



ND Department of Emergency Services

"Ensuring a safe and secure homeland for all North Dakotans"

Regional Response VISION: *An Integrated CBRNE response throughout North Dakota*

Phase 1

Bomb Squad
SWAT
HAZCHEM

Phase 2

Search & Rescue
Urban-Search & Rescue
Structural Collapse
Underwater Search & Rescue

Phase 3

All Hazards

April 2010 Regional Response Coordinator Update:

Equipment Highlights:

BOMB: In April, the Red River Valley Bomb Squad will be training on their new ICOR Caliber MKIII robot. Their response vehicle has been ordered with a delivery date in May.

SWAT: The Dickinson SWAT team has ordered their Quick Response Vehicle.

HAZCHEM: The Quick Response Assessment Team Vehicles have been ordered and awaiting delivery.

MASS CASUALTY: The Ambus in Bismarck has been delivered and is in the process of emergency decaling and electronics installation.

Training Highlights:

- Regional Hazardous Materials Operations Level training was conducted in Devils Lake March 12-13-14, 2010. Williston is in the process of setting up training.
- There have been over 63 in-class basic radio training courses held in the last 6 months.

Communications Highlights:

- The Statewide Frequency Management Plan was completed and public input meetings were held. Final revisions, based upon public responder input were finalized in March and resubmitted to locals for comment. The frequency management plan contains operating instructions with associated dedicated channels for statewide communications.
- Gateway systems have been delivered. Gateways provide interoperability among disparate systems by interconnecting at least two different systems and operating on the data/or the communications format. This asset will enhance regional interoperability.

Planning Highlights:

- The Hazardous Materials Technical Resource Committee has developed draft proposals directed towards Hazardous Materials Administrative Rules and Response Protocols. Which are ready for review by the Policy Network
- There was an IMAT team training and tabletop exercise in March. A ND Type III IMAT Mobilization Guide has been developed and will be reviewed by the Policy Network at their next meeting.

- Phase 2 planning: Regional coordinators will develop a risk assessment, gap analysis, and Search and Rescue asset identification process. A Technical Resource Committee will be formed utilizing local expertise for Search and Rescue planning initiatives.

Description of Phase 2 Capabilities:

Search and Rescue

A search and rescue mission conducted in a rural area often given to farming or to woodland and is usually sparsely to moderately populated. May include areas of wilderness generally uncultivated, uninhabited and often inaccessible by road.

Urban Search and Rescue

A search and rescue mission conducted in moderately to heavily populated areas given primarily to business and residential development.

Structural Collapse

A search and rescue mission of persons from collapsed buildings or other urban and industrial entrapments. Structure collapse may include dangers associated with live electrical wires, broken natural gas lines and other hazards.

Underwater Search and Rescue

The use of aircraft, surface craft, specialized submarine equipment and rescue teams to search for and rescue personnel in distress on or below the surface of the water.

Descriptions derived from definitions from United States Search and Rescue Task Force Glossary and Acronyms. Retrieved from www.ussartf.org/glossary_acronyms.htm

In Closing:

As always, if you have questions regarding regional response, or would like to schedule a visit to your area for a regional response update, call your regional response coordinator. We would be happy to visit with you, your LEPC, Board of Commissioners, City Leaders, and/or Emergency Responders. We will continue our effort to strengthen capabilities and improve communications. Thank you for your assistance and commitment to public safety. Together we can achieve our vision of an integrated CBRNE response throughout North Dakota.

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