



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

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

September 8, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Tim Lynch, Chair - Overland Park EM

Chuck Thacker, Vice Chair – Grandview Fire

Betty Amos, Wyandotte County EM

Andy Bailey, NWS

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Les Boatright, KCP&L

Mike Boos, Raymore EM

Christian Cooley, Wyandotte County

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Sara Croke, Weather or Not, Inc.

Mike Curry, Jackson County EM

Bob Evans, Wyandotte County EM

Bruce Fisher, Blue Valley Public Safety

Gay Hall, Wyandotte County PH

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Marshall McClure, MARS

Ben Miller, Belton EM

Mike O'Neal, Platte County EM

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Eric Ramsey, Lenexa Fire

Dan Robeson, Johnson County EM

D.C. Rogers, Clay County EM

Sandy Schiess, City of Independence

Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove, Sni Valley EM

Dee Smith, The Salvation Army

Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Stan Swaggart, Cass County EM

Brad Utterback, Park University

Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire

Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital

Keith Yoder, KDEM

MARC Staff: Steve Adukaitis, Julie Alt, Keith Faddis, Donna Martin, Justin Sorg,

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. PRESENTATION – ARC Patient Locator, Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Ken Cope explained the ARC Patient Locator system which interfaces with EMTrack and works with all of the hospitals in the region.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

• Citizen Readiness

- a. **Citizen Education** - Mark Owen reported Thill Media is developing a new educational campaign designed for the Internet which emphasizes personal preparedness responsibility. The contract amount was increased to \$63,000 to include more videos plus abbreviated versions of each for TV spots. The \$63,000 contract will expend the Citizen Preparedness project in UASI FY08.
- b. **PCA** – Mark Owen is having discussions with Associated Wholesale Grocers (AWG) regarding the Midland weather radios. After the Joplin event, AWG suggested selling the radios from the Hen House stores in addition to Price Chopper. Since the agreement with Price Chopper is exclusive, these discussions are ongoing.
- c. **CERT** – Mike O'Neal reported the FY08 funds have been expended. CERT equipment trailers are being purchased for CJC, Raymore and KCMO using a portion of the \$180,000 reallocated by the RHSCC. CERT will meet prior to the October 13th meeting.
- d. **Safety City** – Chuck Thacker reported Safety City will meet immediately following the MEMC meeting.
- e. **Communications** – Chuck Magaha reported 29 respondents on the latest roll call. He added the Greenwood Police Department no longer wishes to participate in MERS. They will

be dropped from the roll call. Julie Alt will update the roll call list and coordinate with Matt May so that the roll call on WebEOC is current.

- **WebEOC** – Matt May reported they are currently working with ESI on the EOC status board development. The next WebEOC meeting will be September 19th.
- **Membership & Bylaws** – Chair Lynch explained he will be appointing a replacement for Nick Crossley on the Membership & Bylaws Subcommittee. Dan Robeson was chosen for the position.
- **Plans** – Chuck Thacker reported the Mass Fatality group will meet again to finalize the draft ESF. The draft will then be brought to the MEMC and subsequently the RHSCC for approval. A process identified to reengage the ESF 8 – Public Health task force. ESF 3 – Public Works has been sent to the regional public works directors for comments. ESF 4 – Firefighting will be submitted to the MEMC for approval at the October meeting. Julie Alt will send ESF 4 to the members in advance of the meeting for their review.
- **Integrated Warning Team** – Andy Bailey announced the Joplin assessment had been sent out. It is anticipated this report will drive future IWT discussions. He would like to schedule an IWT meeting in January.
- **MRCKC** – The MRC has been involved with school immunizations. Donna Martin gave a presentation at the Missouri Volunteer Symposium. The MRCKC has also been invited to present at KEMA.

5. OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Erin Lynch reported with the purchase of the mass fatality trailer, purchasing for UASI FY07 is complete. A six month extension to December 31, 2011 was received for UASI FY08. The main priority has been the generator project. They are waiting for site approval and will also need load analyses. It is hoped construction can begin by the end of September. The RHSCC approved the Co-chairs' proposal for spending FY09 and FY10. The plan is pending DHS approval.
- Tim Lynch gave an update on the FRMAC. The effort has been scaled down due to deployment of DOE staff to Japan. There will be a workshop, table-top and a full-scale exercise. A summary will be sent out. A working group is needed to represent the region at IPC. Representatives from EM, Hospitals, Haz Mat, EMS, Law Enforcement and Public Health are requested. Anyone interested in participating in the group should contact Steve Adukaitis.

6. STATE REPORTS

- **SEMA** – Chuck Thacker reminded Missouri EMs the NIMCAST roll out must be completed by September 15.
- **KDEM** – Keith Yoder reported Bill Brubaker passed away and they will be filling his position. Tim Lynch informed the committee a condolence email had been sent on behalf of the MEMC. Keith Yoder stated his duties as regional coordinator have been changed to focus on response and recovery instead of preparedness. The KEMA conference is next week.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Nominations Committee** – Since a nominations committee was not appointed at the July meeting and the August meeting was cancelled, Chair Lynch asked for a motion to suspend Article 3, subsections A and B of the Bylaws to allow for flexibility in the vice chair election process. A motion was made by Mike Boos and seconded by Dan Robeson to suspend subsections A and B. The motion carried. Chair Lynch appointed a nominations committee to include Mark Owen, Dan Robeson and Chuck Magaha. The nominations committee will bring the slate of nominees forward at the October meeting at which time the new vice chair will be elected and Chuck Thacker will assume the role of MEMC Chair.
- **September 11th Tribute** – Tim Lynch announced the Senate has recommended commemorating the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 by all EMs activating their sirens at noon for one minute. The

appropriateness of using the sirens in this manner was discussed. The majority of members stated they would not participate as sirens are for emergencies only. Chief Schiess added that Independence would be sounding their fire trucks sirens instead.

- MECC – Matt May informed the committee the MECC exercise will qualify for EMPG. The exercise will include a hot wash and after action report. The next meeting will be September 21 at the American Red Cross. This meeting is mandatory for controllers.
- Mark Owen – Mark Owen explained that due to his new position with the Platte County Sheriff's Office, his last MEMC meeting will be December 8th. However, he would like to continue to spearhead PCA through 2012. He has spoken with Micky Davis and Mike Selves regarding the PCA USA funds and is working to transfer those funds into the current PCA account. Tim Lynch thanked Mark Owen for all of his work in the region. Mark will be stepping down as co-chair of the Citizen Preparedness Subcommittee. Any Missouri representatives wishing to fill this role should contact Chuck Thacker.
- Sandy Schiess explained she had been invited by the White House to participate in a conference call regarding first responders in preparation for President Obama's national address.
- Chuck Magaha thanked KCMO and Wyandotte and Johnson Counties for their help during the building collapse at Fort Leavenworth. He added Leavenworth County is exceeding \$5,000,000 in flood damage.
- Amanda Oliver asked if it would be possible to order more thunder signs. Members were asked to let Julie Alt know if they have extra signs or how many additional signs they need.

8. NEXT MEETING
October 13, 2011