



To: Captain Rick Tustin, Chairman, MREPC and MREPC Membership  
From: Lt. Mark Rudolph, Training Sub-Committee Chairman  
Date: October 14, 2016  
Subject: Training Sub-committee Report, October 18, 2016

## 1. **October 18 2016 Full Membership Training Meeting**

- a. The October full Membership Bi-annual Training meeting will be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Wakefield. Registration will begin at 8:00 am with a light continental breakfast. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

## 2. Scheduled Agenda for Training Meeting

- a. Committee Reports

- b. **CFAT Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards, presented by Department of Homeland Security Chemical Security Inspectors Ryan Hirt and Fran Patno.**

Under the CFATS program, the Department of Homeland Security works with facilities that are assessed to be at high risk of terrorist attack or exploitation due to their holdings of certain chemicals. These high-risk facilities meet requirements to develop and implement security plans designed to address risk-based performance standards and reduce the threat of terrorism.

CFATS is the first DHS regulatory program focused specifically on security at high-risk chemical facilities. DHS determines a facility's initial risk profile by requiring facilities in possession of any Chemical of Interest (COI) in an amount at or above specific threshold quantities or concentrations to complete a risk assessment, known as a Top-Screen questionnaire.

If DHS determines that a facility is high-risk, the facility must submit for approval a Site Security Plan or an Alternative Security Program that includes security measures to meet applicable risk-based performance standards established by DHS. Following approval, facilities enter into a regular cycle of compliance inspections.

- c. **Tier II – Cameo - EPA NEI – National Enforcement Initiatives**

Presented by Len Wallace, EPA

NEI stands for National Enforcement Initiatives.

National Enforcement Initiative: Reducing the Risks of Accidental Releases at Industrial and Chemical Facilities (Fiscal Years 2017-19)

## 3. Functional Exercise Update

- a. **On-going planning for the MREPC Functional Exercise scheduled for May 2017**
- b. Captain Rick Tustin and Lt. Mark Rudolph presented the MREPC's request for funding of this exercise to the NERAC Training and Education Committee on

Thursday April 14, 2016. The T&E Committee requested that MREPC revise its proposal for funding to include what steps our member communities and agencies/organizations that participated in the TTX have taken to address issues highlighted in the After Action Report / Improvement Plan. The committee has now made this a requirement. This will involve the MREPC training committee to quickly develop and distribute a short online survey questionnaire to all members in the next few weeks to document improvement plans and steps already taken. It is imperative that all members participate in this survey as quickly as possible to ensure that we receive funding to facilitate the functional exercise.

- c. The Functional Exercise will be based on the Situation Manual developed for the successful tabletop exercise conducted in December 2014 as well as the After Action Report / Improvement Plan that was completed after the exercise and distributed to all exercise participants by email in early 2015.
- d. The MREPC will submit a revised request for funding to NERAC next month.

#### **4. Scheduled MEMA Training**

- a. 11/2-11/3/2016: ICS 400 at Boston North Technology Park.
- b. 11/29-12/1/2016: ICS 300 at Del Valle Institute.
- c. 12/6-12/7/2016: ICS 400 at Concord Police Department.

#### **5. MEMA Resources**

- a. Go to <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/> to locate “Map Resources,” “Live Weather Radar and Forecast Resources,” and “Power Outage Viewer” maps and tools.

#### **6. Del Valle Institute, Boston**

- a. Has several course offerings scheduled over the next several months. Go to: <https://delvalle.bphc.org> for more information on these and other available training programs.

#### **7. FEMA ICS Resource Center Training Materials Site:**

- a. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program identifies those courses critical to train personnel capable of implementing all functions of emergency management. This program establishes the NIMS core curriculum to ensure it adequately trains emergency and incident response personnel to all concepts and principles of each NIMS component.  
Go to: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/TrainingMaterials.htm>.

#### **8. Twitter Account;**

- a. The Mystic Region EPC has a Twitter account. The name is @MysticRegionEPC. Go to [www.twitter.com/MyticRegionEPC](http://www.twitter.com/MyticRegionEPC)
- b. If you have a Twitter account please follow @MysticRegionEPC.

**8. Mystic REPC website:**

- a. The revised website for the Mystic Region is available to users at [www.mysticrepc.org](http://www.mysticrepc.org). All Tier II Reports should be submitted electronically at the website.
- b. A **“Training”** page has been added to the website so that important training information, scheduled classes and resources can be posted on the website for our members. Please send me an email at [mrudolph992@gmail.com](mailto:mrudolph992@gmail.com) with your thoughts and ideas for this page. All previously issued training reports and other training materials will be added to the page for review.

**9. Development of a “facebook” account for the MREPC:**

- a. The MREPC Executive Board approved the development of a “facebook” account as an additional tool to assist our member communities and organizations. Robert Verdone, Deputy Director of Emergency Management and 9-1-1 for the City of Chelsea, is spearheading the development of the site. Please send your ideas, previously completed exercise information, official exercise and/or training photographs, and other materials you would like to add to the site to [rverdone@chelseama.gov](mailto:rverdone@chelseama.gov).

**10.** Questions and comments should be sent to Lt. Mark Rudolph, Medford Police Department, at [mrudolph992@gmail.com](mailto:mrudolph992@gmail.com).