

CBRN GROUP MEETING IN PRAGUE 1.10.2010

AGENDA

- Minutes from Rotterdam meeting
- Mass decontamination
- CBRN training
- Dose rates within member countries

Present:

Monica Rhodiner, Jiri Matejka, Kieran Nolan, Ove Brunnstrom, Dick Arnetzen, Anette Espersen, Lampros Georgaklis, Milan Dubravac

Minutes from last meeting were discussed on start of the meeting:

EU CBRN Action Plan is running step by step. Right now main work is on »C« topics. They are discussing on agreed topics like list of chemical which will be available probably till end of this year.

Right now there are 4 sub groups:

- »C« group
- »B« group
- »RN« group
- »scenario« group

We will follow results from EU CBRN action plan in the future. Ove and Anette will provide the group with results from sub groups at next meeting.

There were several projects proposed by EU Commission according to key actions and some additional actions.

Milan will check if CTIF HazMat Commission can cooperate in some projects as end user and will inform other members about that.

Mass Decontamination

Dick explained there is a new view in Netherlands concerning mass decontamination. There is discussion going on should be done only »Dry decontamination« which means undressing and no immediate showering. It is much quicker and it shortened time. It can be done with special tools for quick undressing (special knives).

Kieran think that in UK it could be a political problem. He thinks having all this equipment already and changing procedures on the other hand will not get positive results.

Other question is how to do it – procedures, additional clothes provided...

Monica described that decon facilities in Sweden were given to big hospitals which developed procedures of full decontamination. Now there are procedures to be developed for quick reducing of contamination on the scene.

Kieran thinks that developing and distributing of large capabilities for mass decontamination was too quick and that basics is undressing on the scene.

Conclusions:

We think that responders should make step back to original ideas of decontamination which basically means undressing (without showering) on the scene as soon as possible and establishing full decontamination units closer to hospitals also due to lessons learned that a lot of people will anyway appear in front of hospital to get help.

Also we recommend to consider other options of reducing of contamination like vacuum cleaning, using of sunflower oil.

New procedures and solutions are to be evaluated and discussed in the future.

CBRN training

In Netherlands joint CBRN training started between military and civil agencies. Project just started and will reduce costs and improve exchanging of knowledge between civil and military structures.

Kieran explained system in UK and involvement military in different situations.

In Denmark police and fire are educated together and they have some connections with military.

Conclusion:

We support joint training between military and civil responders because that can reduce costs. Also exchanging of knowledge and experience is a benefit. There is also not a lot of experts on this field and using them for both sides means better development and result with better preparedness and response.