

## **South Carolina Hazardous Materials Working Group**

A program of the South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization Committee  
Under the authority of the South Carolina Fire Marshal's Office

The South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization Committee (SC FMC) conducted the initial meeting of the Hazardous Materials Working Group on May 26, 2010 at the US&R HQ in Columbia, SC.

### **JULY MEETING REMINDER**

Our **next meeting** will be **July 27, 2010** at the **US&R HQ classroom** beginning at **9:30am**. This is on the SC Fire Academy campus at 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203.

### **MAY 2010 MEETING SUMMARY**

Two dozen attendees represented a cross section of the state's hazardous materials response community, including city and county emergency service organizations, officials from various S.C. state agencies charged with hazmat emergency response, training, enforcement and event management and the U.S. Army National Guard 43<sup>rd</sup> WMD Civil Support Team.

Additional members from any hazmat emergency response unit in S.C. are welcome to join by sending a request to be included in the group and added to the mailing list to **Perry Bailey** at [baileyp@llr.sc.gov](mailto:baileyp@llr.sc.gov).

### **HMWG LEADERSHIP TEAM NAMED**

A three member leadership team was elected to guide the SC FMC in developing operational strategies for the group. The panel consists of -

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## **HMWG GOAL STATEMENT**

By a consensus of those present at the May 26, 2010 meeting, the South Carolina Hazardous Materials Working Group agreed the group is being formed to:

- Operate as a forum for the gathering & sharing of information to benefit the hazmat response community of South Carolina.
- Continually seek to identify resource deficits that may impair the timely arrival of a qualified hazmat emergency management team to any location in S.C. and provide recommendations from time to time to the SCFMC to improve readiness in underserved areas.
- Encourage the establishment of a state-wide resource sharing process for hazmat emergencies in coordination with the S.C. Firefighter Mobilization Committee.
- Provide assistance concerning hazmat matters to the Firefighter Mobilization Committee as requested.

## **PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT**

Based on the goals adopted at the initial meeting, the following **Mission Statement** will be presented for adoption at the July 27 meeting.

**“The mission of the South Carolina Hazardous Materials Working Group is to aid the hazmat emergency response community in South Carolina by providing an information collection and distribution resource. We will accomplish this through regular meetings of the membership, communicating beneficial information through electronic and written communications and serving as a hazmat information and planning resource to the SC Firefighter Mobilization Committee. Additionally, where the implementation of a hazmat response capability may be incomplete, the HMWG will seek to identify solutions that reduce the risk to the citizens and environment of South Carolina. ”**

**Other objectives suggested for the group's consideration include:**

- Develop and distribute a generic or common Site-specific Hazmat Site Safety Plan to provide a template or benchmark for emergency response agencies in the development of local plans.
  - Create and maintain a S.C. Hazmat Team Directory with NIMS resource typing to facilitate the timely deployment of appropriate assets to significant hazmat events.
  - Provide recommendations for improving the availability of resources for decon facilities for mass casualty/exposure events.
  - Gather & make available information concerning the process for a city or county entity to establish a reimbursement mechanism applicable to hazmat emergency events.
  - Create an on-line library for forms, pertinent regulations and other useful resources for use by all S.C. hazmat teams.
  - Prepare a map of S.C. that identifies (a) the regions not served by a hazmat emergency response resource and (b) denotes hazmat resources that are available for mutual aid response beyond normal jurisdictional boundaries.
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# MEETING AGENDA - JULY 27, 2010

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- 0930      **Call to Order by Chairman**
- Welcome of Members
  - Guest Recognition (if needed)
  - Request for approval of May 2010 meeting summary.
- 0945      **Old Business**
- Review HMWG Goal Statement  
(overhead attached)
  - Request for approval of the HMWG Mission Statement  
(overhead attached)
  - Discussion of the other items suggested for consideration
    - Should we pareto / prioritize the list?
    - Assign teams to each item?
    - Pick a limited # of items for action in 2010?
    - Brainstorm more ideas before choosing our top picks?
- 1015      **New Business**
- Recognize Jason Pope for comments
  - Chairman's comments re "Going Forward"
  - Invite reports from members of lessons learned, accidents, injuries, near misses from recent hazmat responses
  - Open the floor for discussion
  - Assign any new action items from the discussion