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**Dave Perkins Operations Chief for Indiana SEMA** and Chairman of the CUSEC Ops Chiefs Association, met with Chairman Thompson at his INDOT office in Vincennes August 25, 2003. The meeting was a result of CUSEC Board Chairman Ralston asking the Operations Chiefs to pursue route issues from the SEMA Ops Chiefs perspective.

**The CUSEC Board of Directors** held their fall meeting this year in Indianapolis, Indiana September 25, 2003. Chairman Thompson was asked to participate for the purpose of meeting the new CUSEC board members and to provide them with an update on State Transportation Task Force activities and progress. The board moved to accept the State of Alabama as a full member of CUSEC, raising the number of member states from seven to eight.

**The CUSEC Board of Directors** held their December Summit in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the Clarion Hotel December 2- 3, 2003.

The summit included CUSEC Board of Directors, CUSEC Executive Staff, Chairs of the CUSEC Associations, and representatives from FEMA regions and Washington DC office.

The purpose of the summit was to bring together the CUSEC organization with upper management of FEMA to provide an opportunity for CUSEC and FEMA to reconnect while looking at activities, program interaction, and overall commitment to the earthquake program.

The topic with the most interest to the Task Force was CUSEC's Plan to conduct a "New Madrid Earthquake Exercise" (NMREX) in 2007. Plans will soon begin in earnest in preparation for the exercise, along with plans to conduct the necessary smaller regional exercises, necessary before the full event.

Newest Board member Bruce Baughman from Alabama indicated he would like George Conner to be the Alabama DOT representative and member of the State Transportation Task Force

The three (3) Earthquake Engineering Research Centers; Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center (PEER), Multi-Disciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER), Mid-America Earthquake Center (MAE) held their second Tri-Center Meeting on Geographically Distributed Systems in Las Vegas Nevada December 10-12, 2003.

The aim of this meeting was to strengthen communication and research coordination between investigators and key stakeholders of the three EERCs and representatives from transportation networks. Participation by CUSEC State Transportation Task Force members were sponsored by the MAE Center. Attending were: Jerry E. Thompson-Chairman from Indiana, David Johnson-Vice Chairman from Illinois, Dave Snider-Project Director, Robert Chapman from Mississippi, and Gerald Gregory from Tennessee. Funding limited participants and not all Task Force members were able to attend.

**Project Director Dave Snider** has been asked to serve as Interim Director of MoDOT, beginning the first of March, and lasting until sometime in the fall. He indicated February 23, 2004, his time will be taken up with these duties and suggested the Task Force consider securing another Project Director.

**Indiana State Emergency Management Agency** and the United States First Army conducted a simultaneous exercise on earthquake response and recovery March 22-23, 2004.

The First Army exercise lasted over a week with the SEMA portion lasting the two days noted. Chairman Thompson participated as a representative of the INDOT Vincennes District, operating out of the EOC in IGC South in Indianapolis, IN. The Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) is planning a Central U.S. Exercise in 2007 (NMREX 2007).

**CUSEC conducted a Catastrophic Planning Workshop** at the Radisson Downtown Hotel in Memphis Tennessee, June 29-30, 2004

The workshop included presentations from several organizations and agencies:

- Earthquake Hazard in the Central U.S.---Buddy Schweig & Joan Gomberg
- Organizational Planning Efforts (FEMA)---David Garratt, Eric Tolbert, Shauna Blanchard-Mbangah, Dan Bemet.
- HAZUS as a Response Tool—Todd Davison,
- USGS---Tom Holzer
- Center for Disease Control---Ron Burger
- Mississippi EMA---Leon Shaifer
- US Corp of Engineers---Jack Hurdle
- American Red Cross---Luis Garcia
- CUSEC
  - Norm Hester
  - Jerry Thompson
  - David Perkins
  - Tom McCallister
  - Pat Lane
  - Barbara Abrams
  - Bill Cooper
  - New Madrid Regional Earthquake Exercise---Jim Wilkinson

Mr. Luther J. Taylor, Sr. was introduced as the newly appointed SEMA Director for the state of Indiana, replacing Patrick Ralston.

**Officer elections for Fiscal Year 2005** will be postponed until the Eighth Regular Task Force Meeting, planned for September 30, 2004. The meeting will be held concurrent with the National Earthquake Conference September 26-30. Most, if not all, members are expected to attend.

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