

**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE
(MARCER)
September 16, 2011
MEETING SUMMARY**

PRESENT: (according to sign in sheet)

Chris Alexander, KCK Fire
Tony Burr, Leavenworth County EMS
Kent Cantrell, Excelsior Springs Fire
Tom Collins, KCFD Ambulance
Ben Chlapek, Central Jackson County
Tom Collins, KCFD
Mathew Cushman, Raytown EMS
Angela Fera, Med-Act
Colin Fitzgerald, Lenexa Fire
Steven Holle, Belton Emergency Services
Steve Isaacson, Overland Park Fire
Department
Mike Johnson, Sni Valley Fire Protection

Michael Latta, KCFD
Paul Lininger, Central Jackson County
Donna Maize, KCFD
Brad Mason, Johnson County Med-Act
Ruby Mehrer, Life Flight Eagle
Kevin Pratt, Kearney Fire
David Rierson, Southern Platte Fire
Mike Snider, Liberty Fire Department
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
Dick Whipple, Lifeflight Eagle
Tina York, HCA Midwest

OTHERS Present:

David Gustafson, Warsaw Lincoln/Lake Lotawana
Dan Hudson, KU Hospital
Shawn Biggs JoCo AMR
Mark Mauer, KCFD
C. Michele Briet, Liberty Hospital
Stephanie Droppelman, NKC Hospital
Roger Wagoner, NKC Fire Department
Tony Nunn, St. Luke's
Cathy Moffett, Allmed

MARC Staff

- Mike Hicks , Erin Lynch, Jason White, Justin Sorg and Tanya Kraatz

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Alexander, Chair called the meeting to order and self introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the summary from August meeting and the September meeting agenda. The motion passed with all signifying "aye".

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative
Jason White discussed the following issues.
 - Missouri FRA- A start date of October 1, 2011 Please give the process a few months, The Department of social Services will be sending your agency a letter, please let Jason White know if you have any questions.

- 911 Missouri- the hearings are going well, please keep in mind that Missouri is the last state to implement the tax.
- Blood Draws- The State legislation passed Bill 577 which allows for hospitals to draw blood on suspected DUI. This legislation is more for hospitals than EMS in our region in Missouri.
- Time Critical Diagnoses
Kent Cantrell discussed the issues on data collection form and advised that it is close to being finalized. Work is being done with the State Department of Health and PSO to collect the data for EMS.

Secure fax- a bid for 77 different secure faxes between EMS and Hospitals was received the bid ranged from \$13,000 and \$20,000. Each department will only receive on machine and number, the committee is looking for approval to expend up to \$20,000 to obtain the secure fax line for all the reporting agencies. The funds would come from the MARCER operating budget.

A motion was made by Chief Cantrell and seconded by Chief Chlapek to approve the expense up to \$20,000 to obtain secure fax machines and lines to transfer TCD data. The motion passed with all indicating "aye"

- Joint Paramedic Recruiting

Angela Fera advised the deadline for scholarship applications is October 1, 2011. The committee will meet on October 5th to review and select the final recipients. There should be a decision by the October MARCER meeting.

- Communications – The Radio installations and reprogramming continues. There is a recommendation that the remaining funds be used to purchase additional portable hand held radios. A motion was made and seconded to purchase additional portable hand held radios with the remaining funds. The motion passed with all indicating "aye".
- Policy and Grants – EMResource – an issue with the TCD reporting has been discovered, when hospitals need to report a closure specifically to TCD the coding is not there to indicate only closed for STEMI/ Stroke or Trauma. Carolyn Wells presented a possible solution in which some columns are added, that will allow for the choice of STEMI, Stroke or Trauma. This was the EMS service will know that the hospital may be closed to STEMI but open for everything else.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- Hospital
Carolyn Wells reported that the Hospitals will be conducting a HazMat exercise October 11, 2011. The exercise is designed to test their abilities to respond to a HazMat incident without community Support.
- D-MAT
They will be supporting the Whiteman's Military Base Airshow later this Fall.

EMS

Kansas- They are working on a post exposure testing law.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike Hicks reviewed the financial reports and offered to answer any questions. Mr. Hicks advised those agencies that have not paid their 2011 Assessment are being followed up with.

STAFF REPORT

- Mike Hicks reported that Chief Chlapek achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel in the US Army Reserves.
- Bio Hazard Waste Bid- An additional survey will be sent to help identify certain contract needs for each individual department. This will allow for the bidders more specific information.
- Boundtree will assume the current MARCER contract from Allmed. Kim Frances with Boundtree advised that they are still in the transition process. Each agency will be receiving a letter with their new account information.

NEW BUSINESS

KCFD is looking at Dodge ambulance chase, they are seeking any feedback.

The October 21, 2011 meeting will be a short business meeting and then the Chief Bradley from Tucson, Az will discuss the mass shooting that took place earlier this year. The STEMI/Stroke coordinator will meet prior to the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

October 21, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.