

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Summary
June 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Dolak, Brenntag Mid-South, *Chair*
Bill Fiser, Southern Platte Fire Protection District, *Vice Chair*
Shane Burnett, Johnson County Environment
Mike Cowin, Kansas City Missouri Police Department
Hank Dupont, Overland Park Fire Department
Donna Maize, Alternate for Richard (Smokey) Dyer, KCMO Fire Department
Mike Baughman for Bob Evans, Unified Government of Wyandotte County Emergency Management
Jon Brady, North Kansas City School District
Kevin Fightmaster, Missouri Gas Energy
John Greene, Independence Fire Department
Clyde Hicks, Honeywell Corporation
Bob Hull, KS Center for Safe & Prepared Schools
Mike Klender, KCMO Water
Mike Latta, KCFD Special Operations Bureau
Tim Lynch, Overland Park Police Department/Emergency Management
Amanda Oliver, Alternate for Commissioner Pam Mason
Pete Sturner for Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department
Gene Shepherd, KCMO Emergency Management
Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove Fire Protection District
John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department
Stan Swaggart, Cass County Emergency Management
Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Department
Frank Tittone, Kansas City Fire Department
Mike VanAken, South Metro Fire Protection District
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
H. David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Department
Doug Ferguson alternate for David William
Michael Williamson, Emergency Management Strategic Health Care Group
Chris Dusil alternate for City of Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department

GUESTS PRESENT

David Cudmore, FBI
Sybil Chandler, Metropolitan Community College
Mimi Diaz, MERC
Mark Falder, Kansas City Fire Department
Christine Hill, Roberts Dairy Co.
Matt Jung, USDA
Randy Kratzer, Brenntag
Mike Latta, Kansas City Fire Department
George Moody, EPA
Schaffer Net, Johnson County Environmental
Joanne Nielsen, USDA
Dayle Reyonlds, Roberts Dairy Co.
Bill Stewart, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning
Steve Taylor, Northland Safe Schools Task Force

EXCUSED

Dawn Hein, KCPL

Roarke Holzschuh, Missouri Department of Natural Resource EER

Greg Moerer, Bayer CropScience

Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff's Department

Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department

John Ruddy, Fort Osage RI School District

Lane Sekavec, Union Pacific Railroad

Mike Shelton, City of Riverside

MARC STAFF

Chris Allen Hunter, Emergency Services, MARC

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services, MARC

Lisa Elsas, Emergency Services, MARC

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Dolak opened the meeting and asked for a minute of silence to be taken for Officer Taylor and those affected by the Joplin disaster. Self-introductions were done.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY** – Mr. Mike Klender made a motion to accept the summary. It was seconded by Chief Mike VanAken and the motion passed.
3. **FINANCIAL REPORT & 2011 CEPF BUDGET APPLICATION** - Ms. Lynch - In the handouts was a copy of the financials, there were \$5,090 in expenses for May primarily in the area of training. She also reported that the LEPC had received all of the signed Missouri county agreements and the CEPF application was on target for submission.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. **River Flooding Update – Chair Dolak** shared that a conference call with the Missouri Coast Guard, National Department of Resources, Corp of Engineers and the Weather Services, and different Industries was scheduled to talk about preparedness, what will be done at certain stages, where the river is and where we might be headed. The stage levels affect everyone along the river differently. For anyone interested in participating, the call in number was 1.866.653.4587 and pin number 5309349#. This is being chaired by Lester Crew who is the Boat Captain of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. The predictions are that our region will be in a flood situation for the next 2 months. Around the 14th or 15th of this month, the Missouri River is expected to be running the fastest it has ever run. Chair Dolak believes that all traffic on the river has been suspended except for barges. Ms. Lynch added that the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) is preplanning trying to identify facilities that may be at risk due to flooding. She asked Ms. Diaz to elaborate on this effort. Ms. Diaz shared that the MERC had sent out a questionnaire to the Tier II facilities and had their GIS group run an analysis to see what industries were in the flood zone. Some of the information in the survey was: would a flood affect their business, at what level would they contact Emergency Services, do they expect any hazmat releases, vin information, are they planning on moving their chemicals and if so, alternate locations/contact information. This survey information is being sent back to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in Jefferson City. If anyone had questions or was worried about a specific facility, she asked them to contact Dawn Warren or herself and they would help them get this information. Chair Dolak noted that a lot of times you hear information repeatedly on the news and you become deaf to it until it happens. This is a real event where we all need to be conscience of the rain. Ms. Lynch shared that calls had been received from Industry in the area that had received this survey and needed assistance with how to answer some the questions. She asked the state to please coordinate with local LEPC's when information was being sent or sought to facilities primarily for situational awareness. The MERC also sent out information asking local emergency managers to review the GIS data and validate it. She thanked the jurisdictions that had vetted that information with theirs and provided information back. Ms. Diaz added that the MERC is working closely with the DNR on this.

Vice Chair Fiser asked Mr. Sturner to give an update on Platte County and he shared that their department was working on flood issues throughout the entire county and had spent the last 2 days in support of the City of Parkville in sandbagging operations. In the north end of the county, they were watching Sugar and Bean Lakes. There was some discussion about possible issues and/or closure of a certain portion of Hwy 35.

Vice Chair Fiser asked Ms. Oliver to report on Clay County's flood issues and she shared that for now their concern was with Missouri City, Mosby and Truman Lake. The Conservation Office had shutdown access to Truman Lake right now and they were not sure when it would be reopened. A small group will be sandbagging tomorrow morning at Missouri City and she had receive a call last night about a couple bridges on 210 that there were some concern about. Chair Dolak expressed concern of people becoming immune to possible flooding.

Ms. Lynch reported that Leavenworth is sandbagging now and will continue through the weekend.

- b. Opportunity for agencies that have been involved in the Joplin Tornado Operations to highlight activities** - Chief Spencer as Region A Missouri fire mutual aid coordinator received a call on Sunday night from the State Fire Marshall. Resources deployed were: Kansas City Fire, Southern Platte Rescue, Central Jackson County Fire and Kansas City Kansas Fire. The initial request was for heavy rescue. A request was also received for EMS support and 27 ambulances were sent. Our region did numerous transports to various hospitals outside of the area and after around 24 hours, they released the ambulances except for Kansas City's five being used for heavy rescue. Statewide mutual aid for Missouri was used and Kansas agencies provided sustainment support and backup

Chief Maize reported that KCFD had sent a forward team down to the area to coordinate the assignment and where resources would be working. KCFD and CJC technical rescue combined to create one task force. They coordinated with the EOC that had divided the damaged area up into a grid system and were making assignments by grids. The 1st sets of ambulances began the process of setting up EMS oversight coordination and worked with DMAT when they arrived.

Ms. Wells noted that on the Kansas City area medical side, hospitals supported the effort by sending nurses to Freeman hospital. Around 75 – 80 nurses were deployed. They are continuing this through the weekend and she had not heard yet if there had been a requested for continuing this effort after the weekend. Missouri has a mutual aid agreement between all of the hospitals to provide care and/or staff when able to do so.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the EPA had 6 On Scene Coordinators there conducting air monitoring and other activities.

Ms. Lynch shared that there had been a number of law enforcement agencies that had sent resources. She noted that the Jackson County Sheriff's department was there helping with mass fatalities operations early on and that Jackson County Medical Examiner Office which was a part of DMORT had deployed early on. A number of local jurisdictions sent Public Works assets. There is no way to acknowledge all of the jurisdictions and agencies efforts, but the key is that multiple disciplines responded. The region recognizes that there are "lessons learned" from the mobilization and deployment. There will be a systematic review of the incident to identify gaps, what worked well, where there were challenges and plans would be adjusted as appropriate.

Chair Dolak complemented those in the room who were involved in the response.

Chair Dolak added he had been at a meeting under a tent when the tornado warning had gone off on Wednesday, May 25th and it took some time to get everyone to realize that it was real. People sometimes seem to tune out warnings and there is a need to be more conscience.

Ms. Diaz shared some personal observations on the week that she worked in the state EOC in support of the events in Joplin:

- She felt how quickly this area was able to communicate, mobilize and respond was good.
- The Strike Teams that went down with the ambulances once they were done setting up everyone was stuck sitting on ambulances when they are qualified to do search and rescue. She brought this up as food for thought because they were really in need of search and rescue assistance. She wanted to know if there was any way to cross train for this type of situation.
- A big issue in Joplin that she saw happening, which she could see being an issue for this region, was the fact that when it came down to the number of individuals missing vs. dead vs. the number in shelters. She noted that The Red Cross had set up a website to register who was missing or if you were okay. With this, there was no way to be able to narrow down the missing and get an accurate head count. This she felt was a major issue.
- The tornado warnings – She was in Jefferson City when the Sedalia tornado hit and the warnings went off 20 minutes before the front end of the storm arrived in Jefferson City and the sky was blue. She feels it is important to get the warnings out, but whenever the sky is blue and it is 20 minutes away; people do tend to ignore them. Also, the sirens going off and then, going off again seemed to confuse people. There might be a need for more public outreach education on the signals.
- She felt that coordination with DNR and EPA on the hazmat incidents worked really well.

5. PRESENTATION: Video – Deepwater Horizon Video – Dave Cudmore, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation – SA Cudmore thanked everyone for their support to the International Symposium on Agro-terrorism held in April 2011, then introduced a video produced for the conference.

This video is a training video available to the region. It details lessons learned and recommendations gathered from the National Contingency Plan activation in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. It underscored the difference between a natural disaster where the Stafford act is enacted and the National Contingency Plan being enacted. The National Contingency Plan is federally directed, coordinated by a National Incident Command and utilizes Federal National Response teams. It is used to respond to major oil spills and hazardous materials incidents. The Stafford act is utilized during natural disasters and paves the way for federal and state resources to supplement local resources. It is initiated by the governor, the disaster is declared by the President and the federal component of the response is coordinated by the FEMA Coordinating Officer.

Deepwater Horizon was an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico which suffered a major explosion ultimately resulting in 4.9 million barrels of oil leaked into the Gulf. Though the video used the Deepwater Horizon as a backdrop, the lessons learned could be applied to a variety of disasters including, terrorism, agro-terrorism, natural disasters or technological accidents. However, a key difference between natural disasters and terrorist events/technological disasters (such as Deepwater Horizon) is the long-term and far-reaching psychological and economic impacts. In natural disaster, economic and psychological impacts tend to be confined to the affected area. In other types of events, the impacts could cause ripple effects throughout the national and international stage. In responding to food safety and other disasters, jurisdictions should consider:

- Provide a realistic assessment of the potential scope of the incident and its impacts.
- Gather baseline data notes, so that post-event data has context and perspective (i.e. what is the normal radiation level of a community.)
- Conduct regional planning and conduct multi jurisdictional exercises
- Plan for a robust public information function – be prepared to provide photos, video, backgrounders and interviews with experts;
 - Use local media to disseminate information, monitor public opinion and address rumors and misinformation; in the Deep water Horizon incident local media was trusted more than national media and national media followed the tone and direction set by the local media.

- Be creative in getting your messages to your audience.
- Anticipate the need for crisis counseling – there was more uncertainty with a food safety incident than in some other disasters.

DVD's of the video are available through MARC.

(Due to another meeting taking place in the room at 11:30 the remainder of the meeting was abbreviated)

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Outreach
 - Chief Tittone shared that the LEPC trailer was at Premier Coach in Riverside being evaluated and he will bring a recommendation to next month's LEPC meeting.
 - Mark Owen reported that the Lightening Safety campaign was being launched – "When Thunder Roars Go Indoors"
 - Price Chopper/PCA promotion of all hazards radios still underway
 - MEMC Public Education Committee planning next campaign focused on personal responsibility
- b. Training– They met earlier today and reviewed previous classes done last month and upcoming classes.
- c. Plans
 - Working on scope of work for hazard analysis and surveying industry to better understand their capabilities
- d. Transition
 - No report
- e. Schools
 - No report
- f. Industry
 - Industry meeting set for June 22, 2011
- g. Training
 - Mr. Kratzford, Brenntag Mid South went to HazMat training in St. Louis and the main items emphasized were safety and security. Everyone is working at doing a better job in these areas. He felt that the 1st responders' role is enormous and that they do an incredible job. Chair Dolak shared that Mr. Kratzford was sent to the HazMat training to get acquainted with the 1st responders and them with him. Chair Dolak offered Brenntag for anyone that wanted to do training there. Those interested should contact him. Fort Osage recently did railcar training there.
 - The Training Committee is sending several representatives to the EPA Region VII LEPC conference, July 28 – 30 in La Vista, NE. There are still opening and LEPC members that are interested in attending should contact Ms. Lynch.

7. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TIER II REPORTING – Ms. Lynch reported that 4 reports had been received in the last month.

8. HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES – Ms. Lynch reported that the reductions with Homeland Security will have an impact on the LEPC. The LEPC's capacity and capabilities has been influenced greatly through the Homeland Security funds especially in the area of specialized hazardous materials equipment, training and public education. There is quite a bit of activity around strategizing how to maintain at some level the capability and systems that have been developed with the reduction in federal funds. In June and July, the Homeland Security regional committees will be reviewing projects to determine if projects should continue as planned or be modified and to prioritize. The August 2 RHSCC/Co-chair meeting will be an important meeting to determine the region's path ahead. Committees were asked to pause on any '09 and '10 UASI purchases unless there was a compelling reason to proceed until these regional discussions occurred.

9. LEGISLATION - None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

11. NEXT MEETING – July 14, 2011

Handouts:

Agenda

May Summary

Financial Report

Amber Waves Fact Sheet

Copy of MERC Survey sent to Industry Partners that reside near flood areas

Ignitable Liquids and Class B Foam Flyer