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

**COUNTER-TERRORISM SUBCOMMITTEE**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	December 4, 2003 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)
	<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> Mr. John McDonald Engineering Division  Mr. Russ Miller GSA Automotive
	<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b> Mr. Scott Dugas Health Resources and Services Administration

	Mr. Jeremy Nelson Health Resources and Services Administration
	<b>Department of Interior</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Transportation (DOT)</b> No Representation
	<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>American Ambulance Association (AAA)</b> No Representation
	<b>American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)</b> Mr. Pete Chambers
	<b>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)</b> Captain Christine Woodard
	<b>Trauma-EMS Technical Assistance Center</b> Mr. Terry Mullins
	<b>VFIS</b> No representation
<b>DIAL-IN PARTICIPANTS:</b>	<b>International Safety Equipment Association</b> Mr. Dan Glucksman

## **I. WELCOME**

Mr. Brasko sitting in for Mr. Sachs called the meeting to order.

## **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendees introduced themselves.

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

**HRSA:** Mr. Dugas and Mr. Nelson

HRSA has a trauma EMS systems program. There is a small grant that goes to each state to develop statewide care-systems which involves/includes EMS. A bio-terrorism program is giving funding for hospital programs for rooms, equipment, etc. A HRSA fact sheet is available for those who did not receive one at the main FICEMS meeting.

**GSA:** Mr. Miller and Mr. McDonald

No report.

**Trauma-EMS Technical Assistance Center:** Terry Mullins

No report.

**Metro Washington Council of Governments (COG):** Capt. Woodard

Capt. Woodard mentioned that they took some federal/local emergency preparedness funds and funded 6 days of training (most times, the \$ goes to equipment, not training). The training is hands on and 120 command officers were able to take part in a terrorism training activity using the funding provided.

**ASTM:** Mr. Chambers

Mr. Chambers noted a correction needed on page 3 of the minutes for September. He noted that ASTM has gone international and are working together toward a consortium. Recently for EMS, there are pieces of medical equipment that have no science behind them, and no standards (i.e. backboards), but there are going to be standards applied in the future.

**International Safety Equipment Association:** Mr. Glucksman

Mr. Glucksman inquired about standards for filters and facemasks. ISEA is looking into doing an outreach to the EMS community with regard to personal protection equipment and of use, selection and identifying various types of equipment that's out there to determine certain standards. Mr. Glucksman noted the importance of education about what equipment is out there – what to use for certain situations or not to use for certain situations. However he does not have any materials yet to show to committees like this.

Mr. Glucksman had a question about HRSA structure; Mr. Dugas responded regarding the trauma EMS program and bio-terrorism. Mr. Dugas continued explaining that HRSA use to have four bureaus but recently they've created another "Special Programs" bureau which

includes healthcare/emergency preparedness, where their trauma EMS program is housed. The head of that bureau is Ms. Michelle Snyder; Mr. Rick Smith is head of Division of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness.

**USFA: Mr. Brasko**

Mr. Brasko commented that USFA is continuing to upgrade some programs – a pocket pc version coming out soon. They are trying to get standards on credentials for emergency workers/volunteers who show up at the scene. In addition, they are developing an incident management team at level 3 (state, city, etc.) to help develop the team not just the individual.

Mr. Brasko made a motion to approve minutes with Mr. Chambers' correction. Mr. Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> and the minutes were passed.

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

Mr. Brasko made a motion to pass this agenda item on to the March meeting since Mr. Sachs is not here and Mr. Brasko has no notes as to what some objectives would be from prior meetings.

Capt. Woodard noted that this agenda item has been passed on for five meetings and if there are not going to be any objectives and this subcommittee is not doing anything, then maybe the other committee (AS) could use the extra time slot that we currently hold.

Mr. Glucksman asked if it is possible to have the meeting at the 500 C Street location?

Mr. Brasko responded that discussion is happening regarding details of the meeting times/locations.

Mr. Chambers mentioned that there are a lot of agency/interagency groups meeting on CT. He wondered what make up of this group is going to provide additional information or awareness? He suggested that we need representatives from the FBI, Homeland Security, etc. Does this committee have any purpose? Should one of the FICEMS members attend a different CT meeting and report back to FICEMS?

Mr. Brasko read from the March 6, 2003 minutes regarding committee objectives, and there were several listed. He is going to sit down with Mr. Sachs to discuss these issues.

Mr. Chambers added that there needs to be some sort of authorization in this group with objectives and what resources we can have and/or what issues should be discussed.

Mr. Brasko will follow up with Gordon and get something back before or by the next meeting.

**Trauma-EMS Technical Assistance Center: Mr. Mullins**

Mr. Mullins discussed combining EMS programs developed after 9-11 with a set of courses already in existence to create a core disaster response training program, using an all hazards approach.

Mr. Chambers began a discussion regarding the name of this subcommittee, noting an issue with the definition of counter-terrorism. He mentioned that any terrorism response is going to be responded with a hazards response. This committee/members are not really *counter-terrorism* but more response to terrorism.

Mr. Brasko commented about a series of homeland security meetings to learn about the needs of local 1<sup>st</sup> responders. We found out that 98% of what a responder will do in a terrorism situation is exactly how they would treat any other hazard. Other than the size of the incidents, the 9-11 incidents were all aircraft incidents, just on a larger scale.

Mr. Brasko noted the point about the name change to something other than CT.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Members should think of other names for this subcommittee.

## **V. ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

No old Action Items were discussed.

New Action Items:

1. Mr. Brasko will follow up with Mr. Sachs to clarify CT Subcommittee objectives and why they keep getting pushed on to the next meeting.
2. Members should brainstorm other names for this subcommittee by the next meeting.
3. Mr. Chambers noted that someone (unknown) was supposed to contact key people from other agencies to get them involved (Homeland Security, FBI, Secret Service, etc.)

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

Mr. Brasko will meet with Mr. Sachs regarding the next meeting.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

March 4, 2004, 1:00 p.m., NETC, Emmitsburg, Maryland

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.