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Saturday, May 6, 2017

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration (Please Sign In)	State Secretary
11:00 AM – 11:05 AM	CALL TO ORDER	State Coordinator
11:05 AM – 11:15 AM	Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Constitutional Moment	State Chaplain
11:15 AM – 11:25 AM	State Leadership Introductions	State Coordinator
11:25 AM – 11:45 AM	Situation Reports	Region Coordinators
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Oath Keepers Q/A	State Leadership Team
12:15 PM – 12:55 PM	(Prayer) LUNCH BREAK	State Chaplain
12:55 PM – 1:00 PM	CALL TO ORDER	State Coordinator
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Communications Networking, Q/A	State Comms Coordinator
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Medical Networking, Q/A	State Medical Coordinator
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Gun License Exhortation, Q/A	Region 2 Coordinator
2:30 PM – 2:55 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK	😊 Everyone 😊
2:55 PM – 3:00 PM	CALL TO ORDER	State Coordinator
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	MEMBERS MEETING	State Coordinator



INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

- (1) Our IDENTITY,**
- (2) Our STRUCTURE, and**
- (3) Our ACTIVITIES (SITREPs, Summaries)**

Our Identity

What Is Oath Keepers (written by our Secretary)

Our Structure

Structure of State Leadership and Chain of Command

Structure of Organization by Regions and Counties

Standard Operating Structure

Code of Conduct

Member Contact Info Privacy Policy

Our Activities

Region 1: Bryan Humes

Elkhart County (Region 1): Denis Egert

Region 2: Len Grummell

Region 8: Rebecca Farrar

Region 9: Derek Stiver

Hamilton County (Region 9): Michael Hirl

State Chaplain: John Taylor

State Communications: Walter Huyck, Jr.

State Medicals: Rebecca Farrar

State Summary of Activities: Cindy Taylor (Sec/Treas)

Indiana Oath Keepers

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Our Identity

What Is Oath Keepers

WHAT IS OATH KEEPERS?

By: Cindy Taylor
Secretary and Treasurer
Indiana Oath Keepers

This writing is adapted from a presentation given late last year to the Westfield chapter of The Well Armed Woman. The content hereof was approved by Oath Keepers (National) Founder and President Stewart Rhodes, so I thought it would be an appropriate way to describe us.

Definition:

There are ALL KINDS of definitions out there. Oath Keepers is defined in different ways by different peoples and groups, both friends and foes. Here are some definitions from the Internet:

Wikipedia defines us as “an American radical organization associated with the anti-government patriot movement.”

Southern Poverty Law Center defines us as a “far right, fiercely anti-government, militaristic group.” The SPLC also says that we are “bizarre and defy definition but scare the shit out of people.”

“MilitiaNews.com” defines us as “a select militia and unlawful radical militant group.”

Those “definitions” are, of course, designed to smear our name and ruin the reputation of Oath Keepers. If you’re doing something right and good for your family and your community, there is always someone out there who will seek to tarnish your good and call it evil. We simply must keep speaking the truth without losing our cool, and we must keep doing what we are doing to preserve our American freedoms, for which so many have given their lives.

WHAT OATH KEEPERS IS NOT

Contrary to the manner in which we are defined by Wikipedia and the SPLC and their minions, we are NOT “anti-government.” We are NOT advocating or

promoting the overthrow of any government---whether local, state, or national. We WANT our government, at ALL levels, to return to the Constitutional Republic that our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution defined and instituted.

We do NOT advocate or promote violence toward ANY organization, group, or person. We are determined to keep our oath to support and defend the Constitution.

We do NOT advocate or promote the removal of any person from his or her elected office. We want ALL elected persons to simply honor their oath to support and defend the Constitution AS IT IS WRITTEN or resign on their own. This includes the Judicial branch of our government.

We do NOT advocate or promote the re-writing of our Constitution, nor do we ask for an Amendment thereto. We simply insist the Constitution be enforced AS WRITTEN.

We do NOT advocate or promote acts of aggression against any organization or person for ANY reason including, but not limited to, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, gender, or sexual orientation.

We DO hope for a return to the Constitutional Republic intended by our founding fathers---free from fear and hatred. We hate ONLY TYRANNY.

We are oath-sworn Americans who want the Constitution returned to its legal and rightful place, AS WRITTEN, as the ultimate Law of the Land.

.....so what IS “Oath Keepers” REALLY?

Oath Keepers is a non-partisan association of current and formerly serving military, police, and first responders, and those who agree with them, who pledge to fulfill the oath all military and police take to “defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” That oath, mandated by [Article VI](#) of the Constitution itself, is *to the Constitution*, not to the politicians, and Oath Keepers declare that they will not obey unconstitutional orders, such as orders to disarm the American people, to conduct warrantless searches, or to detain Americans as “enemy combatants” in violation of their ancient right to jury trial.

Oath Keepers reaches out to both current serving and veteran military personnel, law enforcement officers, and first responders to remind them of their oaths, to teach them more about the Constitution they swore to defend, and to inspire them to defend it. I will summarize briefly some ways we are doing just that.

Oath Keepers members are (1) current and former military personnel, law enforcement officers, and first responders, and (2) “Associate Members”, who are patriotic citizens that have not served in uniform but who serve now by supporting our missions with their Associate Membership and volunteer activities. Oath Keepers welcomes our Associate Members and appreciates their support of our mission.

....so who thought us up, and how old are we?

We are 8 years of age, created by our Founder and President, Stewart Rhodes, on April 19, 2009.

Stewart was alarmed by the Patriot Act, which empowers the government to detain citizens indefinitely, without charges and without benefit of counsel if they suspect them of terrorism---which, of course, they define. He was further horrified when the National Guard, after hurricane Katrina, went house to house confiscating the weapons of citizens---not just of looters, but of those who were using them to protect themselves against the looters. He resolved, therefore, that never again, if he can help it---so our primary constituency is men in uniform, whether military or law enforcement, and our mission is to reach, teach, and inspire them to be faithful to their oath to support and defend the Constitution.

On April 19, 2009, therefore, 234 years to the day after the American Revolutionary War began on Lexington Green, the Oath Keepers group was there founded, raising their right hands and swearing to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

.....so what sets Oath Keepers apart from other like-minded patriot groups?

Because we swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, everything we do is done through the prism of the Constitution. This both limits and expands what we do.

GREAT.....so..... What IS our “Oath”?

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, pledging my life, my fortune, and my sacred honor. So help me, God.”

Okay, so what GOOD do we do?

1. “REACH, TEACH, AND INSPIRE” (“RTI”)

Our original (and still current) mission is to “reach, teach, and inspire (we call this “RTI” for short). We reach out primarily to active and veteran military, police officers, and firefighters, inspiring them to honor their oath of office. The bulwark against governmental intrusion and unconstitutional edicts is currently serving military and police officers that refuse to obey unlawful orders. Tyranny requires enforcement to be effective, and Oath Keepers uses RTI to reach actively serving persons with their message. “I was just following orders” does NOT vindicate a person of unlawful acts that violate the Constitution.

Every meeting of Oath Keepers, at least here in Indiana, begins with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by an Invocation (which is a prayer for God’s wisdom to guide our meeting), after which we receive a few minutes of education regarding the United States Constitution.

Constitutional education is a diminishing program, along with American history generally. We need to get the word out, so Oath Keepers is one of several groups that is working to educate our fellow Americans, or re-educate them, as the case may be, regarding our American Constitution.

One way we are reaching out to law enforcement is with cards of appreciation sent to the various local and county police and sheriff departments.

2. COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS TEAMS (“CPT”)

In connection with our primary mission to RTI is our mission to prepare our households and our communities to survive in the midst of natural or man-made disasters. We call this mission “Community Preparedness Teams” or “CPT” for short.

Modeled after the Special Forces A team, these teams are designed to be force multipliers by training communities to be self-sufficient in the event of a natural disaster or man-made emergency. A CPT does not replace or augment governmental agencies. Rather, it teaches communities how to survive apart from governmental help.

Neighborhood Watch Programs are, we believe, the foundation for effective community preparedness.

In accord with our mission to so prepare our communities, Oath Keepers meetings include various types of disaster-preparedness education.

In Oath Keepers Region 9 (central Indiana), for instance, we have been educated about grid-down communications using HAM radios, map reading and navigation 101, long-term food preps and storage methods, to name JUST a few, and we have gone up north to receive shoot training as well.

Hamilton County Oath Keepers have since constructed a shooting range for firearms education and training in central Indiana.

The main objectives of our CPT training are to prepare ourselves and our communities to be self-supportive, to make America strong again, as we focus on educating and training in the areas of:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
SECURITY/TEAM TACTICS
EMERGENCY ENGINEERING
GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

Here is a brief summary, from Oath Keepers National, explaining each of those areas of CPT:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Oath Keepers believes that every American should be trained to at least “Combat Lifesaver” level to provide immediate care for victims of severe trauma, whether it be a car accident, a gunshot wound, a chainsaw accident, etc. to save lives. Our second level is EMT, and third level is medic/paramedic.

Our local Oath Keepers are not yet up to speed with this, but we are working on it. We welcome like-minded patriots with medical skills and knowledge who are willing to educate and train the rest of us how to save lives, if need be.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

As the military saying goes, “if you ain’t got commo, you ain’t got jack.” Communications are critical. Every American needs to have at least a hand-held HAM radio and the knowledge to use it for local communications. We then work to get you up to General Class level to talk to your whole state or the nation.

Indiana Oath Keepers has experienced and talented communications experts who are willing to get you connected and teach you how to communicate in the event of an extended power outage.

SECURITY/TEAM TACTICS

Most American gun owners have little or no training in how to fight together, as a team. Whether it is a husband and wife, father and son, or neighbors, you need to know how to move, shoot, and communicate as a team. Bad guys, like MS-13 or ISIS, attack in teams. You need to know how to fight back as a team and how to form up a neighborhood watch to protect yourselves and each other. Security is everyone’s responsibility, and our infantry and police veterans will teach you how.

Here in Indiana we have periodic trainings for shooting. We welcome more educators in this arena in every area of the state. Our primary trainer is way up north; however, we are in the process of constructing a shooting range in Hamilton County, where we can train more locally.

EMERGENCY ENGINEERING

In any emergency, whether it be during an ice storm, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, or aftermath of riots and social breakdown, you need shelter, clean water, alternative power, transportation and delivery of supplies, and the ability to deal with fire dangers and hazardous materials.

GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

Americans are told by FEMA to be able to self-rescue and self-supply for at least 72 hours, but clearly emergencies can last much longer. You need to be able to take care of yourselves and each other for extended periods, including effective food storage. We will show you how.

Even if you are not a veteran, you are welcome to join us and get trained, and then help train others. We find that nearly everyone has some skill or life experience that is useful to the community, and we will help you pick a training track to focus on, and get trained up by more experienced team member mentors.

Even if you have physical limitations that would prevent you from being on a field team, you can still help with support, security as a “home guard,” and logistics.

If you already have an existing group, such as a neighborhood watch, church group, veterans group, political or social group, we would be happy to train your group in all of the pertinent skills. We also welcome your training us in your areas of expertise.

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

Indiana Oath Keepers is a few years old, and it can take more than a few years to get completely organized, but we have our structure now, so we are working hard to fill in the holes. Indiana Oath Keepers is partitioned into Regions. For instance, you are meeting here today in Indianapolis, which is in Marion County, which is in Region 9.

The purpose of the Regions is to get towns and counties connected and involved in CPT, primarily at the local level and ultimately at ALL levels---township, county, region, and state. Thus, ideally, every Region has a Coordinator (we’re not there yet but working on it), and within every Region each county has a coordinator.

We believe that strong neighborhood watches (with teeth) are the most critical first steps toward a strong America, working from the bottom up to provide local security while we also strengthen what is already there (search and rescue, volunteer fire, volunteer emergency medical, CERT teams, reserve deputy and police auxiliary, etc.). We encourage the formation of Sheriff Posses behind Constitutional Sheriffs.

One major and ultimate goal of Oath Keepers is a true revitalization of the “well regulated militia” of the several states, made up of the people themselves, well organized, trained, and equipped, and with official sanction by the people’s elected representatives at least at the town or county level and ultimately at the state level. We don’t believe it is proper to apply the title “militia” to anything that doesn’t have that official sanction and that is not made up of a substantial number of the people in a community.

In connection with those 5 CPT arenas outlined by Oath Keepers National, we have been educated and/or trained locally regarding the following CPT topics:

FIREARMS 101
LONG-TERM FOOD STORAGE HAM RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FAMILY
EMERGENCY PLANS MAPS 101
ALTERNATIVE/EMERGENCY ENERGY

Our Region 9 Coordinator is knowledgeable in MANY areas of CPT and thus has taught most of our classes, but he has brought in experts to teach us in the areas where he is not as knowledgeable as they are.

FIREARMS 101

For instance, Region 2’s Coordinator up north is a gun salesman, who was pleased to come teach us about firearms. He insisted there is no excuse for Indiana citizens to NOT have a license to carry, with Indiana’s freedom regarding firearms.

HAM RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A Ham Radio expert in Region 6 frequently attends our Region 9 meetings and is always ready and willing to program the Ham Radio of a new user. He also

taught Ham Radio communications at our statewide meeting held in February of this year in Indianapolis.

LONG-TERM FOOD STORAGE

Our Region 9 Coordinator shared his methods of long-term food prep and storage and the Excel spreadsheet he designed to keep track of all of that.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS

It's important for family members to know where to gather and how to communicate with one another in an emergency situation, so in one of our meetings we discussed ways and means to make that happen.

MAPS 101

Our Region 9 Coordinator is an expert in grid-down navigation and how to read maps in order to get from Point A to Point B! One of the main things I learned from this class is that due north is not necessarily magnetic north. This difference is VERY important when you're on foot going somewhere.

ALTERNATIVE/EMERGENCY ENERGY

This likewise was a very eye-opening topic. Our Region 9 Coordinator stressed from the beginning that there is a great deal of difference between "Emergency" energy and "Alternative" energy and then went on to instruct us concerning preparation for each of them. One fact he shared that really opened MY eyes is that the USA electrical grid is more vulnerable than anywhere else on the planet. I was also interested to learn that Indiana has about the least expensive electrical service anywhere in the USA. One other fact among the many he shared is that Heat is the most important need for both normal and emergency energy. Heat is necessary, both for survival, because it prevents our bodies from freezing, and for health, because it kills germs.

Finally, as Oath Keepers ...

We will NOT obey orders...

...to disarm the American people.

...to conduct warrantless searches of the American people.

...to detain American citizens as "unlawful enemy combatants" or subject them to military tribunal.

...to impose martial law or a “state of emergency” on a state.
...to invade and subjugate any state that asserts its sovereignty.
...to blockade American cities, thus turning them into giant concentration camps.
...to force American citizens into any form of detention camps under any pretext.
...to assist or support the use of any foreign troops on U.S. soil against the American people to “keep the peace” or to “maintain control”.
...to confiscate the property of the American people, including food and other essential supplies.
...Or...
...which infringe on the right of the people to free speech, to peaceably assemble, and to petition their government for a redress of grievances.

Oath Keepers are military, veterans, and peace officers who will honor their oaths to defend the Constitution, and those who support them. We will NOT *“just follow orders.”* We will stand for liberty; and we will save the Republic, so help us, God.

As guardians of our republic, our motto is “Not on our watch!”

Oath Keepers come in all colors, shapes, sizes, ages, and backgrounds with one common bond – the oath to defend the Constitution. If you take your oath seriously, and believe in defending the Constitution against ALL enemies, foreign AND domestic, and of whatever political party (there are oath BREAKERS galore in BOTH major parties), and if you stand for the rights of ALL Americans, at ALL times, then you ARE one of us, and we invite you to JOIN us. We need your help, we WELCOME your help, to preserve liberty for our children and grandchildren, and for ALL Americans.

We believe you will appreciate, and even agree with, our goals and the programs that Oath Keepers all over the USA are currently working to achieve and set up.

One such program working on college campuses with student groups is nicknamed “STOP”, short for “Students Taking Over Protection”. Our ambition there is to train students how to fight back against muggers, rapists, terrorists, etc.

Another program recently started involves professional truck drivers who are willing to be our eyes and ears on the road, working closely with our intelligence

teams at the national, regional, and state level to gather vital intelligence information and report potential critical incidents. These truckers are a valuable component of the Oath Keepers team when it comes to collecting critical information as they drive the highways and roads of our great country.

Bottom line here with you is that we OBVIOUSLY support your right to defend yourselves and your families, but whenever there is civil unrest, we need to know how to get together with our neighbors for the protection and stability of our communities.

Feel free to contact ANYONE of our STATE LEADERSHIP GROUP (aka our Board of Directors) to answer any of your questions.

To join Oath Keepers (National), go to:

<https://www.oathkeepers.org/membership/>

...and select the type of membership (new or renew) that matches you.

To participate with Indiana Oath Keepers, come to our Members Meeting at 3pm this afternoon and/or to any of our Region or County meetings.

Our state website is under construction but does contain our contact info, our meeting dates/times/locations, and the map of our Regions:

<http://www.IndianaOathKeepers.org>

Thank you for traveling the distance to attend our State Convention! We look forward to working together with you.

For Indiana
For Liberty
For our Republic

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

By: 
Cindy Taylor
Secretary and Treasurer

Indiana Oath Keepers

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Our Structure

Leadership Structure and Chain of Command

Regions Map

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Indiana Oath Keepers Structure of Leadership and Chain of Command

State Leadership (aka Board of Directors)

Email: BOD@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Coordinator
and Region 1 Coordinator:
Bryan Humes (BRYAN HUMES in forum)
Cell: 260-416-7831
Email: StateCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org
Email: Reg1.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Vice Coordinator:
Stan Needham (Retired Navy Spook in forum)
Cell: 260-609-1971
Email: ViceCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org
Email: Reg1.ViceCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Secretary/Treasurer:
Cindy Taylor (Cindy Taylor in forum)
Office: 317-493-5476 (IN.Oath Keepers)
Cell: 317-340-4097
Fax: 877-302-5955
Email: Sec-Treas@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Sergeant at Arms
Troy Damalak (Omerta in forum)
Work: 317-896-5337 (Damalak Printing)
Email: SgtAtArms@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Communications Coordinator:
Walter Huyck, Jr. (PastorW-USMC in forum)
Cell: 812-230-2001
Email: CommsCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Chaplain:
John Taylor (Calvin John in forum)
Office: 317-493-5476 (IN.Oath Keepers)
Email: Chaplain@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Region 2 Coordinator:
Len Grummell (L999here in forum)
Cell: 574-292-1522
Email: Reg2.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

IN. State Medical Coordinator
and Region 8 Acting Coordinator:
Rebecca Farrar (Dvlsangel in forum)
Cell: 812-449-9983
Email: MedCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org
Email: Reg8.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Regions 3,4,5,6,7 Interim Regional
Coordinator:
John Brown (Johnb in forum)
Cell: 574-292-5363
Email: RegionsCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Region 9 Coordinator:
Derek Stiver (dstiver in forum)
Cell: 317-701-8913 (please keep contact
hours to something reasonable ;-))
Email: Reg9.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

County Coordinators:

Allen County (Region 1):

John Brown (Johnb in forum)

Cell: 574-292-5363

Email: Reg1.Allen.Coord IndianaOathKeepers.org

Elkhart County (Region 1)

Denis Egret (Denis Egert in forum)

Cell: 574-226-1444

Email: Reg1.Elkhart.Coord IndianaOathKeepers.org

Hamilton County (Region 9):

Michael Hirl (MikeIN in forum)

Cell: 317-379-3188

Email: Reg9.Hamilton.Coord IndianaOathKeepers.org

Regions defined by counties:

Region 1:

Elkhart, Lagrange, Steuben, Kosciusko, Noble, Dekalb, Whitley, Allen.

Region 2:

Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton.

Region 3:

Miami, Wabash, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Tipton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph.

Region 4:

Benton, White, Cass, Warren, Tippecanoe, Carroll, Fountain, Montgomery, Clinton.

Region 5:

Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union, Decatur, Franklin.

Region 6:

Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Sullivan, Green.

Region 7:

Jackson, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Washington, Scott, Jefferson, Ohio, Switzerland, Washington, Clark, Harrison, Floyd

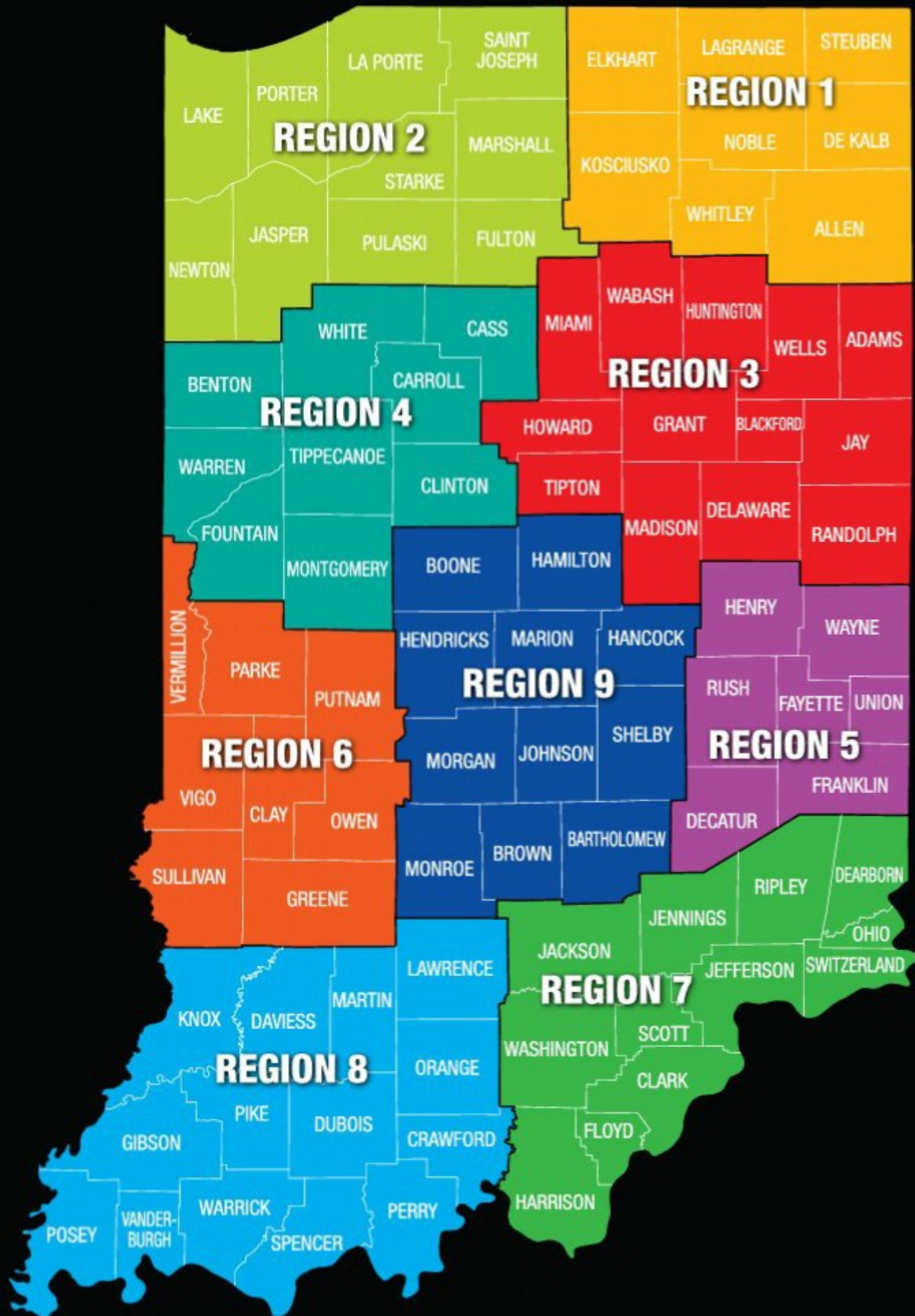
Region 8:

Knox, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Crawford, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry.

Region 9:

Marion, Hendricks, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Morgan, Brown, Bartholomew, Shelby, Boone, Monroe.

Indiana Oath Keepers Regions



REGION 1 MEETS EVERY MONTH THIRD SUNDAY AT 12:00 NOON (ET)

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 157

ADDRESS: 115 South Main Street, Cherubusco IN 46723

Coordinator is Bryan, Assistant is Stan

Email Bryan: Reg1.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Email Stan: Reg1.ViceCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

ELKHART COUNTY (in Region 1) MEETINGS VARY

Coordinator is Denis

Email Denis: Reg1.Elkhart.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

REGION 2 MEETS Every Month FOURTH THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM (ET)

PLACE: ARBY'S (corner of Old 31 & SR 6)

ADDRESS: 1968 US Hwy 31, LaPaz, IN 46537

Coordinator is Len

Email Len: Reg2.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

**For information regarding Regions 3 thru 7,
contact the Regions Coordinator, John.**

Email John: RegionsCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

REGION 8 MEETINGS VARY

Coordinator is Rebecca

Email Rebecca: Reg8.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

REGION 9 MEETS EVERY MONTH SECOND SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM (ET)

PLACE: HAUGHVILLE BRANCH of Indianapolis Public Library

ADDRESS: 2121 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Coordinator is Derek, Assistant is Brian, Secretary/Treasurer is Cindy

Email Derek: Reg9.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Email Brian: Reg9.ViceCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

Email Cindy: Reg9.Sec-Treas@IndianaOathKeepers.org

**HAMILTON COUNTY (in Region 9) MEETS EVERY MONTH FOURTH THURSDAY
AT 7:00 PM (ET)**

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 341

ADDRESS: 50 Washington Avenue, Cicero, IN 46034

Coordinator is Mike

Email Mike: Reg9.Hamilton.Coord@IndianaOathKeepers.org

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS OPERATING STRUCTURE (Including Definitions and Descriptions)

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS:

SOPs: Standard general operating procedures of Indiana Oath Keepers.

COC: Chain of Coordination. The COC is applied to the State Leadership Group (hereinafter “SLG”) and the various Coordinators throughout the State of Indiana.

COORDINATOR: The person who is responsible for the collaboration of people and coordination of events. This person is generally the “go to” person for his/her area of operation.

SLG: The SLG is the operating group of OK Administrators and Coordinators in Indiana, of which are the following State Admins and Coordinators in COC order:

State Officers:

State Coordinator
State Vice Coordinator
State Secretary/Treasurer
State Sergeant At Arms
State Chaplain

State Coordinators:

State Comms Coord
State Medical Coord

Region Coords:

1,2,3-7,8,9

NEW positions, not defined herein.

OPERATING STRUCTURE (Brief Outline):

SLG

Region Coordinators > Region CPT Coordinators and County Coordinators

County Coordinators > County CPT Coordinators and Town Coordinators

OPERATIONS (General Functions of the Various Positions):

SLG:

- Establishes SOPs for the State and the various Regions consistent with Oath Keepers National (hereinafter “National”) by-laws and CPT directives.
- Coordinates and conducts State business as moderated by the State Coordinator.
- Decides appointments recommended by the State Coordinator and actions suggested by the State Coordinator or any SLG member by majority vote.
- Assists Coordinators and members with no Coordinators, directing members to nearest Coordinator.

SLG (continued):

- Receives and responds to escalations and/or emergencies in the State.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

State Coordinator:

- Serves as the State “go to” person, conducting business with National and with other states.
- Moderates SLG meetings and State conventions.
- Appoints persons to positions on the SLG with majority SLG approval.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

State Vice Coordinator:

- Assists the State Coordinator as needed.
- Moderates SLG meetings and State conventions in the absence of the State Coordinator.
- Performs all functions of the State Coordinator in the absence of the State Coordinator.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

State Secretary:*

- Conducts the correspondence and keeps the records of Indiana Oath Keepers and reports updates thereof to the SLG generally and to the State Coordinator particularly.
- Organizes leadership telephone conferences at the request of said leadership, whether it be for the business of the SLG or a Region, and whether generally scheduled or requested by the State Coordinator or a Region Coordinator.
- Answers phone calls to the state phone number of Indiana Oath Keepers and passes messages to the appropriate Administrator or Coordinator for response.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Serves Indiana Oath Keepers generally as a secretary/clerk/organizer/assistant.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

State Treasurer:*

- Manages the financial records and accounts of Indiana Oath Keepers and provides periodic reports thereof to the SLG.
- Serves Indiana Oath Keepers generally as a treasurer/bookkeeper.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

* Currently the Secretary and Treasurer functions are performed by one person, but the functions are defined separately in the event the positions are separated at some point and the functions thereof are thus performed by two persons.

State Sergeant At Arms:

- Maintains order and security during meetings of Indiana Oath Keepers.
- Moderates SLG meetings and State conventions in the absence of both the State Coordinator and State Vice Coordinator.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

State Chaplain:

- Invokes Divine blessing on and wisdom for the conduct of State business and leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Conducts a “Constitutional Moment” (a brief moment of Constitution education) at all statewide conventions of Indiana Oath Keepers.
- Prays for members as requested.
- Visits members in person or by phone, whether said members are injured, ill, or just needing a friend.
- Assists Region Chaplains as requested.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Serves Indiana Oath Keepers generally as a friend/counselor/prayer warrior.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

Region Coordinator:

- Serves as the Region “go to” person.
- Establishes SOPs for the Region, including CPTs and County Coordinators, consistent with National by-laws and CPT directives.
- Establishes Region-level CPTs (community preparedness teams).
- Communicates with Region CPT Coordinators, County Coordinators, and other Region Coordinators, assisting as requested.
- Directs members in counties of the Region with no County Coordinator to the nearest active area in the Region (be that area a town, county, or the entire Region).
- Gives periodic Region situation reports to the SLG as requested by the State Coordinator.
- Works with and as part of the SLG to act on the recommendations of the SLG.
- Protects the integrity of the organization.

County Coordinator:

- Serves as the County “go to” person.
- Establishes SOPs for the County, including CPTs and Town Coordinators, consistent with National by-laws and CPT directives.
- Establishes town-level CPTs (community preparedness teams).
- Gives periodic County situation reports to the Region Coordinator as requested.
- Communicates with Region Coordinator, other County Coordinators, and County CPT Coordinators, assisting as requested.

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that the Organization is always protected against negative publicity and/or legal action, and to ensure that the preservation of our prestige and reputation is always at the forefront of any actions or behavior on the part of all members, each member of Oath Keepers agrees to the following conditions:

1. Members will respect the personal dignity of all members, especially in resolving disagreements. Members will be honest and truthful with other members, and will avoid deception at all costs.
2. Members will work to build a good personal reputation and will work to help fellow members build their reputations as well.
3. Members will use good manners, and avoid offensive language and taunting.
4. Members will familiarize themselves with the by-laws of Oath Keepers National, and will act in accordance with such. Administrators and Coordinators will maintain complete knowledge of all by- laws, both National and State, and will be responsible for acting in complete accordance with such.
5. Any member who is engaged in activities that are outside of the Oath Keepers mission must not wear any National or INOK logos or utilize any pamphlets, banners, stickers, web links or any other reference to Oath Keepers that would suggest that said activities are sanctioned by and involve participation or collaboration with Oath Keepers.
6. Members and especially State Leadership will never engage in slander of any person, or threaten any person in word or deed.
7. Members will be accountable for all choices made of their own free will.
8. Members will adhere strictly to all applicable rules, regulations, by-laws and guidelines, both of this Organization (INOK) and National Oath Keepers. Additionally, when providing information relative to expenses, members will provide clear, accurate and detailed information.
9. All members will respect the votes, actions and recommendation of the State Leaders. The State Leadership Group will respect the members' right to appeal any action taken by the State Leadership Group, and will work cooperatively with members to resolve differences, within the guidelines specified in the by-laws.
10. National Oath Keepers By-Laws Section 8.04 Code of Conduct: All members must understand that their actions not only reflect on Oath Keepers but on the entire military, law enforcement, fire fighters and first responder (former and current) community.
11. We strive to maintain a positive image within our communities and states. All members are fully and solely accountable for their actions while members of Oath Keepers.

12. All Oath Keepers Members and Associates shall possess and maintain high moral and ethical standards and un-compromised integrity for continued membership in Oath Keepers.

13. All members are to conduct themselves in a courteous and lawful manner at all times. Members are expressly prohibited from fraternizing with known criminals, known or suspected criminal organizations and their members, associates, or affiliates.

14. Oath Keepers and its members are responsible to maintain the integrity and honor of this organization. Oath Keepers shall have a zero tolerance policy for actions that bring disrespect, dishonor or disrepute on Oath Keepers or the military, law enforcement, fire fighters and first responder community.

15. Oath Keepers will not advocate, be a member, or associate with, any organization, formal or informal, that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or the violation of the Constitution thereof.

16. Oath Keepers will not advocate, be a member, or associate with, any organization, formal or informal, that advocates discrimination, violence, or hatred toward any person based upon their race, nationality, creed, or color.

17. Oath Keepers will not partake in activities that cause themselves to be convicted of treason or felony in any state or territory of the United States

18. Oath Keepers NATIONAL reserves the right in its SOLE discretion, to withhold, deny, or revoke the membership or associate membership of any person whom Oath Keepers determines will dilute, impair or disrupt Oath Keeper's mission, dishonor, or in any manner bring ill repute to Oath Keepers.

Violation of this Code of Conduct will be the basis for any action taken by the NATIONAL Board of Directors. Responsibility for enforcement of this Code of Conduct shall reside with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall take whatever measures deemed necessary to enforce this Code of Conduct, and may enact any consequence it deems necessary, up to and including censure, suspension or termination of any position of authority previously given in the organization as well as participation in activities/groups/ events and web pages. The INDIANA State Leadership Group reserves the right to make a recommendation to the NATIONAL Board of Directors for removal of any member from NATIONAL membership if said member is in violation of the NATIONAL Oath Keepers Code of Conduct. Any member may appeal to National if they do not agree with the decisions of the State Leadership Group.

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

MEMBER CONTACT INFO PRIVACY POLICY

STATE MASTER CONTACTS ROSTER:

The State Roster of members and friends of Indiana Oath Keepers shall remain in the sole possession of the State Coordinator and the State Secretary.

REGIONAL CONTACTS ROSTERS:

Each Region's Roster of members and friends shall remain in the sole possession of the State Coordinator, the State Secretary, and the respective Regional Coordinator.

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Info shall remain personal and confidential and will NEVER be disseminated or divulged to anyone or any entity other than the above-designated officials without prior consent from the owner of the contact info requested. If an individual wishes to divulge his/her contact info with others, he/she may do so at his/her sole discretion.

THIRD-PARTY CONTACT INFO EXCHANGE PROCEDURE:

All third-party contact info requests must be submitted with preferred return contact info to the State Secretary, who will forward such return contact info to the individual whose contact info is requested ("recipient") for return contact by the recipient to the requester, IF the recipient is willing to return the contact. NOTE: Disclosure of requested contact information is NEVER required.

EMAIL REQUESTS:

All requests for email distribution of regional or state information must be submitted to the State Secretary, who will distribute such information by email BLIND COPY to all members and friends to whom the info pertains or who may otherwise be interested.

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEETS:

Any location info, phone number, or email address requested on sign-in sheets at State and Regional events, while requested for the convenience of the State and Regional Coordinators, is NEVER required on the sign-in sheet, but please do at least provide your name so that we have a proper attendance record.

All Regional meeting sign-in sheets must remain in the sole possession of the Regional Coordinator, who must submit a copy thereof to the State Secretary as soon as possible following the Regional meeting.

All State convention sign-in sheets must remain in the sole possession of the State Secretary.

All sign-in sheets will be used by the State Secretary for the sole purpose of maintaining the State Master Roster and State and Regional attendance records and reporting these updates to the State Coordinator.

EMAIL BROADCASTS OF EVENTS IN ALL REGIONS AND THE STATE:

To be kept informed of upcoming events in the State or your Region, simply send an email or private message to the State Secretary, who will BLIND COPY you in all such emails.

Regional Coordinators desiring an email broadcast of Regional events shall submit the event information to the State Secretary, who will forward such info by email BLIND COPY to all members and friends to whom the event pertains or who may otherwise be interested.

State and Regional upcoming events posted in the Indiana Forum will be broadcasted by the State Secretary via email BLIND COPY to all members and friends to whom the upcoming event pertains and who may otherwise be interested.

PURPOSE OF ROSTERS:

The sole purpose of the contact information listed in the State and Regional Rosters is the conduct of and distribution of information regarding the business and activity of Indiana Oath Keepers in each Region and the entire State.

Submitted by:

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Cindy Taylor
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Indiana Oath Keepers

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Our Activities

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SITUATION REPORT OF REGION 1

By: Brian Humes, Region 1 Coordinator

By: Stan Needham, Region 1 Vice Coordinator

In the past year, Region 1 has guarded a Military Recruiting Center in Fort Wayne, having done this faithfully every day the Center was open under rain, sunshine, snow, and sleet, until the Center built a security system sufficient to protect its employees.

They have also encouraged their Law Enforcement Officers with correspondence and offers of assistance when needed.

Region 1's Coordinator Bryan Humes writes that Region 1 is a huge contributor to Honor Flight, and they attend the funerals of Veterans and Law Enforcement Officers in that region.

Region 1 Vice Coordinator Stan Needham writes that Region 1's roster is 54 people and average attendance at meetings is about 18 persons. Ten of our members have either a Technician or General Amateur Radio license.

Region 1 meets at **12:00 NOON (Eastern Time)** on the **THIRD SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH** at:

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 157
115 South Main Street
Cherubusco IN 46723**

Their **NEXT** meeting is **Sunday, May 21st, at 12:00 noon (ET)**. They will have a guest speaker, who is an Indiana State Police Firearms Instructor.

PLEASE NOTE: All of our meetings are open to the public, so **COME!** if your schedule permits.

SITUATION REPORT

Elkhart County

(in Region 1)

~Denis Egert, Coordinator

Over the past year we set up a 4-member board:

Brad Rogers Elkhart County Sheriff, honorary Board member Derick
Sammit Tactical Trainer and adviser USMC Sergeant Jim Southard
communication and my Coronado Assist USAF Denis Egert, Coordinator
and Recruiter

Meeting activities have been thru the winter radio communications HAM training generators (building a generator from junk yard parts).

We also had a retired Elkhart County Police Officer Trainer teach on situation awareness. Other projectss in progress are church security training procedures and practicing room clearing and exiting, patrolling and tactical moves, and medical evaluations.

We also have practiced high profile evacuations (like family members).

We have recruited at Elkhart County gun shows, passed out brochures, answered questions, and followed up with call-backs.

Late last year we set up a booth at a Breaching The Barricade Conference (Law Enforcement), where we answered questions and passed out brochures to 40 different law enforcement agencies in the country. In attendance there were retired Lt. Gen. William Boykin and retired Lt. Gen. Bradley.

With that we built relationships with our Elkhart Police Department and with other towns and counties.

We helped with a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day where there were 207 law enforcement families from around the country and Canada.

We have built a relationship with the State Police Chaplain of Indiana, who is a strong believer in Oath Keepers.

We have a retired Elkhart Police Chief in Oath Keepers, and we recently added a medic and chaplain to our group.

We've also reached out to Michigan Oath Keepers leadership and have received phone calls from around the state, trying to get them connected.

With attendance we are running 9 to 14 people during the colder months and a half-dozen or so through the warmer months. Winter meetings depend on the weather. After-meeting training attendance is a half-dozen or so people.

We have set up discounts for card-carrying Oath Keepers at the local army-navy store, the Bunker the Gun Range, Foxtrot Charlie, and some other vendors.

We are developing different patches as rewards for different accomplishments. For instance, we gave two patches, one to each of two people who acquired Ham Radios.

Finally, we have connected with the Indiana Citizens Volunteer Militia and will be doing joint training with them.

SITUATION REPORT OF REGION 2

By Len Grummell, Region 2 Coordinator

Region 2 has 14 known OK members.

The public is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held at **7:00 PM (Eastern Time)** on the **4th Thursday of every month** at:

Arby's
1968 Us Hwy 31
La Paz, Indiana 46537

Our next meeting is at **7:00 PM (Eastern Time)** on **Thursday, May 25th**.

PLEASE NOTE: All of our meetings are open to the public, so **COME!** if your schedule permits.

SITUATION REPORT OF REGION 8

By: Rebecca Farrar, Acting Coordinator

Meeting was on Saturday October 22nd 2016.

Meet and greet, all stated regarding their own skills and self assessment. Each person explained what the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Amendments mean to them.

These are some of the reviewed thoughts for training and teaching potential:

Medical (both tactical and emergency),
Firearms Training,
Bushcraft,
Personal Relations,
Appropriate Critical Response.

Decided as a region as a goal to meet monthly at Boonville Library, Boonville Indiana, starting Saturday Nov 5th 2016 at 1000 hours until 1300 hours.

Also each member will email to Region 8 Acting Coordinator (myself) regarding what they feel they are able to proficiently teach to others and what they feel they are desiring to learn and achieve better understanding.

Here are some beneficial links:

Prepping2Survive.net
Medical and Trauma Supplies

Emergency Skills Needed in a Crisis Survival
<http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2016/10/emergency-skills-needed-in-a-crisis-2639911.html>

5 Things That Make The Difference About Water Purification
<http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2016/10/5-things-that-make-the-difference-about-water-purification-2639936.html>

Protect Your Vehicle From an EMP with this Simple Strategy
<http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2016/09/protect-your-vehicle-from-an-emp-with-this-simple-strategy-2637843.html>

Sincere Regards,
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Acting Region 8 Coordinator
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Health/PTSD Coordinator Veterans Peer Support Outreach of Indiana
Former SGT Combat Medic/ Counselor
LPN Home Health Critical Care

Region 9 Status and Activities
For State Convention, 2017
By: Derek Stiver, Region 9 Coordinator

- Region 9 meets monthly for three hours (1.5 hrs of business meeting, 1.5 hours of CPT training).
- Continuing development of the Hamilton County group has caused some time and availability conflicts for members, forcing them to choose between allocating their scarce time resources at the county level or at the regional level. Thus far, these time conflicts have been to the detriment of both groups, and have not been adequately resolved.
- A holding page for the new Indiana Oath Keepers website was created and posted.
- Email addresses using the new @IndianaOathKeepers.org domain were created for all Indiana group leadership, and are currently in use.
- Via the generous allocation of some of his property by Troy Damalak; and dirt, labor, and other services by a number of people, a shooting range suitable for group training sessions has been largely constructed.
- A raffle fundraiser was successfully conducted by the Hamilton County group, and a significant portion of the proceeds raised were used by purchase-requested equipment for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.
- Region 9 has conducted open training sessions on the following topics:
 - o Alternative Energy (Solar, Wind, Water, Wood Gasification)
 - o Bug Out/Emergency Bag contents – what's there, and why
 - o Ham Radio Communication + FCC Licensure
 - o Family Emergency Plan Development
 - o Food Preservation techniques & Storage methods
 - o Map Reading & land navigation
 - o Small unit tactics & movement + Firearms practice – Field Day
 - o Emergency Medical & Antibiotics for the untrained
 - o Home Security & securing the average house
 - o Computer Security & computer technology more-secure communication
 - o Basic Principles of survival
- Region 9 has compiled the following materials, electronically, that may be disseminated to members as needed (and will be published on our soon-to-be-completed website):
 - o USGS maps at 1:100,000 scale that cover the entirety of Indiana, and one additional state in all directions (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois) – 52 maps
 - o USGS hi-res topo maps at 1:24,000 scale that cover the entire state of Indiana (370 maps)
 - o Electronic copies of every US military manual that is not classified
 - o Detailed plans for passive solar heating systems
 - o Detailed plans for self-constructed wind generators
 - o Detailed plans for self-constructed water generators
 - o Detailed plans for self-constructed wood gasification plants
 - o Detailed plans for several different self-constructed water purification setups
 - o Fully developed HAM radio based emergency communication plan
 - o Implementation of the SIGNAL encryption setup on cell phones for leadership
 - o Video Recording of the Commo 101 training class for Oathkeepers.

- o Food storage workshop storage guidelines and how-to guide
- o Antibiotics guide published by the government of New Zealand, circa 2015, designed for lay-personnel to use for diagnosis and selection of problems to be treated with various antibiotics.
- Upcoming Major Activities/mission focuses for Region 9
 - o Continued effort to build membership in the Region 9 area, with particular focus on broadening the membership base to include more geographic areas, more women, and more minorities.
 - o Towards the goal of broadening membership, wide publication of the existence and availability of Oath Keeper training classes and materials outside of traditional Oath Keeper communication channels
 - o Regional focus of Oath Keepers devotion to defending the entire Constitution, not just the Second Amendment.
 - o Renewed effort towards new website build
 - o Push on “visibility” of the organization’s existence and purpose, news media/editorial monitoring effort to write well thought out rebuttals to published misinformation about the organization.

SITUATION REPORT

Hamilton County (in Region9)

By: Michael Hirl, County Coordinator

Hamilton County Oath Keepers (HCOK) began operation in April 2016. Regular monthly meetings occur on the 4th Thursday of every month, gathering at the American Legion Post 341, Cicero, Indiana at 7 pm. HCOK has a very active core group of about 15 persons.

The adopted mission statement for HCOK is as follows:

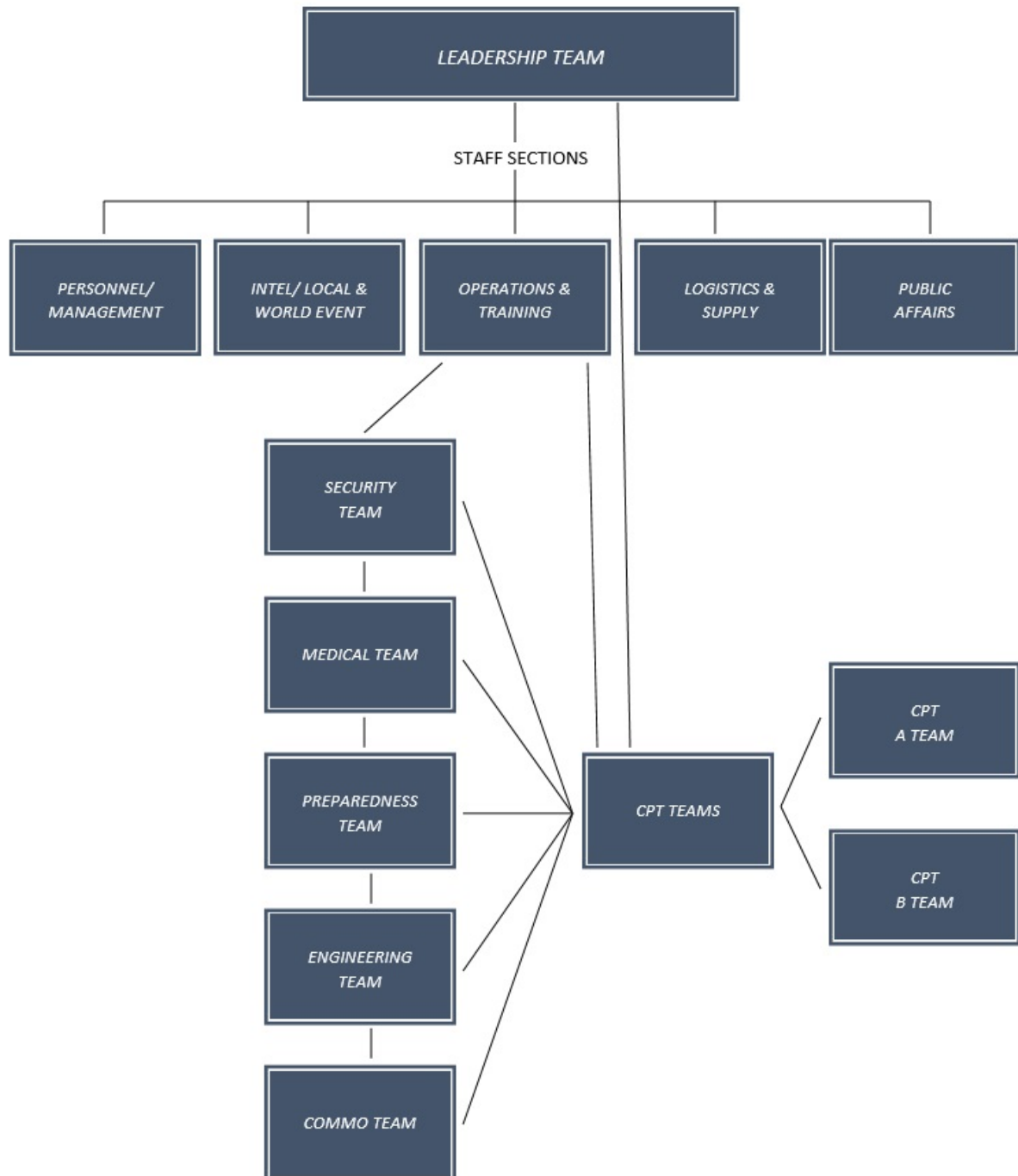
“Our mission as Oath Keepers is to protect and defend the US Constitution by upholding our Oaths, as we pledged. As Oath Keepers, we will support the rule of law, maintain the United States as a Constitutional Republic, establish security, learn preparedness, and support local law enforcement officers and military in the Constitutional execution of their duties. We will educate the same as to their responsibilities in maintaining the Constitutional rule of law and to protect the natural rights of citizens to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Oath Keepers will educate and assist our communities to establish preparations in anticipation of local or national emergencies.”

HCOK has achieved an administrative organizational structure to support personnel, operations, and training.

The organizational structure established (see Flow Chart below) consist of a 3-person leadership team in command of 5 staff sections, which provide an administrative function in support to HC OK and include:

- 1) Personnel/Management
- 2) Intel/Local & World Events
- 3) Operations & Training
- 4) Logistics & Supply
- 5) Public Affairs/Media/Outreach

**OATH KEEPERS COUNTY ORGANIZATION
HAMILTON COUNTY INDIANA**



Currently, HCOK has established the 1 year goals listed below:

- 1) Increase membership to 50 members
- 2) Establish an operational, competent, trained and fully equipped CPT A and B team.
- 3) Stand up 1 additional county chapter in Region 9.
- 4) Deliver a presentation to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.
- 5) Deliver a presentation to 3-5 local law enforcement departments and FOP (Fraternal Order of Police).
- 6) Increase each member's family prep to a minimum of 3 months' storable food and water (or have means to purify water).
- 7) Establish a fully functional and operational HAM net.
- 8) All members obtain the prescribed HAM radio hardware and a minimum of a Technician License.
- 9) Establish a Church Security Outreach Program (CSOP) to assist churches wanting to establish a security team.

In support of these goals, HCOK personnel participates in a weekly HAM net with other Oath Keepers in the state; operates a display table at the recurring Indy 1500 Gun and Knife Show (largest gun show in Indiana) for recruitment and RTI (Reach, Teach, Inspire); has constructed an outdoor pistol/rifle range capable of hosting training for static shooting and movement/fire drills (individual and teams).

HCOK has raised approximately \$3,000 in 2017 thus far through donations and gun raffles. In support of their 1 year goal to liaison with the county sheriff, they contacted the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and offered to donate requested equipment. HCSO responded with a list of items that included medical/lifesaving gear deputies can carry on their tactical gear (litters and tourniquets), training aid (flash bang simulator) for their K-9 units and shooting accessories for weapons (bipods). HCOK is scheduled to present these items on May 2 at the HCSO during which the HC Sheriff and deputies will receive an overview/summary of HCOK. Prior to the presentation, a press release was sent to newspapers and is shown below:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hamilton County Oath Keepers and Cicero American Legion donate equipment to Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

By Michael Hirl
April 17, 2017

Noblesville, IN – Hamilton County Oath Keepers (HCOK) in partnership with the American Legion Post 341 in Cicero actively supports the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) by donating items for use by sheriff's deputies. The items include medical and life-saving gear sheriff's deputies can carry on their persons, training aids for K-9 units and tactical gear. The items will be presented on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4pm at the HCSO. Sheriff's deputies serving in the HCSO perform a vital function in preserving and protecting life, liberty and property by faithfully honoring their oaths to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and by maintaining the rule of law through enforcing Indiana laws. The HCSO deserves the full support of citizens and civic groups residing in Hamilton County.

About Hamilton County Oath Keepers

Oath Keepers is a volunteer organization whose members include military, veterans, law enforcement officers, EMS, fire fighters and interested citizens. The mission of HCOK is to protect and defend the US Constitution by upholding their Oaths, as they pledged. As Oath Keepers, they support the rule of law, maintain the United States as a Constitutional Republic, establish security, learn preparedness, and support local law enforcement officers and military in the Constitutional execution of their duties. HCOK has meetings open to the public the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Cicero American Legion.

About American Legion Post 341 Cicero, IN

The Cicero American Legion is located at 50 Washington Ave., Cicero, IN. The Post began operation in 1921 and services the town of Cicero with many patriotic, educational and civic events. Most recently is the construction of a 36' memorial wall to honor the 5 branches of the military. The memorial wall will be built near the entrance of Red Bridge Park in Cicero at the West end of the Veteran Memorial Walkway over Morse Reservoir and will be commissioned on Memorial Day.

For more information, please contact: mikeinoathkeepers@gmail.com

For more information about Oath Keepers please visit:
www.indianaoathkeepers.org or www.oathkeepers.org

-END RELEASE-

Currently, HCOK is: 1) Establishing training standards and competency testing procedures for weapon skill sets that included a tiered level structure with higher tiers involving more advanced skills, 2) Expanding outreach efforts, 3) Planning contingencies in preparedness for regional and/or national disasters, 4) Researching information for CSOP (church security) program, 5) Encouraging members to obtain HAM license/equipment, 6) Providing weapons training, on a limited basis, to interested community members.

Situation Report of Chaplain

By: John E. Taylor, Chaplain, Indiana Oath Keepers

The Chaplain has typically led Oath Keepers meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer, and then delivered a 5-minute Constitutional Moment. He has performed all three at the State level and in two Regions, and also as a guest Chaplain at a Kentucky State meeting.

Since the Chaplain doubles as the Region 9 Chaplain, in the course of the monthly meetings he has delivered the Constitutional Moments for all six articles and is now slowly going through the Bill of Rights. At our next Region 9 meeting, we will cover the Eighth Amendment, which (among other things) prohibits excessive fines. The Chaplain plans to research the Constitutional “justification” for (1) Federal agencies fining private individuals several thousand dollars a day, and (2) Washington State’s fining a small business owner \$135,000 for refusing to bake a wedding cake.

The Chaplain has followed Stewart Rhodes’ bidding and reached out to the Indiana Citizen Volunteer Militia (ICVM), and last month accepted a request from the 49th Regiment (Marion County) to serve as their Regiment Chaplain. Since the Second Amendment expressly states that a well-regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state, he is happy to serve as Regiment Chaplain.

The Chaplain also calls and visits Oath Keepers when they are ill, and is always ready with a listening ear to hear any concerns. The Chaplain often bears in mind that the Constitution was signed “...In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven”. That is NOT referring to Mohammed. Curiously, however, some say it is “unconstitutional” to pray in Jesus’ Name at government gatherings, yet He is confessed as Lord just above George Washington’s signature. Thus, when appropriate the Chaplain ties our founding documents to the Lord our fathers depended on, encourages Oath Keepers to do the same, and to seek out churches of like mind for mutual encouragement and growth.

STATE COMMUNICATIONS

By: Walter Huyck, Jr.

State Comms Coordinator

By: Brian Woehler

Assistant Comms Coordinator

Indiana Oath Keepers
State Communications Situation Report
April 22, 2017

State Communications are progressing and improving nicely.

1. Our **State Communications Plan** is available to all Indiana Oath Keepers and has recently been updated. The current version is dated April 22, 2017. A copy of this plan is in your Convention folder. Please keep this Plan at home for use when needed.
2. A **Recommended Equipment List** is also available to all Oath Keepers. Communications are vitally important. A copy is enclosed herewith. Please work on your personal Communications plan and get connected with Indiana Oath Keepers communicators
3. **Signal (by Whisper Systems)** - We have established Indian Oath Keepers secure communication using Signal for grid up communications. If you have a smart phone you can add the Signal app (by Whisper Systems) and join our state group. You will receive a weekly Communications Check to the system and we ask that you please check in. You are asked to only use this INPA group for emergency traffic and the weekly check-in. You can establish private text links with anyone you like and even form your own group for group comms. You can even make secure phone calls using this app.
4. **Communications Training Plans,**
 - a. We will soon start practice with our state message handling formats as outlined in our Communication Plan.
 - b. With message handling we need to also practice taking a message from tier one to tier three and get the message passed accurately.
 - c. I hope to practice using our state authentication plan to practice using authentication procedures. Authentication is needed to help us ensure we are talking to who we think we are talking to.
 - d. CPT AO man-to-man comms. Using inexpensive man packable handheld units.
 - e. Local mobile and stationary comms with uncoordinated repeater capability. Primarily focused upon comms when repeaters are not available.

- f. Extended Local comms with established coordinated repeaters. Using established radio communications resources. Primarily Ham Radio systems.
- g. Regional and national comms using HF ham radio equipment and resources.

5. Currently in INPA Communications – Thank you to all who currently participate.

- a. We have Tier One HF comms between four General or Extra Ham operators as a part of INPA. We have Evansville, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Terre Haute Areas connected via Tier one communications.
- b. We have a number of Tier Two operators working over the W9WIN linked repeater system with more being added monthly. We need to get operators working through repeaters in as many regions as possible. Get your Technician Class license and get connected with other OK's in your area.

A BIG THANKYOU is extended to all who have made an investment of Time and Money to get setup for Indiana Patriots Air (INPA) communications, our state Oath Keepers communications network. Let's keep growing this vital communications network. We do not know when these communications practices and resources maybe vital to our state, but we cannot afford to wait to get our communications organized.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter D. Huyck Jr. – W9KJO – Amateur Extra

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Indiana Oath Keepers

Recommended Communications Equipment

CPT Team - Individual Comm – CPT Team AO Comms

- **Baofeng BF-888S UHF Handheld** – 16 Channel FRS – 1 to 4 Watts, 1-4 miles. \$15.00 on Amazon. Pictured – When ordering this radio read the description and look for **scrambler or encryption** option in the description. Some of this model do not have this option. Only order the ones with the scrambler option. This is essential for local CPT operations.
 - **Antenna, Nagoya NA-717**, \$16.00
- **Dual Band Handhelds** – VHF/UHF
 - **Baofeng BF-F8HP**, 8 Watt, UHF/VHF, \$63.00, pictured, **Recommended**
 - **Baofeng UV-5R**, 5 Watt, UHF/VHF, \$25.00
 - **Baofeng GT-3WP**, 5 watt, UHF/VHF, **Weatherproof**, \$55.00
 - **Baofeng BF-A58**, 5 Watt, UHF/VHF, **Waterproof** IP57, \$65.00
 - **TYT UV8000DE**, 10 Watt, UHF/VHF, \$79.99
 - **Antenna, Nagoya, NA-771**, \$17.00
 - **A mobile antenna** on your vehicle with an antenna adapter will help these handhelds work exceptionally on your vehicle when mobile.



Local Mobile Comm

- **CB Radios** – 5-10 mile
- **Ham** – Vehicle Mounted Quad Band with **cross band repeat**, will extend teams comm 20-50 miles on Repeaters. This radio will do CB (AM) and FRS



Indiana Oath Keepers

Recommended Communications Equipment

and GMRS and wella as four Ham bands. **Recommend the TYT TH-9800, Quad Band, \$223.00. Pictured**

- **Antenna for Th-9800, Comet or Diamond Quad Band, \$126.00.** Needs a heavy duty antenna mount. This antenna can be used on your vehicle or on your home if set up properly.
- **The Antenna is the most important part of a radio.**

State, Regional, National Comm

- **HF Receiver – Country Comm GP-5, \$80.00, Picture – Great for receiving ham band communications**
<http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/portable/0905.html>



- **SDR Play, RSP1 – For use with a PC or Laptop, \$129.00.** The SDR play is a powerful Receiver that is capable of receiving almost any communications, whether ham or otherwise. It receives (depending on antenna) as well as most HF ham radio transceivers.



Information - <http://www.sdrplay.com/>

To Purchase - <http://www.hamradio.com/detail.cfm?pid=H0-014408>

- **HF Radio**
 - **Yaesu Ft-450D, 100 Watts, all mode, \$699.00, pictured, Recommended**
 - **Alinco Dx-SR8t, 100 Watts, all mode, \$499.95**
- **Antenna** – 80m, 40m, 20m minimum



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- **A simple homemade 80m dipole** works very well, **with an external tuner**.
- **Buxcomm Windom OCF**, 80m All Band, **No tuner**, 2000 Watts Pep, \$159.00. 137 feet end to end. Comm Corrdinator has one of these.
https://packetradio.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=49&products_id=2704&zenid=d2aec518eb7ae7de1d2dbbe1114106e
- **An Inverted L for small locations**. The inverted L only requires 30 foot of horizontal space and about 33 foot of elevation. Most yards will accommodate this 80m antenna. It also requires tuner.
- **A Folded Dipole** works well in small locations too.
- **Power Supply, Samlex-1235m**, \$130.83
- **HF Amp** – An HF Amplifier can make all the difference in getting through when bands are bad. We are currently in a portion of the sun spot cycle where the bands are often bad and will be for the next couple of years. Therefore, an HF Amp can mean the difference in being heard or not being heard. RM Italy makes some great inexpensive amps. I own and use an RM Italy KL-506.
<http://www.rmitaly.us/> . RM Italy makes a number of different amps at reasonable prices be sure to get one that covers the whole HF Band, or at least most of it. These amps are made in Italy and tech Support is very difficult in the USA. However, they are priced within reason. You may want to get an amp that has fans on it. Such as the KL 505V. Call the Comms Coordinator and I will help you when you consider an amp.
- **Digital Modes**
 - **Receive, A computer and FIDigi**, free download
 - **Transmit , Signal Link USB**, \$99.00



Indiana Oath Keepers Indiana Patriots Air (INPA) Active Ham Radio Nets

A situation report will be taken with each check-in.

- **Situation 1** – All is well and normal
- **Situation 8** - Worst possible situation

Be prepared to give a report if your situation is anything other than Situation One.

INPA NETS

- **Mondays, 7:00 PM ET, 3.838 LSB.** The frequencies may be up or down the band some due to traffic and noise. I will send out a text message with the actual freq or you can scan up and down the band to find us.
- **Mondays, 7:30 PM ET** – W9WIN linked repeater system in southern Indiana. Find repeaters in the system at, <http://www.w9win.net/>
- **Fridays, 9:00AM ET, 3.838 LSB.** The frequencies may be up or down the band some due to traffic and noise. I will send out a text message with the actual freq or you can scan up and down the band to find us.

Other Patriots Nets

- **Monday-Saturday 8:45 PM ET,** Eastern Regional Patriots Net USA, 3.860 LSB, This is not solely an OK net, it has many OKs on the net. It is a great patriots net that reaches most of the eastern United States.

Additional Nets will be listed as they become active.

Ham Radio Operators are encouraged to start nets in their local area using repeaters in their area. Please contact the Indiana OK

Communications Coordinator to get help coordinating a local net and reporting your net results weekly.

Let's get Indiana Oath Keepers communicating.

POC's: Indiana OK State Communications Coordinator, Walter Huyck,
CommsCoord@IndianaOathKeepers.org, (812) 230-2001.

Indiana OK State Assistant Communications Coordinator, Brian Woehler,
CommsAsst@IndianaOathKeepers.org

STATE MEDICALS

By: Rebecca Farrar

State Medicals Coordinator

IFAK- Individual First Aid Kit

Your IFAK is for you. I highly recommend that you do not use your own kit on your buddy and use your buddies on them so as to not leave yourself without necessary aid.

Within the IFAK it is highly recommended to have your blood type and any allergies that you may have inside of it to assist your buddy or medical staff that may be there to assist you.

These are for your own person. Universally, these are carried in right side trouser pocket, right side of Load Bearing Equipment (LBE), Carry Vest, ETC, but on the right side for easier ability to find. This makes it easier for anyone responding to your aid able to quickly and efficiently assist you without fumbling and wasting precious time.

IFAK Pouch (Any Type of Pouch will work, but MOLLE is great)

Compression Bandages (4)

Wound Closure Strips (3)

Clothing/Bandage Shears 7.5" (1)

Triangular 40" X 40" Bandage (1)

Butterfly Strips (4)

Shear Adhesive Bandages (4)

Surgical Tape 10 yds (1) (Duct Tape)

Non-Adherent Sterile Pads (2)

Surgical Gauze Sponges (6)

Self-Adherent Wrap 3" X 5 yards (1) (COBAND)

SOF/CAT Tourniquet (1)

Gloves (4) (Preferably Non-Latex Again Allergy Issue)

BZK Antiseptic Cleansing Towelettes (4) (Due to Multiple Allergies To Iodine These Are Better To Have)

Triple Antibiotic Ointment Pack (4)

Alcohol Prep Pads (8)

Quick Clot (Or A Comparable Variation Of This)- A VERY Good Substitute is Known as Purified Potato Starch.

Major Emergency Trauma - Contents

A1 FIRST AID SUPPLIES - 1800 178 243

MAJOR EMERGENCY TRAUMA KIT

1	Adhesive Tape	Fasten Dressings
5	Eye Pads	Eye Cover
4	Bandage Crepe 50mm	Secure Dressings
2	Bandage Crepe 75mm	Secure Dressings
3	Combine Dressing Sm	Bleeding Control
3	Combine Dressing Lge	Bleeding Control
6	Non-adhesive Dressing Sm	Burn Dressing
3	Non-adhesive Dressing Lge	Burn Dressing
12	Safety Pins	Secure Dressings
1	Scissors	Cutting Dressings
10	Gauze Squares 7.5cm	Wound Cleaning
1	Tweezers Pointed	Remove Splinters
10	Gloves	Infection Control
1	Resuscitation Mask	Infection Control
1	Resus Mask O ₂ reuse	Resuscitation
1	Antiseptic Spray 50 ml	Wound Cleaning
10	Plastic Bags	Waste Disposal
1	Cervical Collar Med	Neck Support
2	Combine Pads 20 x 20	Wound Dressing
2	Combine Pads 20 x 40	Wound Dressing
1	Saline Solution 500ml	Irrigate Eyes, Wounds
100	Gauze Swab 5cmx5cm	Wound Cleaning
1	Instant Cold	Sprains, Burns, Bruising
1	Island Dressg Pk Lrg	Wound Dressing
1	Sam Splint	Splint, Support

A1 FIRST AID SUPPLIES - 1800 178 243

Major Emerg. Trauma cont.

2	No: 13 Wound Drssgs	Wound Dressings
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1	Adhesive Tape Z.O.	Strapping & Protection
1	Antiseptic Cream 25g	Wound Healing Gel
2	Burn Aid Dressing Sml	Burns Treatment
1	Burn Aid Dressing Lrg	Burns Treatment
1	Cotton Buds (100pkt)	Apply Creams Etc
1	Germ Free 100ml	Clean Hands
1	Universal Scissors	Cut Clothing, dressings
1	Thermal Blanket	Shock Treatment
2	Wound Closures x 3	Close Open Cuts
10	Alcohol Swabs	Instrument/Skin Wipes
10	Antiseptic Swabs	Skin Wipes
1	Thermometer	Temperature
1	Sheaths for therm(50pk)	Infection Control
2	Bdg Conf 2.5cm	Wound Dressing
2	Bdg Hvy Crepe 5cm	Sprains, Support
2	Bdg Hvy Crepe 7.5cm	Sprains, Support
2	Bdg Hvy Crepe 10cm	Sprains, Support
1	Bdg Hvy Crepe 15cm	Sprains, Support
1	Bdg Self Adhes 5cm	Wound Dressing
1	Bdg Self Adhes 7.5cm	Wound Dressing
1	Instant Hot Pack	Sprains, Bruising
2	Triangular Bdges	Sling Support

Stomp List

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Blood Pressure Cuff Kit	1	Gauze Sponges - 2" x 2"	10
Cervical Collar	1	Butterfly Strips	10
Pen Light	1	Bandage Strips - 2" x 3"	20
Suture Sets	5	Knuckle Bandages	20
Latex Examination Gloves (pair)	5	Instant Ice Pack	3
Abdominal Pads - 5" x 9"	10	EMT Shears	2
Pain Relievers	40	Stainless Steel Hemostat	4
Safety Pins	6	Tweezers	1
Emergency Blankets - 52" x 84"	2	Scalpel Handle #3	1
Hand Sanitizer - 2 oz	1	Scalpel Blades	6
Calamine Lotion - 6 oz	1	Stethoscope	1
Assorted Size Bandage Strips	100	Tongue Depressors	5
After Bite Wipes	9	CPR Mask	2
SAM/Universal Splint	2	Antiseptic BZK Wipes	25
Elastic Bandage - 6"	3	Ammonia Inhalants	20
Sterile Sponges - 4" x 4"	5	Airways	4
Adhesive Tape Rolls	3	Multi Trauma Dressings - 20" x 30"	2
Bleedstop Bandages	4	Skin and Eye Wash	10
Eye Pads	5	Triple Antibiotic Packages	20
Blood Clotting Spray	1	Burn Aid Packages	5
Quik Clot	3	EFA First Aid	1
Lip Treatment	2	Burn Spray	1
Instant Glucose	1	Triangular Bandages	3
Elastic Bandage - 2"	6	Israeli Dressing - 4"	2
Israeli Dressing - 6"	2	Alcohol Wipes	20
Iodine Wipes	100	Elastic Bandage Gauze - 4.5" x 4 yds	2
Needle Probe	3		

Figure 2. Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Card, new 2013 version.

EVAC CATEGORY: _____ BATTLE ROSTER #: _____ TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) CARD NAME (Last, First): _____ LAST 4: _____ DATE (DD-MMM-YY): _____ TIME: _____ UNIT: _____ ALLERGIES: _____ Mechanism of Injury: (X all that apply) ☐ Artillery ☐ Burn ☐ Fall ☐ Grenade ☐ GSW ☐ IED ☐ Landmine ☐ MVC ☐ RPG ☐ Other: _____ Injury: (Mark injuries with an X) TQ: R Arm TYPE: _____ TIME: _____ TQ: L Arm TYPE: _____ TIME: _____ TQ: R Leg TYPE: _____ TIME: _____ TQ: L Leg TYPE: _____ TIME: _____ Signs & Symptoms: (Fill in the blank) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Time</th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pulse (Rate & Location)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blood Pressure</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Respiratory Rate</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pulse Ox % O2 Sat</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>AVPU</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pain Scale (0-10)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Time					Pulse (Rate & Location)					Blood Pressure					Respiratory Rate					Pulse Ox % O2 Sat					AVPU					Pain Scale (0-10)					EVAC CATEGORY: _____ BATTLE ROSTER #: _____ Treatments: (X all that apply, and fill in the blank) C: ☐ Extremity-TQ ☐ Junctional-TQ ☐ Pressure-Dressing ☐ Hemostatic-Dressing Type: _____ A: ☐ Intact ☐ NPA ☐ CRIC ☐ ET-Tube ☐ SGA Type: _____ B: ☐ O2 ☐ Needle-D ☐ Chest-Tube ☐ Chest-Seal Type: _____ C: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Volume</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Route</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fluid</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blood Product</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> MEDS: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Dose</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Route</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Analgesic (e.g. Ketamine, Fentanyl, Morphine)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Antibiotic (e.g. Moxifloxacin, Ertapenem)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (e.g. TXA)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> OTHER: ☐ Combat-Pill-Pack ☐ Eye-Shield (☐ R ☐ L) ☐ Splint ☐ Hypothermia-Prevention Type: _____ NOTES: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ FIRST RESPONDER NAME (Last, First): _____ LAST 4: _____		Name	Volume	Route	Time	Fluid					Blood Product						Name	Dose	Route	Time	Analgesic (e.g. Ketamine, Fentanyl, Morphine)					Antibiotic (e.g. Moxifloxacin, Ertapenem)					Other (e.g. TXA)				
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First Aid, CPR , and Blood Borne Pathogens Certifications

Website -- www.nationalcprfoundation.com

In this Healthcare Professional (HCP) - Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification Course you'll learn how to perform CPR on Infants, Children and Adults with 1 or 2 rescuers, as well as, fibrillation and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). You'll also learn about First-Aid and how to properly care for wounds, seizures, strokes, cuts and scrapes as well as, heart attacks, electroshock's and more. Lastly, you'll learn about Bloodborne Pathogens and Viruses, Bacteria and Parasites as well as Prevention, Practices and Cautions.

Basic Life Support (BLS)

*****THIS IS NOT TO BE THE ONLY SUBSTITUTE FOR HANDS ON*****

Emergency Standard Operating Procedures- Bleeding

When you have casualties in any type of tactical, or combat like situation, you must determine the sequence in which the casualties are to be treated and how to treat their injuries. This will go over the procedures for performing tactical combat casualty care; treating injuries to the extremities, chest, abdominal, and head; and controlling shock.

CONTROLLING BLEEDING

1) The control of hemorrhage (major bleeding) is important since injury to a major vessel can result in hypovolemic shock in a short time frame. Extremity hemorrhage is the leading cause of preventable combat death.

2) The use of temporary tourniquets to stop the bleeding is essential in these types of casualties. If the casualty needs to be moved, as is usually the case, a tourniquet is the most reasonable initial choice to stop major bleeding. Ischemic (muscle and tissue death) damage to the limb is rare if the tourniquet is left in place for less than one hour (tourniquets are often left in place for several hours during surgical procedures). In addition, the use of a temporary tourniquet may allow the injured soldier to continue to fight. Both the casualty and the medical personnel are in grave danger while applying the tourniquet and non-life-threatening bleeding should be ignored until the tactical field care phase.

The need for immediate access to a tourniquet in such situations makes it clear that all personnel on missions have a suitable tourniquet, such as the Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT) shown in figure below , readily available at a standard location on their gear and that ALL personnel be trained in its use.



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3) Penetrating neck injuries do not require cervical spine (C-spine) immobilization. Other neck injuries, such as falls over 15 feet, fast roping injuries, or motor vehicle collisions (MVC), may require C-spine immobilization unless the danger of hostile fire constitutes a greater threat in the judgment of the medical personnel. With penetrating neck injuries being only 1.4 percent of the injured in combat, few would have benefited from C-spine immobilization. Adjustable rigid cervical collars (C-collars) should be carried in the soldier medic's medical aid bag. If rigid C-collars are not available, a SAM splint from the aid bag can be used as a field expedient C-collar.

4) Litters may not be available for movement of casualties. (1) Consider alternate methods to move casualties, such as ponchos, poleless litters, discarded doors, dragging, or manual carries. (2) Smoke, CS (2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile, a type of riot control gas), and vehicles may act as screens to assist in casualty movement.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

If a victim of a blast or penetrating injury is found without a pulse, respirations, or other signs of

life, do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Attempts to resuscitate trauma casualties in

arrest, have found to be futile even in the urban setting where the victim is in close proximity to a

trauma center. On the battlefield, the cost of attempting CPR on casualties with what are inevitably

fatal injuries will be measured in additional lives lost as care is withheld from casualties with less

severe injuries and as medical personnel are exposed to additional hazard from hostile fire because of

their attempts. Only in the case of non-traumatic disorders, such as hypothermia, near drowning, or

electrocution, should CPR be considered. Casualties with an altered level of consciousness should be

disarmed immediately. Remove both weapons and grenades. This provides a safety measure for the

care providers. When the casualty becomes more awake and alert he could mistake the good guys for

the enemy he was recently engaging.

CONTROLLING BLEEDING FROM AN EXTREMITY

HYPOVOLEMIC SHOCK

A sudden decrease in blood volume can also produce hypovolemic (low volume) shock. An average adult has about six quarts (around 5000 to 6000 milliliters) of blood in his body. Modern medical research has proven that on the battlefield lives will be saved with the aggressive use of tourniquets and then attempting to reduce these to pressure dressings as the situation permits.

This template below shows the effects of blood loss on the body. This guide can help you determine the amount of loss the patient has already suffered. Once the patient has reached stages III and IV, it is often too late. This helps to demonstrate the importance of early and aggressive control of hemorrhage on the battlefield.

Class Blood Loss Clinical Signs

I Up to 750 ml (15 percent) Slight increase in heart rate; no change in blood pressure or respirations.

II 750 to 1500 ml (15 to 30 percent) Increased heart rate and respirations; increased diastolic (lower number) blood pressure; anxiety, fright or hostility.

III 1500 to 2000 ml (30 to 40 percent), Increased heart rate and respirations; fall in systolic blood pressure (upper number); significant AMS.

IV Over 2000 ml Severe tachycardia (high heart rate); severe (over 40 percent) lowering of blood pressure; cold, pale skin; severe AMS

NOTE: Altered mental status (AMS).

Serious bleeding (hemorrhage) usually results when an artery or vein is cut or torn (such as being punctured by shrapnel or the sharp end of a fractured bone) or when the blood vessel is ruptured due to disease or a blow with a blunt instrument. Bleeding may be either external or internal.

External Bleeding. When the bleeding is external, blood can be seen coming from an open (skin is broken) wound. External bleeding can be from an artery (a blood vessel which carries blood away from the heart), from a vein (a blood vessel which carries

blood back to the heart), or from capillaries (tiny blood vessels connecting an artery and a vein).

(1) Arterial blood is bright red (rich in oxygen) and is usually expelled from the wound in spurts. The spurts are caused by the pulse waves resulting from the heart's pumping actions (contractions).

(2) Venous blood is a dark bluish-red (low in oxygen content) and flows at a slower, steady rate. Venous blood does not escape in spurts because the pulse is not present in the veins.

(3) Capillary blood resembles venous blood in color. The very small size of capillaries causes the escaping blood to ooze from a wound rather than flow at a more rapid rate.

Internal Bleeding. Internal bleeding occurs when the blood from a damaged blood vessel or organ (such as a laceration of the liver) flows into a body cavity or is trapped in the surrounding tissue rather than escaping the body through an open wound. Internal bleeding can be identified by discolored tissue (bruises), swelling (from blood escaping into surrounding tissue), rigid body cavity (cavity filled with blood), and/or blood escaping through a body orifice such as the mouth, rectum, or vagina. The casualty may cough up blood (hemoptysis), vomit blood (hematemesis), or pass bloody stools (hematochezia). Vomited blood may be bright red or it may be dark and resemble coffee grounds. The stools may be bright red or dark (melena). Blood loss from internal bleeding is just as serious as visible blood loss from external bleeding.

NATURAL BODY REACTIONS TO BLEEDING

The body has natural mechanisms that act to control bleeding.

A. Contraction. If a blood vessel is severed, the end of the vessel may contract and decrease the size of the opening through which blood can escape the vessel. This contraction is temporary and full bleeding will occur when the vessel relaxes. Contraction can often lead to a false impression of the severity of the wound. During care under fire, aggressive use of tourniquets is needed to ensure that, as the body starts to relax, the patient does not bleed out.

B. Clotting. The body's primary defense against blood loss is clotting. When a blood vessel is damaged or cut, platelets (thrombocytes) in the blood attach themselves to the damaged part of the blood vessel and begin plugging the opening. Fibrinogen in the blood changes to fibrin and reinforces the platelets. An insoluble clot forms that plugs the torn or cut blood vessel until the vessel is repaired. If the blood vessel is large and the damage is severe, a clot may not form in time to stop the bleeding.

C. Immobilization. The body may also react to damage by immobilizing the injured part. The casualty with an injured leg may fall or lie down and remain still. The muscles become more rigid to decrease pain and the casualty will tend to avoid moving the injured body part. This natural splinting reaction helps to reduce blood loss by restricting activity of the body part. The more active the body part, the greater the blood flow in the injured part.

METHODS OF CONTROLLING BLEEDING

During the care under fire phase, the first thing you should look for is significant bleeding. If you are in doubt of the significance of the bleed, apply a tourniquet immediately and assess it later when you have more time.

If the bleeding seems significant (venous or arterial), then a tourniquet should be applied during

the care under fire phase.

(2) The tourniquet can be loosened during the care under fire phase under the following conditions:

(a) Based on the tactical situation. When there is a lull in the battle or the battle has moved away from

the casualty collection point.

(b) More time in a safer setting. You have enough time and protection to assess the need for a

tourniquet and reapply it if you determine that it is still needed.

(c) More help is available. Additional hands may be needed to assess and reapply the tourniquet.

(3) If you are unable to control bleeding with other methods, retighten the tourniquet. The need to

prevent further blood loss is greater than the potential risks associated with tourniquet application.

(4) Some other considerations involving tourniquets are given below.

(a) Can you see what you are doing? Enough light is essential to adequately assess the bleeding.

(b) Does the casualty need fluid resuscitation? If so, do it before the tourniquet is removed. Ensure a

positive response is obtained; that is, the casualty has good peripheral pulse and good mentation

(mental ability).

(c) DO NOT periodically loosen the tourniquet to get blood to the limb. This is an antiquated technique that will only cause the casualty to lose more blood that **cannot** be replaced on the front lines.

(d) Tourniquets **are very** painful. It has been documented that patients have tried to remove tourniquets due to the pain they cause. Be prepared to administer narcotic analgesic pain control to casualties to protect them and to provide for their comfort.

(e) If the tourniquet has been on for more than *six hours*, **leave it on**. At this point, do not attempt to remove the tourniquet.

b. Once in the tactical field care phase, any bleeding not previously treated should be assessed and treated.

(1) Application of emergency trauma dressings, hemostatic (blood clotting) agents, or other means to control simple bleeding may be used at this time.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

INDIANA OATH KEEPERS

By: Cindy Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer

Indiana Oath Keepers began a few years back as a presence in the chat forums on the Oath Keepers national web pages.

With small beginnings about four years ago, we met as a group of about eight people in the latter part of 2013, after which we subdivided our state Oath Keepers into regional groups (originally 8 regions, now 9) for better connectivity.

We have had a few changes in our state leadership, which all went quite smoothly, since we are all of one mind regarding our mission as Oath Keepers here in Indiana. Region 8 member Rick Norris was our first state coordinator, who resigned for health and family reasons but remains an active member of Indiana Oath Keepers. He was succeeded by Ben Beman, also from Region 8. Ben worked tirelessly to complete our organizational structure, and under his leadership Region 9 was formed from parts of the surrounding regions (3, 4, 5, and 6). Ben's then assistant (State Vice Coordinator), Bryan Humes, is our current State Coordinator, moving into that leadership position when Ben resigned to give more time to his family and work priorities, though Ben remains an interested and active Indiana Oath Keeper..

Region 1 is the first really active region in our state, comprising 8 counties in the far northeast corner. Region 1 began with about 6 people and has grown to 54 people that we know of, with an average involvement of 18 people. Coordinator there is Bryan Humes. Region 1 is best known more recently for its involvement in the "Protect Our Protectors" project, providing security for well over a year at a Fort Wayne area military recruitment center that has since constructed a building security system. Region 1 meets monthly at the American Legion in Churubusco.

Region 2, comprising 10 counties in the far northwest corner, has about 14 known Oath Keepers. Region 2 meets monthly in LaPaz. Coordinator there is Len Grummell.

Region 3, comprising 13 counties in the northeast part of central Indiana, is currently inactive.

Region 4, comprising 9 counties in the northwest part of central Indiana, has 14 people that we know of, only 3 of which have expressed an interest in Oath Keepers. These three have on occasion attended the meetings and activities of Region 9, and they have made themselves publically available to meet with others in their region, thus far with no results.

Region 5, comprising 7 counties in east central Indiana, has 7 people that we know of, several of whom are actively participating in the meetings and activities of Region 9.

Region 6, comprising 8 counties in west central Indiana, has 6 people that we know of, 2 of whom have attended Region 9 meetings and activities, 1 of whom is thoroughly involved therein and is our newly-appointed State Communications Coordinator, Walter Huyck, Jr.

Region 7, comprising 12 counties in the far southeast corner of our state, has 4 people that we know of, currently inactive.

Region 8, comprising 14 counties in the far southwest corner of our state, has 15 people that we know of, many of whom have met together at various times through the last few years. Region 8 has seen multiple leadership changes and has had its ups and downs. Their current acting coordinator is Rebecca Farrar.

Region 9, formed in late 2015 from the central-most portions of Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6, comprises 11 counties in central Indiana. Coordinator there is Derek Stiver. Region 9 began with 13 people who met together in October of 2015 and grew to 56 people that we know of, with average number involved being about 15.

Region 9 has one county that is actively building Oath Keepers at the county level—Hamilton County, which is the central most northern county of Region 9. Coordinator there is Michael Hirl.

You have seen the situation reports of the active Regions and Counties in our state.

This summary will continue to enumerate the activities of Indiana Oath Keepers as a state organization.

We had a state proposed leadership meeting during the winter of 2013-2014 at a Golden Corral buffet restaurant near Indianapolis, with about 8 people attending.

We had a state leadership conference call in April of 2015 convened by then state POC Rick Norris, with Ben Beman at his right hand. Ben proposed, and we all agreed, that state leadership meet monthly by conference call, because we need to stay in touch with, and informed by, each other. Because Indiana Oath Keepers is organized yet not official as an Oath Keepers chapter, state leadership agreed that any donations received for Indiana Oath Keepers by check should be payable to our Treasurer, Cindy Taylor, with "Indiana Oath Keepers" (or a variation thereof) on the "Memo" line of the check and mailed to her home address, and these received donations will be kept in a separate personal checking account, the activities of which account will be reported monthly to state leadership.

At the May 2015 monthly state leadership phone conference, concern was expressed regarding the Regions without Coordinators and our limitations regarding contact info for Oath Keepers in those Regions. Consensus was established requiring preapproval by POC of expenses equal to half the treasury funds per day, and any more would require approval of the state leadership as a whole.

The main concern at the June 2015 monthly state leadership phone conference was lack of leadership structure in our state.

Then Oath Keepers National Board member Steve Homan, VP of Chapter Relations, attended our July 2015 monthly state leadership phone conference and said he will take care of that membership list for POC Rick. [NOTE: This follow-up never happened.] Concern was expressed concerning lack of communication both within the state and between the state and National. He created and "auto-renewed" the "IndianaOK.org" website. [NOTE: That website was never updated, and we were unable to obtain the credentials therefor, so we are currently working to build a new website named "IndianaOathKeepers.org".]

Our August 2015 state leadership phone conference was largely spent preparing for our statewide membership meeting.

We had our first statewide membership meeting in August of 2015 at a park in Indianapolis with 8 people attending in the rain. At this meeting those present were informed of two issues then preventing us from becoming an official Oath Keepers chapter—(1) LLC formation subordinate to National and (2) chapter mailing address. Then state POC Rick Norris indicated that until we are an official chapter, we will not

know who are the 238 members of Indiana Oath Keepers on the national membership roll.

State leadership did not meet together in September of 2015. Between our August and October meetings, though, Rick Norris resigned as our state POC; and Ben Beman, his assistant, stepped up to that position, with Region 1 Coordinator Bryan Humes moving into the assisting position.

Our 2015 state leadership October phone meeting saw no concerns with the change in leadership, except that the two top leadership positions will be hereafter named “State Coordinator” and “State Vice Coordinator”. Ben proposed a Code of Conduct, with which the group found no issues, and suggestions for communication and organization were given regarding standards of operation and orders of implementation, leadership structure at the state, region, county, and town levels. Derek Stiver, having volunteered to coordinate Indiana’s newest Region 9, will be vetted for 6 months, during which period he will be known as “Acting Regional Coordinator”.

In our January 2016 state leadership phone meeting, the Indiana Oath Keepers state phone number obtained through MagicJack began forwarding to Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Taylor per the instruction of State Coordinator Ben Beman. The next statewide membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 13 and will be hosted by Region 9.

Our second statewide membership meeting (which was our first publicly-announced annual State Convention) was held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, in Indianapolis, and was hosted by Region 9. Nearly 60 people attended from around the State of Indiana, and we had Oath Keepers from Kentucky and Ohio attending as well.

Several Indiana Oath Keepers attended the well-broadcasted Constitutional Sheriffs event that was organized by the Evansville Institute On The Constitution (“IOTC”) and hosted by Providence Presbyterian Church at Trinity Seminary near Evansville, Indiana. Sheriff Mack and Elkhart County Sheriff Brad Rogers were the key speakers, who encouraged us to support our sheriffs and get behind them in the formation of posses.

In addition to Sheriffs Mack and Rogers, we received a boat load of education on the Constitution by the IOTC.

At our February 2016 state leadership phone meeting, very active and supportive Region 1 member John Brown was appointed as the Interim Coordinator for all inactive Regions, and any queries concerning those regions should be directed to John.

At a specially-called late-February 2016 state leadership phone meeting, we began to discuss a date and ideas for an Indiana patriots leadership summit, sharing the names of the other patriot groups we know. Summit location will be in central Indiana, and topics will include potential threats, grid-down communications, emergency medical procedures, food and water storage, etc. We also discussed the need to identify skill sets and points of contact for each region and the counties of each region and the entire state.

At our March 2016 state leadership phone meeting, State Coordinator Ben Beman recapped the patriotic groups contacted for the state summit and to be contacted. Secretary Cindy Taylor will initiate an email and draft a letter, both to be used as templates for contacting state patriot group leaders regarding the Summit. [NOTE: This was done, though I'm not sure whether either template was used.] Region 9 Acting Coordinator Derek Stiver researched low-cost website options with unlimited download capacity and is willing to be the contact person for website volunteers. State leadership discussed promotion of Derek to the official position of Region 9 Coordinator, and we all agreed by consensus to promote him to the position beginning with Region 9's April meeting. [NOTE: Region 9's April 2016 meeting was indeed a celebration, and Derek was quite surprised by the attention and devotion of Region 9 members.]

At our May 2016 state leadership phone meeting, we were informed that a "closed" Facebook group was created to continue discussions while the state chat forums on the national website were inoperative.

At our June 2016 state leadership phone meeting, Ben Beman announced his resignation from the State Coordinator position, effective immediately upon his approval of the minutes thereof, because his work is expanding to the extent that he is prevented from further contributing the time necessary to coordinate the activities of Indiana Oath Keepers. According to our current leadership structure, State Vice Coordinator Bryan Humes will succeed Ben as State Coordinator, and the Sergeant At Arms will succeed as State Vice Coordinator, leaving the Sergeant At Arms position vacant until filled by someone appointed by the State Coordinator and approved by the State Leadership.

At and following subsequent state leadership meetings, the following occurred:

(1) Troy Damalak accepted the Sergeant At Arms position and was approved therefor by the State Leadership.

(2) Greg Harris stepped down as Region 8 Acting Coordinator, and Rebecca Farrar step up as Region 8 acting coordinator.

(3) At a special Indiana Oath Keepers “All Leaders” phone conference in early-October 2016, Hamilton County Coordinator updated State Leadership regarding a conference call that he and a co-county leader had with Stewart Rhodes regarding CPT SOPs and informed us that the National membership database is now up to date, and Walter Huyck shared that he is involved with National Comms.

(4) Walter accepted the position as State Communications Coordinator, Rebecca accepted State Leadership's newly-created position of State Medicals Coordinator, and State Leadership approved both appointments.

(5) We conducted a state patriots leadership summit in September of 2016, wherein two patriot groups (1) Indiana Oath Keepers and (2) Indiana Citizens Volunteer Militia were represented and shared preparedness ideas in the events of natural disaster or man-made emergency.

State Leadership goals are to get the locals connected, forming local and county CPT teams that will connect at the regional and state levels once formed. We also are reaching out to those in law enforcement with support and encouragement, offering any necessary help to keep order in our society.

Our treasury began in 2013 with just over \$200 from t-shirt sales.

Our current ongoing expenses as a state organization are:

- (1) The newly-acquired web presence of IndianaOathKeepers.org with a small annual Domain Name Registration fee (\$9.17) and a tiny monthly Web Hosting fee (\$5.00);
- (2) MagicJack call-forwarding service annual fee (\$35.00).

Our State Convention expenses are:

- (1) Fee for the meeting space (free for 4 hours but there's a fee for all-day use) ;
- (2) Lunch, snacks, beverages.

...so we are running a balance of less than \$200.00 as of just before Convention date, and will go into the red, because the meeting room nonprofit fee for the afternoon (morning is free to nonprofits) was \$85.60.