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October 10, 2019

To: The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Re: LD 1038, "Resolve, To Convene a Stakeholder Group on Funding and Training for the State's Hazardous materials Emergency Response Teams and the Acquisition of Equipment."

Dear Representative Warren, Senator Deschambault, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, a meeting was held at the Maine Emergency Management Agency, as directed in LD 1038, to look at hazmat funding and potentially make recommendations to the Legislature's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

The meeting was led by Peter Rogers, Acting Director for the Maine Emergency Management Agency, with Susan Faloon, MEMA's Legislative Liaison, providing an overview of the resolve and MEMA's deliverable and Faith Staples, MEMA's Hazardous Materials Program Manager, providing an overview of funding for the State's Regional Response and Decontamination Strike Teams. Attendees were also given a copy of the State Emergency Response Commission's (SERC) Strategic Plan.

The meeting was well attended with representatives from fire departments that have disaster response and decontamination strike teams across the state and the Maine Fire Chief's Association.

Those attending the meeting had questions about the MEMA budget and indicated that budget cuts at their own departments left them with difficult choices and prompted requests for additional HAZMAT funding through MEMA. Specifically, some were asking for funding for payroll expenses for HAZMAT teams.

Based on the conversation, the following recommendations were identified by the group:

- Continue to convene this stakeholder group to continue the open dialog regarding HAZMAT funding, training and equipment.
- Request additional funding through the legislature to support the State's HAZMAT teams.
- Consider charging fees to natural gas companies.
- Review current revenue and funding sources, as recommended in the SERC Strategic Plan.
- Identify gaps created by lack of funding and associated risks to the citizens of Maine and prioritize those gaps.
- Review MEMA funding and identify where, if any, additional funding may be available to increase funding for HAZMAT teams.

Details regarding MEMA funding for Maine's HAZMAT teams was provided in our testimony on LD 1038, which we have included with this report. In addition, we are including a copy of the SERC Strategic Plan, a list of equipment provided to the teams, and the sign-in sheet with the names of all attendees from the stakeholder meeting.

Based on the recommendations by the group, we at MEMA suggest convening the group every quarter to determine how to specifically address and/or implement the recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns related to this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Rogers, Acting Director
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Testimony of Susan Faloon, Director of Special Projects, Legislative Liaison and Public Information Officer, Maine Emergency Management Agency, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LD 1038 “An Act To Improve Funding for Maine's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams.”

March 25, 2019

Representative Warren, Senator Deschambault, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, good afternoon.

I am Susan Faloon, Director of Special Projects, for the Maine Emergency Management Agency. I am here to provide testimony neither for nor against LD 1038, “An Act to Improve Funding for Maine's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams.”

Although this bill could increase hazmat response capability around the State and shorten response time, Maine has already invested heavily to develop several specialty teams and incident management resource capabilities statewide and has served as a highly skilled regional force multiplier for local first responders. This includes providing funding for both training and equipment to the states Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Emergency Response Teams. The state's investments have resulted in the development of 15 State Hazmat Teams to include:

Eight Regional Response Teams (RRT) that provide specialized response services to mitigate effects of not only oil and hazmat incidents but Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear destruction.

Seven Decontamination Strike Teams (DST) that were established and maintained to respond specifically to a chemical release to support the RRT in decontaminating those who have been exposed to released material.

The intent of these teams beyond initial assessment and resource recommendations will be to have trained personnel on site within 60 minutes of an event for 80 percent of the population. Further, MEMA will continue to support the availability of a full team on site within two hours of an event for 80 percent of the population. Investments, which include team stipends, consumables, equipment recapitalization, training and exercise funding total more than \$300,000 per year.

Teams are not compensated for their time spent in training courses (i.e backfill, overtime), while on call and when responding to hazardous materials emergencies through this funding unless they are participating in an exercise (workshop, table top etc.).

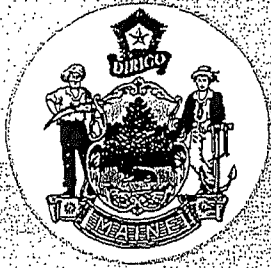
In addition to these Hazmat teams, the Maine DEP also assists in hazmat response to help supplement coverage across the State.

I also want to point out that there would be a large cost associated with implementation of this bill.

To put that cost into perspective, maintaining one hazmat team can cost as much as \$180,000 a year, which includes

- RRT Stipend per year - \$15,000.00 per team
- DST Stipend per year - \$5,000.00 per team
- Consumables (test kits) - \$20,000 per year
- Equipment Recapitalization - \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year
- Training- \$40,000 per year

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions.



STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Vision	A safe and prepared Maine
Mission	The State Emergency Response Commission facilitates and coordinates a statewide integrated approach to respond to hazardous substance emergencies for the safety and well-being of people and the environment.

Objectives	Strategy	Deadline	Status	Who
Provide adequate response coverage for the State of Maine	a. Continue to ensure that 80% of the population will have an advance team on-site within 1 hour of notification (See RRT Map)	October 2019		
	b. Continue to ensure that 80% of the population will have a full team on-site within 2 hours of notification (if so deemed by advance party)	October 2019		
	c. Coordinate, develop and implement plans (by 2020) to improve response times in remaining areas	December 2019		
Supervise and manage regulatory requirements of program stakeholders	a. Annually review and accept emergency plans submitted by LEPCs within 3 months of submissions	April 2020		
	b. Ensure 100% of known facilities with reporting or planning responsibilities are in compliance	April 2020		
	c. Identify and contact those suspected non-reporting facilities to educate them about reporting obligations	April 2020		

Objectives	Strategy	Deadline	Status	Who
<p>Ensure resources are available to support first responders and planning efforts</p>	a. Review current funding sources	December 2019		
	b. Review current revenue sources	December 2019		
	c. Better leverage HMEP funds	September 2020		
	d. Identify adequate level of training for RRTs and DSTs	April 2020		
	e. Update priority of funding for training and training standards	September 2020		
	f. Identify cost of providing core capabilities needed for training program	September 2020		
	g. Identify sources of hazardous materials currently unaccounted for	September 2020		
	h. Ensure equipment is adequate and maintained	September 2020		
<p>Improve integration of stakeholder and terms</p>	a. Develop inventory of directly and indirectly associated groups	October 2020		
	b. Conduct outreach efforts to educate about SERC	October 2020		
	c. Coordinate and provide shared resources with groups	October 2020		
	d. More consistent membership participation	October 2020		

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Standard Equipment List for RRT's

Item	Date	Quantity	Inventory	Description
Level B encapsulated suit		16		1 per package various sizes
Level B non-encapsulated suit		4		Case of six Tychem® SL Chemical Suit (44414)
Level C suit		4		Case of 6 DuPont Tyvek® QC Coveralls with Hood, Boots and Elastic Wrists
Viton Chemical Resistant Gloves		6		Per Pair
Nitrile Gloves		24		13" length 17 Mil Flock Lined
Silver Shield® Gloves		2		Box of 50
Latex Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Latex Free Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Hard hat		12		
Safety goggles		12		
SCBA or PAPR		8		1 each
Chemical resistant boots		16		various sizes
Shelter Tent		1		
Hot water heater		1		
Hot air heater		1		
HMD Sked® Rescue System with strap kit		3		
Generator		1		5 KW
Decon pools		2		8 x 4 x 1
Decon pools		2		4 x 4 x 1
Scrub pails		12		5 gallon plastic
Trash can		4		55 Gallon
Trash can		2		30 Gallon
Scrub brushes		36		
Backless stool or Werner Aluminum Portable Work Platform		6		
Table - Folding		2		30 x 72 Polyethylene
Tarp - Heavy Duty		2		16 x 20
Tarp - Heavy Duty		2		20 x 30
Tarp - Heavy Duty		4		10 x 12
Hose - Garden - 50'		6		3/4"
Spray Nozzles or Decon wand sprayers		6		Industrial Nozzle, Front Trigger, 6 In
Traffic Cones		16		36"
Modersty Kits		2		Case of 25
Towels - Cotton/Terrycloth		72		
Plastic Risers		6		
Decon Shower Waste Pump		1		
Water Manifold Adapter		1		
Various decon solutions				
Hand pump sprayers for decon solutions				as needed based on 2 per decon solution
Trash bags 50 gallon size		1		Large box
Trash bags 30 gallon size		1		Large box
4 Gas Meter with PID		2		
Radiological Meter		2		Ludlum 44-9, Pancake probe / Ludlum 2241-2, Dual Survey Meter
Dosimeters		4		DMC 2000
M8 Paper		6		Package 25
M9 Tape		2		roll
PH Paper/Stick		2		25/pack
M256 Kits		2		
Emergency Response Guidebook		4		
NIOSH Pocket Guide		2		
Emergency Care for Hazardous Materials Exposure		1		
NFPA Hazardous Materials Response Handbook		1		
Duct Tape		4		Package
Chem Tape		4		Roll
First Aid Kit		1		Kit
Barricade Tape		4		2 - Red - Do Not Enter / 2 - Yellow - Warning Restricted Area
Traffic Control Vest		8		Orange Safety Vest
Fire Extinguisher		2		10 or 20 lbs
Binoculars		1		7 x 50
Level A flashsuits		4		
Level A suits		12		
CWA Detector		1		
Sampling Kit - Real		1		
Sampling Kit - Training		1		
Bio Check Kits		6		
Agriscreen Kits		4		
Handheld radious - encrypted (Type 1 teams)		8		
Radioisotope Identifier (Type1 teams)		1		
Computer		1		
Weather station monitor		1		
Drager Kit		1		

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Standard Equipment List for DST's

Item	Date	Quantity	Inventory	Description
Level B encapsulated suit		12		1 per package various sizes
Level B non-encapsulated suit		4		Case of six Tychem® SL Chemical Suit (44414)
Level C suit		4		Case of 6 DuPont Tyvek® QC Coveralls with Hood, Boots and Elastic Wrists
Viton Chemical Resistant Gloves		6		Per Pair
Nitrile Gloves		24		13" length 17 Mil Flock Lined
Silver Shield® Gloves		2		Box of 50
Latex Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Latex Free Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Hard hat		12		
Safety goggles		12		
SCBA or PAPR		8		1 each
Chemical resistant boots		16		various sizes
Shelter Tent		1		
Hot water heater		1		
Hot air heater		1		
HMD Sked® Rescue System with strap kit		3		
Generator		1		5 KW
Decon pools		2		8 x 4 x 1
Decon pools		2		4 x 4 x 1
Scrub pails		12		5 gallon plastic
Trash can		4		55 Gallon
Trash can		2		30 Gallon
Scrub brushes		36		
Backless stool or Werner Aluminum Portable Work Platform		6		
Table - Folding		2		30 x 72 Polyethylene
Tarp - Heavy Duty		2		16 x 20
Tarp - Heavy Duty		2		20 x 30
Tarp - Heavy Duty		4		10 x 12
Hose -Garden - 50'		6		3/4"
Spray Nozzles or Decon wand sprayers		6		Industrial Nozzle, Front Trigger, 6 In
Traffic Cones		16		36"
Modesty Kits		2		Case of 25
Towels - Cotton/Terrycloth		72		
Plastic Risers		6		
Decon Shower Waste Pump		1		
Water Manifold Adapter		1		
Various decon solutions				
Hand pump sprayers for decon solutions				as needed based on 2 per decon solution
Trash bags 50 gallon size		1		Large box
Trash bags 30 gallon size		1		Large box
4 Gas Meter		2		
Radiological Meter		2		Ludlum 44-9, Pancake probe / Ludlum 2241-2, Dual Survey Meter
Dosimeters		4		
M8 Paper		6		Package 25
M9 Tape		2		roll
PH Paper/Stick		2		25/pack
M256 Kits		2		
Emergency Response Guidebook		4		
NIOSH Pocket Guide		2		
Emergency Care for Hazardous Materials Exposure		1		
NFPA Hazardous Materials Response Handbook		1		
Duct Tape		4		Package
Chem Tape		4		Roll
First Aid Kit		1		Kit
Barricade Tape		4		2 - Red - Do Not Enter / 2 - Yellow - Warning Restricted Area
Traffic Control Vest		8		Orange Safety Vest
Fire Extinguisher		2		
Binoculars		1		7 x 50

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Standard Equipment List for Skowhegan Strike Team

Item	Date	Quantity	Inventory	Description
Level B encapsulated suit		4		1 per package various sizes
Level C suit		4		Case of 6 DuPont Tyvek® QC Coveralls with Hood, Boots and Elastic Wrists
Viton Chemical Resistant Gloves		4		Per Pair
Nitrile Gloves		4		13" length 17 Mil Flock Lined
Silver Shield® Gloves		2		Box of 50
Latex Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Latex Free Disposable Gloves		4		Boxes of 50 1 each - Small, Medium, Large, Extra large
Chemical resistant boots		4		various sizes
4 Gas Meter		2		
Radiological Meter		2		Ludlum 44-9, Pancake probe / Ludlum 2241-2, Dual Survey Meter
Dosimeters		4		
M8 Paper		6		Package 25
M9 Tape		2		roll
PH Paper/Stick		2		25/pack
M256 Kits		2		
Emergency Response Guidebook		4		
NIOSH Pocket Guide		2		
Emergency Care for Hazardous Materials Exposure		1		
NFPA Hazardous Materials Response Handbook		1		
Duct Tape		4		Package
Chem Tape		4		Roll
First Aid Kit		1		Kit
Barricade Tape		4		2 - Red - Do Not Enter / 2 - Yellow - Warning Restricted Area

LD 1038 RESOLVE MEETING

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Time: 1:00 pm

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