



REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

October 04, 2011

Members/Co-Chairs Present

Richard (Smokey) Dyer, KCMO Fire Department, (Co-Chair, RHSCC and Policy Subcommittee)
Penny Postoak Ferguson, Alternate for Hannes Zacharias, (Johnson County Administration)
Chris Alexander, Kansas City Kansas Fire Department (Chair, MARCER)
Richard Carrizzo, Southern Platte Fire Protection District, (President, HOAFC)
Mike Corwin, Alternate for Chief Jim Corwin, (Kansas City)
Mike Curry, Jackson County
Jeff DeGraffenreid, Olathe Kansas, Olathe Fire Department
Bryan Dehner, Overland Park Fire Department, (Co-Chair, KCTEAM)
Bob Evans, United Government of Wyandotte County
Larry Jones, Independence Public Health Department, (Co-Chair, Public Health Subcommittee)
Tim Lynch, Overland Park Police Department, (Chair, MEMC, and Co-Chair, Plans Subcommittee)
Lougene Marsh, Johnson County Health Department
Kim Nakahodo, City of Blue Springs, Alternate for Adam Crowe, (Co-Chair, RAPIO)
John Neeley, Kansas City Fire Department, (Co-Chair, KCTEAM)
Dr. Lee Norman, University of Kansas Medical Center, At Large
Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Office
Dwight Purtle, Johnson County Emergency Communications, (Co-Chair, Interoperability Subcommittee)
Keith Shaw, Johnson County, (Co-Chair, GIS Subcommittee)
Gene Shepherd, Kansas City Office of Emergency Management
John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department
Kris Turnbow, Raymore Police Department, Metro Police Chiefs Association
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital, (Co-Chair, Hospitals Subcommittee)

Guests

Mike Black, Lee's Summit Police Department
Greg Gardner, Department of Homeland Security
Gay Hall, United Government of Wyandotte County
Steve Hoskins, Kansas City Missouri Police Department
Phil Kirk, FEMA Region VII
Bob Kolenda, KCTEW
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City Missouri Health Department
Matt May, Johnson County Emergency Management
Dan Miner, Kansas City Missouri Water Services
Mike O'Neal, Platte County, Platte County Sheriff's Office
Susan Rome, Johnson County Mental Health
Frank Stranimier, Raytown Police Department
Liz Ticer, Johnson County Health Department

Excused

Hannes Zacharias, Johnson County, (Co-Chair, RHSCC)

MARC Staff

Steve Adukaitis, Emergency Services
Aly Breeze, Emergency Services
Keith Faddis, Public Safety



Erin Lynch, Emergency Services
Justin Sorg, Emergency Services

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Richard Dyer welcomed everyone and asked for self-introductions.

2. **TEW Update & September 11, 2011 Local Activities**

Captain Bob Kolenda reported that October 7th is the 10th Anniversary of the Afghanistan War - Operation Enduring Freedom. There are various protests planned in areas around the nation. Since the death of Al Qaeda member Anwar Awlaki, there is speculation that someone will replace his position against the U.S. There are a number of food borne illnesses that have occurred lately: cantaloupe (Colorado), romaine lettuce (Oregon), and Velveeta will be recalling a macaroni and cheese product.

3. Bob Kolenda gave an update on local TEW successes. The KCTEW has been invited to be the intelligence section for the 2012 All-Star Game in Kansas City. They will manage intelligence and critical infrastructure protection. The KCTEW has been able to notify various law enforcement agencies nationwide regarding events that the analysts had discovered and were previously not known. They were able to provide intelligence to the Fort Leavenworth authorities regarding a potential threat to their installation. Information was also provided about the Bradley Manning protest. They have identified some "homegrown extremist" and were able to notify the FBI, DHS, and other law enforcement partners. A key component of the fusion center is the Asset Protection Response System (APRS) which is now being extended to share with other fusion centers in the State of Missouri. Analysts have identified connections between a Kansas City extremists and someone known to have made threats against President Obama. They were able to post information in a bulletin about uprising activity in Egypt. A document was published analyzing law enforcement encounters on the terrorism watch list in the Kansas City area and the Missouri region as a whole. This was forwarded to DHS as a best practices example. Information Liaison Officer training was provided twice in 2011. The KCTEW has expanded their outreach to the private sector over the last year. This has been beneficial as they have received numerous tips and information on suspicious activity from the private sector. They had recently hosted DHS open source training at the EOC. An analyst posted a bulletin on the hacker group "Anonymous", which was forwarded to and recognized by Secretary Napolitano. In preparation for 9/11, they were able to partner with the Kansas City Chiefs to do a threat analysis prior to the home opening game. They were able to post a bulletin about missing box trucks and Kansas City law enforcement was able to use this information and discover that they were being used to steal copper rather than terrorist activities. The KCTEW had successful partnerships with agencies and others inside and outside of the region to share information prior to 9/11 as well as the day of. Analysts with the KCTEW have received recognition from DHS on their work this year. Bob Kolenda ended with extending appreciation from the 8 members of the fusion center for the network of information sharing partnerships in the region. Mike Corwin TEW Co chair indicated that the TEW was maturing in its evolution and that is largely due to having the systems and the right people in the right positions. He spoke about the coordination that occurred around the September 11 activities including the fake devises at the airport and how that several of the capabilities the RHSCC invested in came into play in that situation. That week there were 300 + emails and a high level of information sharing. There is a continuing need to figure out how to get even timelier real time information.

4. **2012 All-Star Game Lead Up Activities**

- ❖ Gene Shepherd gave a presentation updating the RHSCC on the All-Star Games and lead up activities. Planning committees are convening city wide for the upcoming event. The Winmill Group has been contracted with the support of the RHSCC to assist with planning and exercise activities. Gene Shepherd recognized regional partners and agencies supporting the planning for this event. This will be a high profile weeklong event with multiple venues. Major players include Major League Baseball, Kansas City Royals, City of Kansas City and community and mutual aid partners. KCPD is responsible for coordinating and planning with other law enforcement partners.



- ❖ Kansas City OEM is responsible for developing an all hazards plan for all other participating agencies and community partners and exercising on that plan. He outlined some of the key function area for the event planning and indicated that this is an opportunity to exercise regional resources and plans. At the end of the process, he expects to have a plan that could be adapted for other large venue, multi day events.

The suggested timeline for planning and exercise activities for the 2012 All-Star Game is as follows:

- Kick off meeting – 9/15/11
- TTX Initial Planning Conference – 9/27/11
- TTX Mid-Planning Conference – 10/26/11
- TTX Final Planning Conference – 11/2011
- TTX Execution – 11/2011
- TTX After Action Conference and FSE Initial Planning Conference 11/2011-12/2011
- FSE Mid-Planning Conference – 1/2012
- FSE Final Planning Conference – 2/2012
- FSE Execution – 3/2012
- FSE After Action Report Conference – 4/2012
- Training workshop – 6/2012
- All-Star Game week – 7/6/2012 – 7/10/2012
- Post event After Action Report – 7/2012

Anyone who has questions regarding the planning for the event is welcome to contact Mr. Shepherd.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

Training and Exercise – Steve Adukaitis reported on behalf of the Training & Exercise chairs. The 6th annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) will be held November 1st from 9am to 2pm. Committee and Subcommittee leadership are asked to identify who their representative attendees will be. The deadline for new training, conference, or exercise requests is 10/14/11. There will be more focus on budget and cost projections than in the past. FEMA has issued a new NIMS training program with a different approach to training. There is an addition to the trainings to include “position specific” courses and recommended training for field or administrative positions. The Training and Exercise Subcommittee is working with the MEMC to identify the courses to bring into the region that will be the most beneficial. Recent and upcoming trainings are: trench boat and rescue training, training on writing an incident action plan, the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) Conference with 8 regional attendees, the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI) Regional Conference with 7 regional attendees, the Command and General Staff course in October, and the Section Planning Chief course in December. There will be representatives from the region’s tactical, hazmat, EOD, and EMS disciplines going to Oakland, CA for the Alameda County Urban Shield Exercise. This is a 4 day exercise event that involves a large range of agencies and disciplines. The representatives from the MARC region will be attending the exercise to observe behind the scenes and gather information to bring back regarding exercise design, funding and assessing the possibility of hosting a similar multi-discipline exercise in our region.

Plans – Tim Lynch reported that there are 4 ESFs from the Regional Coordination Guide (RCG) that will be presented for approval at the next meeting. The first complete RCG should be finished within the 1st quarter of 2012. The generator project is on schedule. They will begin working on a regional evacuation plan soon.

Interop – No new report at this time per Steve Hoskins, who has been appointed the new co-chair for the subcommittee



LE/TEW – Keith Faddis reported there is a State of Missouri Law Enforcement Terrorism Activities Prevention working group. Chief Tom Daily and Sheriff Anderson have volunteered to be a part of the working group representing Urban Region A.

Public Health – Larry Jones reported that this was the 10th Anniversary of the anthrax attack. There will be a Risk Communication Workshop on December 9th at the MARC offices. An Environmental Public Health Subgroup has been working to identify resources within the region and is finishing a resource guide to share with the region.

KCTEAM – Chief Bryan Dehner reported on the badging and accountability system. The system is functional and there will be a deployable kit in each state. Work is underway to confirm where the system will be housed and how it will be deployed. The committee is identifying the users who will host the capability training which will be scheduled first for the host jurisdictions and then for others.

Mental Health – Susan Rome reported that their subcommittee is now focusing on the functional access needs and attempting to locate local subject matter experts to join the subcommittee. They are working to develop a network and produce a planning and resource guide. Members of the subcommittee recently attended a FEMA sponsored conference in Washington, D.C. focusing on different areas of functional and access needs. They had some takeaways that they will try to implement in the region locally.

Hospitals – Carolyn Wells reported that there is a regional decontamination exercise with a hospital focus on October 11th from 1pm - 4pm. The goal is for hospitals to respond to a decon situation with no community resources readily available.

GIS – Nothing new to report at this time.

RAPIO – Kim Nakahodo advised that they are in the process of interviewing and selecting a vendor from the response to RFPs for the Regional Assessment of Emergency Public Information Capabilities project. They should have a vendor chosen and start the project by early November.

MARCER – Chris Alexander reported that a part of the work on their radio project for hospital communications is nearly finished. They are waiting for the regional system to be available online so that they can complete the hospital programming and make the switch over. At the next MARCER meeting, they will have a presentation given by Chief Bradley from the Tucson area about the response to the Gabrielle Gifford shooting. Chris Alexander expressed their appreciation for the staff support of Mike Hicks, who will be retiring at the end of October.

HOAFC – Richard Carrizzo advised that they were able to train with their resources and equipment on the Missouri River recently. There were no further updates.

AMSC – Captain Mike Corwin reported that they were planning a TTX involving the KCTEW and getting intelligence information out to private sector partners. They received the needed grant extension for the helicopter purchase. Kansas City Missouri Police Department will be looking at buying 3 helicopters with one being funded from the port grant.

Policy -Chief Dyer advised that there was no report.

6. Report on current Regional Homeland Security Activities/grant administration

Erin Lynch reported on the grant summary financial spreadsheet. With purchasing progress in the last 60 days, only \$590,000 remains of the UASI program. Additional projects that were approved for funding in 08 were 3 new CERT trailers, purchasing for a United Way generator, additional tactical rescue purchases, and



the law enforcement purchases of the Leavenworth bomb suit and Olathe robot. The 08 grant was approved to be extended thru February 2012. There is \$26,000 remaining from the 08 grant for reprogramming. Keith Faddis reported that the Law Enforcement Committee is asking for consideration of these funds to be used for one additional bomb suit for Independence. Chief Dyer asked for any discussion regarding reprogramming the funds to support the Law Enforcement Committee's request. The request from the Law Enforcement was granted by consensus of the RHSCC.

Erin Lynch advised that there has been significant purchasing progress for UASI 09 and 10 projects. Some highlights included needed equipment for the bomb tech working group and for helicopter equipment. MARCER radios were purchased. Public health directors and the public health committee have made a decision to move forward with dispense assist for mass prophylaxis. Larry Jones added that the dispense assist program will be web-based and self run. (More detailed information was included in the grant summary spreadsheet report).

7. There will be a meeting October 13th to discuss the 2011 State Homeland Security award and to identify the guidelines associated with that funding. A formal request has been made to the Department of Homeland Security for early approval for a six month extension on the 09 and 10 funds. **Other Business**
Chief Dyer reported on an article printed in the KC Star on Homeland Security efforts as part of the September 11th commemoration. Chief Dyer advised that the information was accurately reported and had positive information on the RHSCC and its programs.

Carolyn Wells reported on the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Exercise for amateur radio held October 1st. There were approximately 150 participants between many agencies and groups. Emergency management in the region will be able to use this exercise to satisfy requirements for the EMPG grant. Chief Schiess added that the Independence Fire Department put amateur radio operators on the fire trucks and had them communicate with dispatch during calls for service. They had no problems with exchanging information between the dispatchers and radio operators. This was done to test communications in the event that they would lose radio towers in the area.

Steve Adukaitis reported on the Department of Energy's Amber Waves Exercise. This will be based on a radiological dispersal device incident and conducted through a series of exercises in the summer and fall of 2012. There will be many opportunities for local participation in the exercise.

8. **Next Meeting** – RHSCC Co-chairs November 1, 2011.

Handouts:

Agenda

Summary from the August 2, 2011 meeting

RHSCC Grant Summary Sheets

Amber Waves 2012 Concept Update

ICS All-Hazard Position Specific Training Schedule