



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

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

November 10, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Chuck Thacker, Chair – Grandview Fire

Bob Evans, Vice Chair – Wyandotte EM

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County
EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Mike Bellinger, ARES District A

Mike Boos, Raymore EM

Maureen Burke, SEMA

Sara Croke, Weather or Not

Christian Cooley, Wyandotte County EM

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Mike Curry, Jackson County EM

Bob Evans, Wyandotte County EM

Gay Hall, Wyandotte County PH

Jean Herrick, GSA

Joseph King, Platte County EM

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Tom Magee, GSA

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Bob Miller, Belton EM

John Mills, Liberty Fire

Amy Morales, 72-Hour Essentials

Mike O'Neal, Platte County EM

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Brett Risner, MO Army National Guard

Dan Robeson, Johnson County EM

D.C. Rogers, Clay County EM

Sandy Schiess, Independence Fire

Michelle Shackelford, 72-Hour Essentials

Gene Shepherd, KCMO EM

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

Liz Ticer, Johnson County Public Health

Brad Utterback, Park University

Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire

Jeremy Young, Fort Osage Fire

MARC Staff: Julie Alt, Chris Carroll, Erin Lynch, Justin Sorg, Nikki Thomas

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thacker opened the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda and October summary.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chair Thacker explained that due to the impending funding limitations after the expiration of UASI FY10, it is important that the committee review all of the current projects and the funding allocated to them. Members were encouraged to consider if the remaining funding is being used in the most beneficial ways and to begin planning for future sustainment. Chair Thacker suggested that beginning at the January 2012 meeting, the regular scheduled presentations be replaced by subcommittee presentations and/or strategic planning discussions.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

A new organizational chart was presented. Chuck Thacker reported that he would be stepping down as co-chair of the Plans Subcommittee and requested that anyone interested in replacing him contact Bob Evans or Julie Alt.

Vice Chair Bob Evans outlined the proposed amendments to the bylaws that will be presented to the full committee in December for a vote. The proposed amendments include adding MRC as a subcommittee and adding to the scope of responsibilities for the Plans and Communications Subcommittees. Ms. Alt will send a draft of the amendments to Dan Robeson and Mike Boos for their review.

Chuck Thacker announced that Tim Lynch will serve as the official MEMC Liaison to the Training and Exercise Subcommittee

Citizen Readiness

- a. **Citizen Education** - Mark Owen reported Thill Media will be taping the preparedness spots the week of November 21st. Anyone interested in ordering more Thunder signs should contact Julie Alt ASAP.
- b. **PCA** – Mark Owen stated that he will continue to chair PCA through 2012 but will not attend the MEMC every month. He is currently working on freeing the old bank account funds to be added to the current PCA funds at MARC.
- c. **CERT** – Mike O’Neal the CERT Rodeo workgroup met prior to the MEMC meeting. The location for the rodeo will be the CJC Training Center. The group is coordinating a date for the one-day event.
- d. **Communications** – Chuck Magaha reported there were 28 responses to the current roll call.
- e. **IWT** - Several of the emergency managers met with Andy Bailey prior to the MEMC meeting to discuss the proposed reduction in spotter training talks by the NWS. The committee discussed how the reduction in training talks would impact their programs. The committee discussed the NWS video concerning the possible need for changes in warning systems. Steve Bean will send out a link to a high res version of the video.
- f. **WebEOC** – Mike O’Neal reported that he and Matt May have been talking with ESI regarding their dissatisfaction with the rate of project completion. They have been assured by ESI that the goals will be met. The next WebEOC meeting will be on December 5.
- g. **Plans** - Justin Sorg reported that ESF#11 - Agriculture and Natural Resources, ESF#13 - Law Enforcement, and ESF#3 - Public Works will be presented for approval at the December MEMC meeting.
- h. **MRCKC** – Donna Martin reported that the MRCKC sent out a survey to the members to understand what level of participation they desire. This information will be recorded in the MRC database. They are also recording capabilities and training completed. The KCMRC has also been invited to attend the regional MRC conference in St. Louis at the end of November. They will present their training videos at the conference. They have just completed a grant application to fund future videos.

5. OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **TEPW** – Erin Lynch reported on the TEPW. The T&E subcommittee wanted to look at ways to reach their target figure for necessary funds. Leadership will be working with Tim Lynch, Bob Evans and Chuck Thacker to find ways to meet MEMC’s training needs. They hope to put forward a training and exercise plan for the next two years.
- **Environmental Health** – Donna Martin explained the environmental health group has put together some materials to experience what they are, and what they do. Brochures were presented to the members. They would like to put together a planning tabletop that would include representatives from all disciplines. Any MEMC member wishing to participate should contact Donna Martin.

6. STATE REPORTS

- SEMA – Maureen Burke – Leadership changes have taken place at the Department of Public Safety overseeing SEMA. There is still National Guard on the ground in Joplin. SEMA reps are also in Northwest Missouri working on flood recovery and close out. Next Region A meeting is Tuesday, December 13th at MODOT.
- KDEM – Chuck Magaha – Recapped response to the Bartlett Grain explosion in Atchison, Kansas.

7. NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2011