropriations bill of 2004 to assess whether or not the EMS community has access to funding from the states and county. There is no report on the survey results yet, but it will be reported to the oversight committee in congress. Mr. Terrance Flynn, from ODP, noted that he is not aware of the survey mentioned, as that may be handled by the state and local staff and has not reached the training group yet. He added that the EMS community has gotten a lot of attention in the last several months regarding funding.

#### **IV. ESTABLISH OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. John Brasko decided to table this discussion due to the lack of participants present.

## **V. ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

Prior discussions regarding subcommittee objectives have resulted in no suggestions from subcommittee members. At the next meeting, a decision regarding the objectives or the continuation of this subcommittee will be made.

Prior discussion of changing the name of the Counter-Terrorism Subcommittee will be discussed at a later meeting. Including “all hazards” or “special hazards” in the new name was mentioned.

Members are continually encouraged to outreach to get other key agencies present at meetings. The potential of rotating meeting locations may help with this.

### Action Items from this meeting:

1. Mr. Brasko will look into the existence of a committee that discusses equipment inoperability for fire and EMS.

## **VI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

No comments.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

June 3, 2004, 1:00 p.m., NETC, Emmitsburg, Maryland

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.