



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS COMMITTEE

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

March 10, 2011 1:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Tim Lynch, Chair - Overland Park EM

Chuck Thacker, Vice Chair – Grandview Fire

Michael Baughman, Wyandotte County EM

Steve Bean, KCMO EM

Michael Boos, Raymore EM

James Brafford, Raytown Police Dept.

Keri Breon, WaterOne

Maureen Burke, SEMA Area A

Ken Cope, American Red Cross

Nick Crossley, Johnson County EM

Michael Curry, Jackson County EM

Alisha Griswold, Johnson County Public Health

James Ham, N.KC Police Dept.

Matt May, Johnson County EM

Michael O'Neal, Platte County EM

Amanda Oliver, Clay County EM

Mark Owen, Platte County EM

Karen Raines, FCC

Robert Russell, North Kansas City PD

Sandy Schiess, Independence Fire

John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire

Frank Stranimier, Raytown PD

Pete Sturner, Platte County EM

Liz Ticer, Johnson County Public Health

Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire District

Keith Yoder, Kansas EM

MARC Staff: Erin Lynch, Barbara Hensley, Aly Breeze, Justin Sorg

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Tim Lynch opened the meeting and all attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

Tim Lynch addressed the approval of the February summary. Sandy Schiess motioned to approve the agenda and summary, Mark Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed with none opposed.

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Erin Lynch informed the committee on the past interest in Mass Care Capacity Building and the plan to bring together interested parties or jurisdictions to reconstitute a committee under the Plans Subcommittee in the efforts to enhance mass care capabilities. Ms. Lynch introduced Justin Sorg to speak on regional mass care and functional and access needs planning initiatives. Highlights included past planning to address the needs of special populations in emergencies and disasters, an effective sheltering of special needs populations and mass care resources workshop, an RCG ESF#6 – mass care, housing and human services, a report on the state of preparedness for oxygen dependent persons in the Kansas City UASI area, planning for hurricane evacuee reception. Justin reported on the capacity building accomplished by the Plans Subcommittee to include having 12 mass care trailers, 10 special needs caches, 32 NOK-81 Kits. A pulmonary cache/trailer and bariatric and impaired mobility cache/trailer are currently in development. There is a current project underway of installing emergency generators at strategic shelter sites. The MRC is currently working on functional and access needs training videos. Donna Martin advised the functional needs

task force was working on 15-minute short segment videos addressing 15 most recognized functional needs tasks.

Discussion surrounding the concerns and responsibilities of local jurisdictions and the state regarding soft/hard side shelters and medical shelters ensued. Mark Owen requested direction or guidelines from the state. Tim Lynch proposed to bring together a meeting between Kansas and Missouri emergency management officials once an agenda was organized based off submitted topics. This meeting will be scheduled after the National Level Exercise in May.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Citizen Readiness (Public Education/PCA/CERT/Safety City) - Mark Owen reported on Project Community Alert (PCA) and advised Price Chopper will be participating again this year with discounted weather radios. Mark advised 3 proposals were received for media packages with TV Channel 41 providing the best proposal. Mark provided a handout with the breakdown of the submitted proposals. The project is set to move forward on April 11th. An additional \$10,000 would be needed for Time Warner Cable for the additional cable channels for a total of \$45,000 for PCA. Sandy Schiess motioned to approve moving forward with the proposal from KSHB – TV 41. The motion was seconded and approved by the committee with none opposed.

Mark Owen stated the Public Education committee is taking bids for signs to be made for the National Weather Service Lightning project, “When the Thunder Roars, Go Indoors”.

Mike O’Neal provided a summary for Safety City. There was a smaller amount of traffic upstairs than anticipated but had a lot of participants. A survey will be sent out to exhibitors asking for feedback in order to make the next year more successful. O’Neal advised he will talk with Pat Riha to obtain attendance numbers for the Home Remodeling Show.

CERT – Mike O’Neal reported the subcommittee had met to discuss a CERT Rodeo to be a 1 day event. Contact Mike O’Neal or Mike Baughman with any ideas. CERT teams are caught up on their spending and are well in place with classes they have planned to offer.

Communications – Chair Tim Lynch removed the previously tabled discussion regarding MERS assessment fees from the table, advising discussion with staff indicated additional discussion and research was needed before making a final determination. The research would address future system improvements which would help determine the appropriate level of assessment. The consensus indicated to maintain the 2011 assessment of \$100. Staff was directed to issue the 2011 invoices. The Communications Subcommittee, with staff assistance, will return with a recommendation for the 2012 assessment in time for the jurisdictions to budget accordingly. The motion by Chair Lynch was seconded and approved by the committee with none opposed.

WebEOC – Mike O’Neal addressed the email survey send out on behalf of the Mass Notification project. All information regarding the jurisdictions and their type of notification systems will be collected for a report for the May meeting. Any questions regarding the survey can be directed to Mike O’Neal or Matt May. Mark Owen questioned modifying the survey to include questions regarding sustainability and future surveys. An inquiry will be made to see if this suggestion can be implemented in the survey at hand and in future surveys where appropriate.

Membership & Bylaws – The Wood Heights Fire Protection application has been further tabled due to no representatives being present.

Tim Lynch proposed, at the February meeting, an amendment to the bylaws to add the Medical Reserve Corps as a subcommittee of the MEMC for the committee's consideration. The amendment approved with none opposed.

Plans – Justin Sorg reported on the status of the ESF#10 Hazardous Materials. The ESF#10 was approved by the HOA Fire Chiefs Association and will be presented to the RHSCC for their endorsement. No further discussion was needed to move forward to present it to the RHSCC. All were in favor with none opposed.

Erin Lynch announced the upcoming Mass Fatality Workshop on March 22-23, 2011. Justin Sorg reported the dates of further workshops to be held April 27th-28th and June 14th, 2011.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – There was no report.

Integrated Warning Team (IWT) – Mike O'Neal commented the Integrated Warning Team Workshop was successful with beneficial conversation and information and several news media personnel were present.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – Donna Martin advised volunteers at their last meeting requested further information on the upcoming Spring Fever and the NLE exercises and if the MRC and other volunteers may be needed at any point to participate. Ms. Martin advised there have been conversations with the Public Health Plans taskforce regarding whom they know will have open pods and have them advise where they may need volunteers to be POD workers or other areas. Ms. Martin reported the Functional Needs taskforce has been videotaping the just-in-time videos.

5. OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY SERVICES REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Training and Exercise Activities – Erin Lynch reported on the handout regarding how the UASI affects the MARC region and relayed information on the bill affecting how many UASI areas will receive funding. Nick Crossley informed the committee about a conversation with FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate who mentioned there will be a consolidation in grant programs and some programs would likely still be kept separate.

Erin Lynch reported there will be a meeting regarding the NLE on Monday, March 14th at the MARC offices.

Erin announced openings in the ICS300 class being held at Leavenworth on March 23-26 and on March 30th-31st ICS400 will be at MARC offices.

6. STATE REPORTS –

SEMA – Maureen Burke announced March 24th will be the deadline to submit player participation, contact information and inject information for the NLE. Three workshops/training sessions for the evaluators will be held with dates to be forthcoming.

KDEM – Keith Yoder reported there is a bill in the legislature at this time will eliminate the fire marshal's office and distribute the responsibilities to other entities. Investigations would go to KBI and Hazmat program would go to KDEM. Mr. Yoder advised KDOT and Kansas Highway Patrol are 14 towers short of being complete and they will match state funding to complete the communications program. Kansas will be participating at the state level with the NLE. Two people will be working with the state for EMAC procedures. Wichita NDMS will be working with the NDMS component.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Tim Lynch tabled the discussion on Significant Regional Event after Action Protocol until further notice.
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – On behalf of Andy Bailey, it was relayed to the committee in order to be able to submit claims to the State for the disaster declaration process to request financial reimbursement for severe weather damage, jurisdictions need to call in their information and record weather statistics to the National Weather Service during the event.
9. **NEXT MEETING**
April 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm.