



## METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

Mid-America Regional Council  
600 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64105

July 9, 2009 1:00 p.m.

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Present:

**Dan Robeson, Johnson County Emergency Management, Chair**

**Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff's Dept., Vice-Chair**

Steve Bean, KCMO Emergency Mgmt

Mike Bellinger, ARES District A

Chris Brantley, Johnson County EM

Pamela Carroll, HARRT/SARCOM NCERT

Nick Crossley, Johnson County EM

Adam Crowe, Johnson County EM

Mike Curry, Jackson County EM

Bob Evans, Unified Govt. EM

Tony Fanska, KC Northland ARES

Frank Goetzfridt, City of Independence

Jean Herrick, GSA

Jeff Hershberger, KCMO Health Dept.

Rita Hoffman, City of Olathe EM

Tim Lynch, Overland Park EM

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Marshall, McClure, Missouri Army MARS

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Mary Parrott, APWA/City of Overland Park

Chris Perina, GSA

Brett Risner, Missouri National Guard

Mike Shelton, Riverside Emergency Mgmt.

Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove/Sni Valley EM

Bill Stewart, KCTEW

Frank Stranimier, Raytown Police Dept.

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Stan Swaggart, Cass County EM

Nancy Tausz, Johnson County Health Dept.

Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Dept.

Carolyn Wells, Centerpoint Medical Center

**MARC Staff:** Julie Alt, Keith Faddis, Charlie Bryan, Lisa Elsas, Justin Sorg, Sally Flores

#### 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Dan Robeson opened the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Tim Lynch motioned to approve the summary from the June meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 3. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

H1N1 Update – Nancy Tausz from the Johnson County Health Department presented a handout providing a situation update of the Kansas City Metro Area Response to H1N1. This update included the total number of confirmed cases in the region (58, 1 death), Flu Pandemic Alert Level (Phase 6) from the World Health Organization (WHO), concerns for the fall/winter flu season, H1N1 vaccine development and plans for public outreach. She stated local public health departments will work together, in cooperation with MEMC, RAPIO and others to deliver consistent messages. The region's emergency preparedness website, [www.preparemetrokc.org](http://www.preparemetrokc.org), is a logical place to house centralized public information.

#### 4. PRESENTATION

*Regional Coordination Guide (RCG) - Phase I*

Tim Lynch and Chuck Thacker, MEMC Plans Subcommittee Co-chairs

The co-chairs presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee detailing the work completed in Phase I. They acknowledged the task force members who contributed to the development of the RCG. The committee members were asked to review Phase I, which is

available on MEIS, over the next thirty days. The Plans co-chairs will present Phase I to the RHSCC co-chairs at their meeting in August.

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

- a. Citizen Readiness (Public Education/PCA/CERT) – Rita Hoffman reported on the decreased hits on PrepareMetroKC.org recently. She encouraged all members to link their jurisdictions to the region's emergency preparedness website, [www.preparemetrokc.org](http://www.preparemetrokc.org). The Project Community Alert (PCA) visits at Price Choppers in Olathe and Platte County in June went very well. Chuck Magaha asked if the PCS program can be expanded to stores other than Price Chopper. Mark Owen stated that program has its own funds, separate from the Citizen Readiness Committee funds. No one has been administering those funds for quite some time. Bob Evans suggested a work group be formed to coordinate the use of those funds. Several members expressed interest in working on that project. This will be discussed further at the September meeting. Mark Owen reported the fall media campaign focusing on H1N1 information will begin soon. Mike Curry reported he has been appointed co-chair of Faith Based Organizations/Emergency Management Initiative and will make a presentation at their Kick-Off Conference in August.
- b. Communications – Chuck Magaha reported the new radios have been installed. There have been some complaints about static and weak signals. These are being addressed. He stated the roll call went well with seven out of thirty-six not responding. Keith Faddis stated two sites are being considered for the back-up tower. Those sites are the top of KCMO City Hall building and the tower at Worlds of Fun.
- c. WebEOC – Mike O'Neal thanked Steve Bean for hosting the ESI offering of WebEOC Board Building training at the KCMO EOC. Only nine of the twenty registrants attended the training. He will send a letter to the no-shows to determine if the conflicts they experienced can be avoided in the future. The 7.1 updates are still in progress. It was suggested at the Training & Exercise Subcommittee meeting that an exercise be designed using WebEOC's capability to generate scenarios.
- d. Membership & Bylaws – Nick Crossley reported there was no new business to present to the committee.
- e. Plans – Tim Lynch stated work on Phase II of the RCG will begin at the next meeting on July 20 at 1:00 p.m. ESF 2 and 14 will be discussed. Everyone is welcomed to join.
- f. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Justin Sorg reported the first of the required public meetings have been held at Cass and Platte Counties. The plans are now online so each jurisdiction can log on and make updates.
- g. IWT – Chuck Magaha reported in Andy Bailey's absence. The warning siren guidelines handout was included in the meeting materials. All members were asked to review them before the discussion at the August MEMC meeting.

## **6. OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- a. FY09 UASI Grant – The meeting packets contained the matrix of proposals in the 09 UASI Grant application and copies of the three MEMC proposals. After discussing several options, the committee concluded that the exclusion of the mobile EOC

proposal would be the only change. Nick Crossley made the motion to submit the WebEOC, Citizen Preparedness and Plans proposals to the RHSCC as is. Stan Swaggart seconded the motion. All members agreed. None opposed.

- b. Training Activities – Lisa Elsas reported the results from the SEMA online training needs assessment survey. The majority of trainings were specific to emergency management topics. The MEMC was asked to confirm the top ten trainings identified from the survey to consider scheduling in the Kansas City metro area, at no cost, in 2010. The list of fifteen trainings was cut down by five to arrive at the prioritized list of the top ten trainings to submit to SEMA by August 7.

## 7. STATE REPORTS

- a. SEMA – Mike O’Neal reported in Maureen Burke’s absence. He commented on the recent storm declarations across the state. The ARSOC Conference is 7/21 in Columbia. Mike Curry will present on Safe Sanctuary at that conference. WMD Responders Ops course will occur July 28-30 in Lee’s Summit. The Safe Schools Conference is July 30-31.
- b. KDEM – Chuck Magaha reported the FEMA Vigilant Guard exercise went very well.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mark Owen suggested a database of city ordinances would be very helpful. He offered to collect the information for that database.
- b. Steve Bean was asked to present information on emergency management at the National Guard Conference on August 26. He would appreciate anyone who would like to join him in presenting for that session.
- c. Mark Owen stated the August RHSCC Co-Chairs meeting will be August 18 at 2:30 p.m.
- d. Chuck Magaha mentioned the Kansas Capabilities Assessment. Dan Robeson stated that the assessment has been completed by the Project Management group and is available for review.
- e. Dan Robeson asked all members to review the RCG on MEIS. Just Sorg can provide guidance on locating the files in the MEIS Library.
- f. Dan Robeson asked all members to review the draft of the Siren Guidelines developed by Andy Bailey for discussion at the next meeting.
- g. Dan Robeson stated the RHCSS PASS Subcommittee co-chairs have asked to speak at each subcommittee meeting in August so they will be added to the August agenda.
- h. Marshall McClure announced the SEMA Crisis Communications Conference will be held in October in St. Charles, MO

## 9. NEXT MEETING - August 13, 2009

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All members agreed. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned.

### Handouts:

Agenda  
 June Meeting Summary  
 Regional Coordination Guide Phase I  
 Presentation  
 First Hour Checklist - General Option 1  
 First Hour Checklist - General Option 2  
 First Hour Checklist - ESF#6 Option 2  
 SEMA Training Needs Assessment Update

KC Metro Regional Siren Activation and Testing  
 Guide – DRAFT  
 Kansas City Metro Area Response to H1N1  
 FY09 Proposal Matrix  
 2009 UASI Citizen Preparedness Application  
 FY09 UASI Investment planning proposal Plans  
 Committee  
 FY09 UASI Inv plan worksheet EOC Develop



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