

**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE  
(MARCER)  
March 18, 2011  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**PRESENT:** (according to sign in sheet)

Chris Alexander, KCK Fire  
Tony Burr, Leavenworth County EMS  
Kent Cantrell, Excelsior Springs Fire  
Department  
Tracey Chaney, Gladstone Fire Department  
Tom Collins, KCFD  
Matthew Cushman, Raytown EMS  
James Fricke, Providence Medical Center  
Colin Fitzgerald, Lenexa Fire  
Cam Hendry, AMR  
Steven Holle, Belton Emergency Services  
Mike Johnson, Sni Valley Fire

Michael Latta, KCFD  
Paul Lininger, Central Jackson County  
Brad Mason, Johnson County Mid Act  
David Rierson, Southern Platte Fire  
John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire  
Jeff Taylor, Riverside Fire  
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital  
Jason White, MARC  
Dick Whipple, Lifelight Eagle  
Jeremy Young, Fort Osage Fire District  
Lewis Young, West Peculiar Fire

**OTHERS Present:**

Sam Spangler, St. Luke's East  
Cindy Aldrige, Lee's Summit Medical Center  
Donna Maize, KCFD  
Andrew Battles, Carondelet Health  
Tracy Rogers, University of Kansas Hospital

**MARC Staff**

- Mike Hicks, Bill McCabe and Tanya Kraatz

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chris Alexander, Chair opened the meeting and self introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY**

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

**RHAB TRUCK- DISCUSSION**

Mike Latta discussed the Rehab project and reviewed the Project Charter and the draft equipment list. Mr. Latta advised that this project will be a joint effort between MARCER and HOA using 2010 UASI funds. Stocking the rehab truck and the number of people the rehab truck can service was discussed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Legislative –

Jason White reviewed the legislation that is in the house which effects EMS or Fire and report on the progress of those bills.

Kansas

\*Hospital Emergency Services- referred to Health Committee

\*Medical confidentiality for Law Enforcement at Crime Scene- referred to Corrections Committee

\*Prohibiting Accident Response Service Fee's – referred to Local government committee

\*Medical Expenses for persons in custody – could relieve KSHP from paying for the ambulance services. Bill was referred to Transportation and Public Safety Budget committee.

Merge Fire Marshall in to KBI – referred to Ways and Means Committee

Missouri

Seatbelt law- regarding the issue of Missouri not enforcing the seatbelt law.

911 Cell phone- this bill will allow for a tax to support the cell phone 911 system. Jason White suggested a letter in support of the bill from MARCER. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter from MARCER supporting the Cell phone 911 legislation. The motion passed with all indicating “aye”.

- Time Critical Diagnoses

Chief Cantrell advised that a short 17 questions survey was sent to area Hospitals asking about their Stemi /Stroke capabilities. Chief Cantrell advised that they are waiting on a few more responses. Chief Cantrell advised that there is a Web-N-R regarding Trauma.

- Joint Paramedic Recruiting

It was reported that 4 scholarships were awarded leaving 3 for the fall semesters.

- Communications – John Spencer discussed the meeting that took place with MARRS to discussed fees for the new radio system. John Spencer advised that there is no way to record all the channels; they are working on a solution.

- Training and Exercise

Mike Latta discussed the ongoing planning for the May National Level Exercise, New Madrid earthquake met on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The exercise will be a weeklong exercise the NDMS drill will occur on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the downtown airport.

- Policy and Grants

Working on diversion plan in order to incorporate the TCD plan, an EM Resource Screen will be developed that will separate the regular trauma diversion from the TCD diversion. The Trauma diversion will be meeting next week to discuss metro policy and working on a go live date.

- Patient Tracking

Bill McCabe all the handheld scanners are in and each agency will be receiving kits. Mr. McCabe discussed the equipment that will be received. Please see Mr. McCabe following the meeting to receive your agencies equipment. To arrange training please contact Bill McCabe.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- **DMAT-** Nicki Carlton announced the annual training being held today and tomorrow in Independence. DMAT was in the process of being deployed to Japan following the disasters there but were recalled once the radiation began leaking from the nuclear power plants.
- **Hospitals**  
Carolyn Wells advised that the Hospitals are working on a replacement for MED/PODS which is used for mass prophylaxis. They will be participating in the National Level Exercise, New Madrid earthquake. The Midwest Trauma Conference is being held May 12-14 at Harrah's registration is on line.
- **Public Health**  
The planning is ongoing for Public Health's Spring Fever Exercise- April 18-21, 2011.
- **RHSCC**  
They are working to close out grants in a timely manner in an effort to avoid requesting extensions. There is a strategic planning session scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mike Hicks reviewed the financial reports and advised that the 2011 MARCER assessment were mailed at the beginning of March.

## **MARC STAFF REPORT**

Mike Hicks advised that there are multiple radio projects being worked on at the same time. Once the radios are programmed they will be delivered.

A Mass fatality workshop is planned for next week if you are interested in attending please contact MARC staff.

## **NEXT MEETING**

April 15, 2010

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.