



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64105

October 13, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Tim Lynch, Chair - Overland Park EM

Chuck Thacker, Vice Chair – Grandview Fire

Julie Adolphson, NWS

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Mike Boos, Raymore EM

Christian Cooley, Wyandotte County EM

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Mike Curry, Jackson County EM

Bob Evans, Wyandotte County EM

Todd Farley, CJ C Fire

Alisha Griswold, Johnson County PH

Gay Hall, Wyandotte County PH

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Tom Magee, GSA

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Bob Miller, Belton EM

John Mills, Liberty Fire

Mike O'Neal, Platte County EM

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Dan Robeson, Johnson County EM

D.C. Rogers, Clay County EM

Michelle Shackelford, 72-Hour Essentials

Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove, Sni Valley EM

Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago

John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire

Bill Stewart, KCTEW

Frank Stranimier, Raytown Police Dept.

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Stan Swaggart, Cass County EM

Gary Thurman, United Way 2-1-1

Brad Utterback, Park University

Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire

Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital

Keith Yoder, KDEM

MARC Staff: Julie Alt, Justin Sorg, Lisa Elsas

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Tim Lynch opened the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting summary.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS – Previously #5 on the agenda, this item was moved to agenda item #3 due to Tim Lynch's late arrival.

- **Citizen Readiness**

- a. **Citizen Education** - Mark Owen reported Thill Media is writing the scripts for the preparedness Internet spots. The scripts will be forwarded to subcommittee members within the next few days for approval.

The Kansas City region is the first in the country to have launched the Thunder Signs. So far good feedback received. The subcommittee will consider ordering more. Anyone interested in more signs should contact Julie Alt.

- b. **PCA** – Mark Owen is having discussions with Associated Wholesale Grocers (AWG) regarding the Midland weather radios. The results of the discussions may be that the radios will end up in all of the local stores which would offset funds expended for marketing.
- c. **CERT** – Mike O'Neal reported the CERTs met prior to the MEMC meeting. Teams were asked to gather and submit information on all training courses offered, how many trained, deployment, and current capabilities back to 2006 if possible. This collection of information will be entered into an ongoing report that can be accessed by EMs to know the capability and numbers of available CERTs in the region. The CERT Rodeo workgroup is zeroing in on a date and location for the Rodeo in 2012.

4. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Representing the Nominations Committee, Mark Owen announced that there was only one nominee for Vice Chair and that was Bob Evans.

Those present were reminded that only voting members were allowed to vote and only one voter per agency or jurisdiction membership. Members were allowed to write in choices on the ballot. Ballots were distributed, collected, and tabulated by MARC staff. Once notified, Chair Tim Lynch announced that Bob Evans had been elected Vice Chair of the MEMC and effective immediately, the new Chair, Chuck Thacker and new Vice Chair, Bob Evans, would assume leadership.

Mike Boos motioned that previously suspended Articles IIIA and IIIB of the Bylaws be reinstated. The motion was seconded by Ken Smith. The motion carried.

Tim Lynch presented a check in the amount of \$300 to the committee for past due City of Overland Park MERS dues.

5. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS - RESUMED**

- **Communications** – Chuck Magaha presented the updated MERS Roll Call Roster.
- **WebEOC** – Mike O’Neal announced the next meeting will be October 24th at 1:30.
- **Membership & Bylaws** – No report.
- **Plans** – Justin Sorg presented ESF 4 and 9 for committee approval. A motion was made by Mike Boos and seconded by Todd Farley to approve the ESFs as written. The motion was approved. Justin Sorg also presented the updated National Preparedness Goals for the committee’s reference.
- **Integrated Warning Team** – Julie Adolphson reported Andy Bailey is on a national team based on the results of the Joplin Emergency Warning Report. Methods and frequency for future weather warnings and alerts is being reviewed. They hope to have an IWT meeting in January.
- **MRCKC** – Alisha Griswold reported that the MRCKC had presented at the KEMA conference on the training videos for volunteers. They have also been requested to present in St. Louis.

6. **OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **Training and Exercise** – Lisa Elsas presented the committee with the tentative 2012-2013 training calendar. The calendar will be reviewed in detail at the upcoming TEPW to be held on November 1 at MARC. The committee discussed the ICS courses and the possibility that we may not need to offer as many.
- **MECC** – Matt May presented the emergency managers with the AAR for the MECC Simulated Emergency Test and asked each participating jurisdiction to localize the information.

7. **STATE REPORTS**

- **SEMA** – a list of training courses has been emailed out from state. Anyone interested in adding specific courses should email their request to Maureen Burke.
- **KDEM** – Keith Yoder reported the seven governors of states abutting the Missouri River will be submitting a letter to congress to give their input on how the Missouri River should be managed by the Army Corp of Engineers. The 4th Annual Search and Rescue Conference was held in Salina. The EMPG checks are being issued.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **EAS/IPAWS** – Matt May reported that at 1 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Nov. 9, radio stations, local television stations, and cable and satellite providers in the Kansas City metropolitan area will join other broadcasters across the country for a simultaneous test of the system. Although the test will be similar to the routine monthly tests most of us are familiar with, there are a few key differences:

- a. The nationwide test will last longer than normal — approximately three minutes.
- b. While the audio message will include the words “This is a test” and be the same for everyone, the video test may vary due to differing technologies. Viewers should be aware that the video messages may or may not include the words “This is a test” in the background image or scroll at the bottom of the screen.
- c. The test will be conducted through broadcast media only — it will not include NOAA weather radios, mobile devices or outdoor warning sirens.
- d. The nationwide Emergency Alert System test will be conducted jointly by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FCC and National Weather Service.

The committee suggested that the chairs meet with MARC Public Affairs to devise a plan to notify the public of the upcoming alert due to concerns that without the label of “This is a test,” some citizens may become unduly concerned. Julie Alt will coordinate this meeting.

- Congratulations – Bob Evans offered congratulations to Dan Robeson for his promotion to Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Johnson County, KS.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

November 10, 2011