



## METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

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

June 10, 2010 1:00 p.m.

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Present:

**Mike O'Neal, Chairman-Platte County EM**

**Tim Lynch, Vice Chair- Overland Park EM**

Andy Bailey, National Weather Service

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Eric Bushman, News Radio 980 KMBZ

Pam Carroll, HARRT/SARCOM NCERT

Christian Cooley, Unified Government

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Doug Crockett, Merriam Fire Dept.

Adam Crowe, Johnson County EM

Rick Danner, TSA/KCI

Bob Evans, Unified Government

Jean Herrick, GSA

Rita Hoffman, City of Olathe EM

Tom Lanio, Gladstone EM

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Scott Jones, United Way 2-1-1

Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County EM

Marshall McClure, Missouri Army MARS

Debra Maney, Volunteer

Bernard Napier, Clay County EM

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Eddie Saffell, CJC Fire

Sandy Schiess, Independence Fire Dept.

Mike Shelton, Riverside EM

Mark Sherwood, Oak Grove/Sni Valley EM

Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago EM

Teri Smith, Douglas County EM

Bill Stewart, KCTEW

Frank Stranimier, Raytown Police Dept.

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Dept.

Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital

Keith Yoder, KDEM

MARC Staff: Keith Faddis, Kristine Martin, Barbara Hensley, Julie Alt, Justin Sorg, Lisa Elsas, Kourtney Woodbury, Sally McGraw

#### 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mike O'Neal opened the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Chuck Thacker made a motion to approve the summary from the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Shelton. All members were in favor, none opposed. The summary was approved.

#### 3. PRESENTATION – MECC, Matt May, Johnson County EM

#### 4. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- a. Citizen Readiness (Public Education/PCA/CERT/Safety City) - Rita Hoffman reported the subcommittee met before the LEPC meeting. They are working with LEPC on Shelter-in-Place community outreach. She stated the sale of the weather radios has been slow so far this year. She reported good attendance at the PCA events at area Price Chopper stores. Mark Owen reported on the UASI 08 budget; CERT \$25,000, Citizen Preparedness \$64,000, Safety City \$5,000. The Safety City commitment is firm, no extra expenditure will be allocated from UASI 08. He stated the subcommittee is developing a budget justification form for requests from the Citizen Preparedness budget. If funds are not accounted for, that project will no longer receive funds from this committee. The balance in the PCA account is approximately \$80,000-85,000.

- b. Communications - Chuck Magaha reported there were twenty-five responses to the last MERS roll calls; eleven did not respond. The agencies consistently not responding will eventually be eliminated from the roll call.
- c. WebEOC – Matt May provided a WebEOC Users' Conference recap. The five attendees from the region gathered valuable information and had a very successful session with the ESi representatives. Carolyn Wells reported the hospitals have identified the need for more training on WebEOC and have requested sessions in September at the KCMO EOC that will include hospital administrators as well as staff. They plan for this training to occur prior to their fall exercise.
- d. Membership & Bylaws – In the absence of the co-chairs, Mike O'Neal presented the Affiliate Application from Midwest Search and Rescue to the committee. He noted this organization does not meet the criteria for an affiliate member of the MEMC. Mark Owen made a motion to deny their application for membership. Chuck Thacker seconded that motion. All members were in favor, none opposed. Mark Owen restated his opinion that any application, formal or affiliate, needs to be presented by a representative and include the reason for requesting membership and what they can offer the MEMC. A draft of a revised application will be presented at the next meeting.
- e. Plans – Chuck Thacker reported that work is beginning on ESF 4-Firefighting and ESF 9-Search & Rescue. He asked anyone interested in working on these plans to contact him, Tim Lynch or Justin Sorg. He stated the June Plans Subcommittee meeting has been cancelled due to conflict with the UASI Conference. The next meeting will be July 19.
- f. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Justin Sorg reported two jurisdictions have been added to those adopting the plan; City of Harrisonville and Smithville School District. He expects all adoptions to be submitted prior to the July 6 deadline.
- g. Integrated Warning Team – Andy Bailey opened the discussion on MERS vs. other technologies used by the NWS during severe weather. Several emergency managers commented that during the most recent severe weather event, some information that was posted on NWS chat was never reported over MERS. Bailey explained that this could happen if a watch or warning is considered but is resolved before being officially announced. He stated that all watches and warnings that are officially initiated should be announced over MERS. Bailey will double check to be sure that is still the policy. Chuck Magaha stated that if someone prefers one system (i.e., NWS chat) over another (i.e., MERS) they might not post their information in more than one system or check more than one system for their information. Mark Owen stated the accuracy and completeness of the information on MERS is very important because that information is used to begin chains of events depending on the reports received.

Andy Bailey also addressed the outage of the weather radio system during the storms on June 8. The system went down due to outages with both the phone lines and the electricity. Repairs could not be made until the storms had passed. There was discussion about back-up systems but Bailey stated the weather radio

system needs to either be updated and improved or discontinued. Tim Lynch requested that Bailey let the NWS that this is an ongoing concern for the MEMC and left the topic open for future discussion.

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

- a. Training and Exercise Activities - Lisa Elsas presented the Training & Exercise Multi-Year Calendar to the committee for review. She asked that the events and dates be reviewed for accuracy and that any changes and/or updates be reported to T&E staff as soon as possible.

Kourtney Woodbury offered a fact sheet on the National Level Exercise (NLE) that will occur in April 2011. The region needs to determine the level of play that is desired. A motion was made by Sandy Schiess to form a task force to create a document outlining the regional concerns regarding licensure and liability across state lines in during an NLE to be sent to FEMA. That plan would be presented to SEMA to take to FEMA. The motion was seconded and all members were in favor, none opposed. Anyone interested in participating on the task force were asked to contact Julie Alt. After discussion, Mark Owen made a motion to commit to participating in the NLE as a region by opening a regional EOC during one day and focusing on sheltering and reception. The motion was seconded and all members were in favor, none opposed. Tim Lynch suggested that a representative be sent from each county to participate on the design team. Anyone interested in a role on the design team should contact Julie Alt.

Steve Bean stated there is a tabletop exercise in conjunction with the NLE in Warrensburg on September 9. Participation in that tabletop may take the place of the September MEMC meeting.

Kristine Martin asked site coordinators from the Perfect Storm exercise to stay after this meeting for a meeting.

## **6. STATE REPORTS**

- a. SEMA - Mike O'Neal reported on the NIMCAST tool online. The deadline is September 10. Missouri Certified Emergency Managers have been announced: Mike Boos, Mark Owen, Steve Moody, Mike O'Neal, Gloria Mujeski, Les Boatright, Mike Coldwell.
- b. KDEM - Keith Yoder presented information on the 2012 Federal Radiation exercise. There will be a local Concepts & Objectives meeting on July 28 at MARC. This will help to determine the level of play (if any) the region might commit to. The national Concept & Objectives meeting will be in September. Mike O'Neal asked Kourtney Woodbury and/or Kristine Martin to send out invitations to the MEMC for the July 28 meeting.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Julie Alt announced that MARC will hold its 14th Annual Regional Assembly on Friday, June 25, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, Mo. MARC will present its annual Regional Leadership Awards at the event. This year's honorees include Kent Cantrell, Excelsior Springs Fire Chief and MARCER Chair.

Adam Crowe extended an invitation for Emergency Managers to attend the next meeting of the Partnership for Emergency Planning (PEP) on the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. He will relay information to Julie Alt to distribute the committee.

Matt May will email members more details on the Public Health Communications project that was discussed at the May meeting.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

July 8, 2010 – Mike O'Neal adjourned the meeting.

Handouts:

*Agenda*

*May Meeting Summary*

*Affiliate Membership Application-Midwest Search & Rescue*

*New Madrid Earthquake Fact Sheet*

*Training & Exercise Activities Review*

*MEMC Financial Report*

*Annual Regional Assembly flier*

*MEIS Event Calendar (June, July, August)*