



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

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

June 9, 2011 1:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Tim Lynch, Chair - Overland Park EM

Chuck Thacker, Vice Chair – Grandview Fire

Andy Bailey, NWS

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Mike Bellinger, ARES District A

Kent Cantrell, Excelsior springs Fire

Christian Cooley, Wyandotte County

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Adam Crowe, Johnson County EM

Kim Czeropski, Peril Pro

Jeff DeGraffenreid, City of Olathe

Alisha Griswold, Johnson County Public Health

James Ham, North Kansas City Police Dept.

David Laskowski, NKC EM

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Thomas Magee, GSA

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Marshall McClure, MARS

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Karen Raines, FCC

Eric Ramsey, Lenexa Fire

Dan Robeson, Johnson County EM

Rob Russell, NKC Police Dept.

Sandy Schiess, Independence Fire

Michelle Shackelford, 72-Hour Essentials

Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove, Sni Valley EM

Bill Stewart, KCTEW

Mary Stone, City of Independence

Frank Stranimier, Raytown Police Dept.

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Stan Swaggart, Cass County EM

Liz Ticer, Johnson County Public Health

Brad Utterback, Park University

Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital

MARC Staff: Erin Lynch, Aly Breeze, Rita Parker, Justin Sorg, Steve Adukaitis, Tammy Shaw, Nikki Thomas

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. The motion passed.

3. HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Erin Lynch provided an update on the current Urban Area grant status. Information is being requested from DHS to learn how and why the threat and risk methodology changed and what the influencing factors were. Representatives will be attending the UASI conference in June. FY08 will end by August 31. The KC region has received approval to ask for an extension. The RHSCC is reviewing the current urban area funding. Committees will be asked in June and July to review the UASI funding for their projects and make recommendations for the best use of the funds recognizing diminishing resources in the future. There will be significant discussion around continuing investments. The RHSCC has been pursuing other state support for 2011. Missouri has made some changes to their governance structure allowing the KC region to apply for some minimal funds that would enable some capabilities to continue after 2013. The application for \$600,000 will be submitted within the next week. Unfortunately, these funds can only be used for Missouri projects. Outreach has been made to congressional and senate delegations to rethink the UASI reduction in funding. Chair Lynch called upon the subcommittee co-chairs to work together to draft recommendations and suggestions for the entire group to consider.

4. PRESENTATION: *Emergency Purchasing Task Force, Jackie Waggoner, Purchasing Manager, Douglas County, Christine Salas-Dorantes, MACPP and Johnson County, KS Purchasing.* The principle objective of the Emergency Purchasing Task Force is to provide qualified personnel and assistance from various task force entities to the affected jurisdictions to enhance emergency response and efficiency, to standardize processes and reduce redundancies by quickly disseminating critical resources. There was

consensus as to the value of this work. The Task Force is working on a Memorandum of Understanding for jurisdictions to use. This document will be provided to the MEMC upon its completion.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

• **Citizen Readiness**

- a. **Citizen Education** - In Mark Owen's absence Chair Lynch reported the Citizen Preparedness Subcommittee has ordered 1000 When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors signs. If anyone has not submitted a request for signs, please contact Mike O'Neal. Information will also be disseminated to the public including an article on lightning. A draft email is pending approval to be sent to RAPIO and regional Parks and Rec directors stating June 19th – 25th is National Lightning Safety Week. This email references the work of the MEMC to provide education on lightning safety and highlights the new signs.

Sandy Schiess mentioned Citizen Preparedness representatives met with Thill Media to discuss a new educational campaign emphasizing personal preparedness responsibility. Thill Media will meet with the group again on June 28th with a proposal.

- b. **PCA** – Steve Bean reported the Price Chopper weather radio event took place in Raytown over the weekend and was very well received.
- c. **CERT** – Chief Schiess stated Independence has received many calls requesting CERT training since the Joplin event.

- **Communications** – Chuck Thacker reported there were 27 respondents to the latest roll call. Olathe Fire has submitted a MERS Application. Chuck Magaha recommended the City of Olathe MERS application be approved. The application was approved by the Committee. Andy Bailey mentioned there was a beeping sound on MERS on Saturday. He asked whose responsibility it was for repairs. Nikki Moss stated any dispatch can report problems to MARC Public Safety and Commenco will be contacted.

- **WebEOC** – Matt May reported the next WebEOC meeting would follow the MEMC. Any flooding responses should be pushed to the metro boards for regional awareness. ESi trainers will be in town June 27-29 to teach process flow and some high level capabilities.

- **Membership & Bylaws** - No report.

- **Plans** – Tim Lynch reported the RHSCC has endorsed ESF 2 – Communications and ESF10 – Hazardous Materials. These are now part of the Regional Coordination Guide and are available on HSIN. A meeting is scheduled next week to continue work on ESF 13 – Law Enforcement. ESF 4 – Fire Fighting is currently under review by the HOAFC. Once approved, it will go to the Plans Subcommittee for final review before being submitted to the RHSCC for endorsement. There are three ESFs left: ESF 8 – Health and Medical, a rewrite, ESF 14 – Recovery, and ESF 3 – Public Works.

The three shelters scheduled to be equipped with generators have received final approval to proceed.

Justin Sorg added the Mass Fatality Workshop will be held June 15th. Jackson County ME was deployed to Joplin. Members from their DeMort team will give a recap and lessons learned presentation followed by more regional suggestions for response. Several slots are still available for this workshop.

- **Integrated Warning Team** – Andy Bailey explained the NWS put out criteria to TV stations would allow them to become Storm-Ready supporters. The criteria include public education requirements as well as support for National Weather Service awareness weeks. KCTV5 has met the requirements and will be designated as Storm-Ready supporters. This will hold them to a certain standard in compliance with NWS severe weather reporting.

The NWS has received many requests for spotter training. The local TV stations were asked if they would consider broadcasting or hosting a seminar on spotter training. FOX4 quickly put together a 3-hour seminar that will be held at the IMAX Theater in Union Station on Saturday, June 18th from 9 am - noon.

- **MRCKC** – Alisha Griswold reported the MRC was called upon to help the Joplin effort. Two calls for medical volunteers to help with shelters and volunteer organization were made resulting in

approximately 50 members deployed. There has been some turnover on the executive committee and there are currently some spaces available. Deployment methods are being discussed to determine the best way for this to be handled. Donna Martin added the MEMC may be called upon to weigh in on the issue.

6. RECENT EVENTS

- River Flooding - Chuck Magaha commented the recent flooding preparations have been an excellent exercise since they had advance notice of potential flooding. With time to plan for flooding, they have put innovative water control systems in place. Pete Sturner added information on the status of rising water in Parkville and other locations in Platte County, and thanked other jurisdictions for sending their CERTs to help.
- Joplin – Tim Lynch reported significant heavy rescue equipment and LE personnel were deployed to Joplin with one LE casualty. He asked the MEMC to join him in a moment of silence in honor of the Riverside officer.
Carolyn Wells added the Kansas City region has sent between 75 and 80 nurses to support Freeman hospital.

7. Training and Exercise Activities

- NLE Recap – Due to current emergency events, the hot wash is being rescheduled.
- EMPG Exercise Requirements – Four regional exercises each year and one state exercise will be required each year. The state will divert some funds to the regional exercise leaders to help with the four exercises.
- MECC – Are meeting tonight to continue planning for the first emergency test which will take place on October 1.
- FRMAC – Kansas City Missouri will participate. Steve Adukaitis will help coordinate the planning. Anyone interested in participating should contact Steve.

8. STATE REPORTS

- SEMA – No report.
- KDEM – Chuck Magaha reported KDEM is considering basing an EM coordinator in each of the counties along the Missouri river.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Matt May announced there will be the first ever national test of the Emergency Alert System on November 9th at 2 pm EDT. A press release on the event has been posted on the FEMA website.

Chuck Magaha wanted to thank the KCTEW for providing advance intel regarding a protest planned at Fort Leavenworth. A very large contingent of Law Enforcement officers was in place in anticipation of their arrival and the protesters soon left.

10. NEXT MEETING

July 14, 2011