

**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE
(MARCER)
January 20, 2012
MEETING SUMMARY**

PRESENT: (according to sign in sheet)

Chris Alexander, KCK Fire
Kent Cantrell, Excelsior Springs Fire
Nicki Caralton, DMAT
Tom Collins, KCFD
Angela Fera, Med-Act
Colin Fitzgerald, Leawood Fire Department
Dave Gustafson, Warsaw Lincoln/Lake
Lotowana
Cam Hendry, AMR
Steven Holle, Belton Emergency Services
Steve Isaacson, Overland Park Fire
Department
Michael Latta, KCFD
Brad Mason, Johnson County Med-Act
Mark Mauer, KCFD

Ted McFarlane, Johnson County Medact
Ruby Mehrer, Life Flight Eagle
Robert Norman, South Metro Fire
Kevin Pratt, Kearney Fire
David Rierson, Southern Platte Fire
Dr. Joseph Salomone, KCMO
Mike Snider, Liberty Fire Department
Derek Sobelman, Olathe Fire Department
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
Rusty Whisenand, West Peculiar Fire
Dick Whipple, Lifeflight Eagle
Tina York, HCA Midwest
Jeremy Young, Fort Osage Fire

OTHERS Present:

Betty Amos, Wyandotte County EM
Dave Edigrs, Miami County EMS
Dan Hudson, KU
Mike Desautels, Gladstone Public Safety

Bob Baer, Gladstone Public Safety
Tim Zeller, Boundtree
Sarah House, EMSC Kansas

MARC Staff

- Erin Lynch, Jason White, Justin Sorg and Tanya Kraatz

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Alexander, Chair called the meeting to order and self introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the summary from December meeting and the January meeting agenda. The motion passed with all signifying "aye".

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chris Alexander reviewed the Work Plan and advised that if there is any item members would like to be involved in, please let him know.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative
Jason White discussed the following issues.
 - TCD- The TCD regulation have not been filed yet.
 - FRA Missouri- Funds should be distributed beginning today, check with the finance persons. If they have any questions, have them contact Jason.

- A survey for 09 calls has been distributed, please fill those out and return, this will affect Medicaid for next year.
- Medicare rates could see a 2% decrease.
- Debt set off hearing is scheduled for Wednesday January 25, 2012.
- Safety Zone bill is moving.
- Blood Draws- in Missouri the Supreme Court ruled that it is a violation of the 4th amendment, Keep your attorney involved.
- 9-11 Bill – The legislation will be filed on Missouri Capitol Day.
- Time Critical Diagnoses

Chief Cantrell advised that the local committee is working on the electronic data exchange and continue to have meetings to discuss this issue.

- Communications –

The RFP for the demolition of the MARCER tower has been developed; the cost is estimated between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to have the project completed. The project is scheduled for the 1st Quarter of 2012.

The reprogramming project should be completed including the Hospitals by the end of March 2012.

Life Flight Eagle had questions regarding the ability for air ambulance for out of the region having the ability to communicate with the Hospitals.

The licenses with the FCC are almost ready. KCFD Radio system is complete and there have been no reported problems. Currently they are waiting on MARS to get the Fire/Med Channel on line.

- Training and Exercise – Chris Alexander asked that everyone keep the quarterly speaker in mind when attending conferences and seminars. If you hear a speaker that you feel would bring benefit to the professional development of MARCER please let Chris Alexander or Dan Manley know.
- Joint Recruiting – Angela Fera reported that the scholarship information has been put together and will be distributed next week. The respond by date is March 2nd and they hope to have an announcement by the MARCER meeting in March.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- Hospital
Carolyn Wells they are involved in the Spring Exercise Planning advising the Patient Tracking will be a part of the Baseball All Star Game mass casualty exercise.

Ms. Wells advised that inspections for the Amateur Radio project are underway.

An EMResource Webinar for patient tracking is being created along with a video to training.

- **D-MAT**
Nicki Carlton advised that D-MAT will be moving to a larger space in the caves. They are working on an agreement with the sports complex to provide urgent health care during upcoming summer concerts.
- **RHSCC-** The meeting day has changed to the last Friday of the month.

EMS

Kansas- They will not be working on any legislation this term. They have begun work on their Time Critical Diagnosis Regulations; MARCER will try and have some representation on that committee.

Missouri –The EMS Summit will be February 3, 2012.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Erin Lynch reviewed the report and offered to answer any questions. The 2012 MARCER assessments are scheduled to go out by the end of January.

STAFF REPORT

Erin Lynch advised that Dan Manley is out on medical leave please contact Ms. Lynch with any questions.

Ben Chlapek is a part of the State Steering committee regarding Patient Tracking and the forward movement of patients they are meeting on January 24, 2012.

The STEMI/Stroke group will begin meeting following the MARCER meeting in April.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Alexander advised that MARCER will not reprint the MARF forms once the current stock gone, they will not be replaced. A letter will be sent advising the agencies that still use these forms.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Alexander reported that 2 conferences with 2 attendee have been budgeted in the 2012 Budget. Chief Alexander stated that the EMS Today conference and the Fire Rescue are the two conference scheduled. If you have a recommendation or would like to be considered to attend the conference, please submit your name to Dan Manley or Chris Alexander. Additional information will be forwarded next week.

Olathe Fire will be offering a Bomb Medic Course at no cost to the attendees. There are training flyers available.

The primary supplier of the 511 uniforms is out of business. It was asked whether we could put this service out to bid. MARC staff will research if this service can be added to the current contract with Boundtree.

NEXT MEETING

February 17, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.