



REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (RHSCC)
TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE
9:00 am – 11:00 am
April 29, 2011
MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Betty Amos, Wyandotte County EMA
Mike Baughman, Wyandotte County EMA
Steve Bailey, Independence Fire Department
Les Boatright, Kansas City Power & Light
John Callahan, Smithville Area Fire Protection District – Co-Chair
Jennifer Fales, KCMO EM
Ian Hiscock, 73rd Civil Support Team
Mike Latta, Kansas City Fire Department
Tim Lynch, Overland Park Police Department
Donna Maize, Kansas City Fire Dept.
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City, Missouri Public Health Department
Brad Mason, Johnson County Med-Act, Co-Chair
Michael O’Neal, Platte County Sheriff’s Emergency Management
Harriet Pintenich, MRCKC
Jonathan Tucker, FBI – KS/MO Bomb Tech Working Group
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
Keith Yoder, Kansas Homeland Security
MARC Staff: Aly Breeze, Lisa Elsas, Steve Adukaitis, Greg Hook, Donna Martin, Keith Faddis

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Callahan opened the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda and Summary

Brad Mason asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the March summary. Greg Hook motioned to approve the agenda and summary and Jennifer Fales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with none opposed.

3. Training and Exercise Requests

Legal & Liability Management for Tactical, SWAT, and Emergency Response Operations – Tim Lynch provided a summary to the committee. The training would implement on-site incident management capabilities to effectively direct and control incident activities using the ICS; also, the course is designed to enhance the region’s capabilities to conduct CBRNE detection, WMD and other emergency response operations while protecting the first responders. This training is a 5-day course and is supported by the Law Enforcement Committee. The training would be arranged by and held at the Platte County Sheriff’s office. The training would support a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 72 trainees. Request for the course is \$4800. Carolyn Wells motioned to approve the course, Les Boatright seconded the motion. The course was approved with none opposed.

Tactical Medical Course – This course was submitted by MARCER and supported by the Law Enforcement Committee. Tim Lynch presented information on the course to the committee. This is a 5 day course for 20-22 participants. The course is scheduled tentatively for November. This provides knowledge based training for the medical and EMS units within the region that support the regional tactical and EOD teams. The amount requested for the training is \$20,000. Mike Latta motioned to approve the course and Bonnie Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved with none opposed.

4. Exercise Activities & Planning Update

Bonnie Martin gave a briefing on the Spring Fever Exercise which consisted of a TTX on April 18th and Full-Scale Exercise on April 19th and 20th, 2011 at a total of 32 sites. Day 1 brought 172 attendees which included the participants, controllers, evaluators, and scribes. Day 2 and Day 3 brought approximately 1,000 participants. The exercise support contractor is still compiling the data and will provide an After Action/Improvement Plan based on the following time frame:

Quick-look Report-May 6, Regional Comments Due Back-May 13, Draft AAR/IP-May 20, After Action Conference-May 26, and the Final AAR/IP-June 3, 2011. Johnson County will have its own AAR; each Local Public Health Agency will append the regional AAR with their own improvement plans and submit them to their respective states.

NLE - Steve Adukaitis reported an update on the NLE. The final planning conference was held on April 27th. MARC plans to host a Regional Review Hotwash for regional players on May 23, 2011. More information will be forthcoming.

FRMAC – Steve Adukaitis reported an update on the FRMAC exercise. FRMAC (Amber Waves) tabletop will be held July 2012. Representatives from the Oak Ridge National Lab, who are in charge of exercise design, will be present in the region on May 12 to brief the jurisdictions that are participating. Tim Lynch advised that the Oak Ridge National Lab representatives will be present at the LEPC and MEMC meetings on May 12th to provide further briefing subject to the impact on the particular committee’s interests. More information will be forthcoming from the Federal level in May.

Multi-Year Calendar – Steve Adukaitis reported on information and changes to the Multi-Year Calendar. An update to the calendar reflects a change to the date of the TTX for the Recovery portion of the NLE, which is now June 30, 2011. FEMA is the sponsoring agency. Steve advised he would contact FEMA Reg. VII regarding their involvement for the recovery component of the NLE in the fall as well as their anticipation regarding other agency’s involvement.

All Star Game – Steve Adukaitis informed the committee of the planned event in Kansas City, MO July 10, 2012. There will be a full scale exercise early 2012 involving selected mutual aid participants. MARC has submitted for proposals for contract support on both the exercise and planning components. KCPD has the lead in planning for the All Star Game.

5. Scheduling of 2011 Activities

Brad Mason addressed the need to review the 2011 activities on the calendar. The 2008 grant ends August 31, 2011. The 2009 grant ends on July 31, 2012. There are 54 proposed activities on the calendar that need dates. Dates are needed as extensions will not be requested.

6. 2011 Application for UASI Funding & RHSCC Strategic Planning Session

Steve Adukaitis announced that the federal budget was passed with an overall reduction of 18% over 2010 funding. Allocations for funding are still on hold pending further information at this time. MARC

has received proposals for the 2011 application. Information will be disseminated to the committee once guidance is received from the State.

7. ICS Training and ICS Position Specific Training

Lisa Elsas reported an update on the ICS Position Specific Training. MUFRTI has a plan on offering some of these courses throughout the year. MUFRTI does recommend offering the Command and General Staff Training, which is a 40 hour training, first. Further research will be done to determine registration logistics. Lisa will be meeting with the Co-Chairs for further action on bringing these courses to the region.

Lisa gave updated information regarding the ICS300 and ICS400 trainings. A handout was given to the committee with course dates and attendance totals for past trainings and dates and registration numbers for future trainings. Wyandotte County is interested in holding ICS300 and ICS400 classes.

8. Non ICS Trainings / Recent and Upcoming

Bonnie Martin reported on takeaways *International Symposium on Agroterrorism Conference* held April 26-28 in the Kansas City region. There were great speakers and presentations with a focus on multi-agency responses to events. Bonnie advised that it was a benefit to the region and budgeting should be considered in the beginning for the conference as a whole and not just a portion.

Steve Adukaitis reported how conference succeeded in raising the consciousness of Agroterrorism from the perspectives of accidental and intentional actions. From an emergency management or emergency planning/contingency position, the conference offered presenters that argued to look at events from an alternate view of approaching situations. Tim Lynch added to the takeaways from a Law Enforcement perspective and reported the wider multi-discipline and multi-jurisdiction perspectives the conference also provided. The FBI has advised that regional partners will be involved sooner when future planning starts. Future plans will likely be to hold the conference every other year.

Upcoming events: International HazMat Conference, May 18-21, International Breachers Symposium, May 23-26, and Tech Rescue-Swift Flood Water Training this week and Elevator Course and K-9 Training in June. The UASI Conference will be held in June with 16 regional representatives planning to attend.

9. Next Meeting

Friday, May 27, 2011 9:00am at the MARC offices.