



**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (RHSCC)
TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE**

9:00 am – 11:00 am

March 25, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Todd Ackerson, Kansas City Fire Department
Betty Amos, Wyandotte County EMA
Les Boatright, Kansas City Power & Light
John Callahan, Smithville Area Fire Protection District – Co-Chair
Adam Crowe, Johnson County Emergency Mgmt & Homeland Security
Jennifer Fales, KCMO EM
Mike Latta, Kansas City Fire Department
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City, Missouri Public Health Department
Brad Mason, Johnson County Med-Act, Co-Chair
Donna Maize, Kansas City Fire Dept.
Michael O’Neal, Platte County Sheriff’s Emergency Management
Harriet Pintenich, MRCKC
Stan Swaggart, Cass County EM
Jonathan Tucker, FBI – KS/MO Bomb Tech Working Group
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
Steve Williams, Truman Medical Center
Gary Wilson, Overland Park Fire Dept.
Tim Young, FEMA Region VII
MARC Staff: Aly Breeze, Erin Lynch, Steve Adukaitis, Donna Martin

1. Welcome and Introductions

Brad Mason opened the meeting and introduced Steve Adukaitis, the new Training & Exercise Manager. Committee introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda and Summary

John Callahan asked for a motion to approve the March agenda and January meeting summary. Adam Crowe motioned to approve. Les Boatright seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.

3. Training and Exercise Requests

No new requests at this time. Brad followed up on the International Agroterrorism Symposium, April 26-28 in Kansas City Area. Mr. Mason advised that there were 20 slots available to MARC to attend and to advise MARC staff if anyone was interested in attending.

4. Exercise Activities & Planning Update

Public Health Exercise - Bonnie Martin reminded the committee of the upcoming Public Health “Spring Fever” exercise on April 18th, 2011. The first day will be a tabletop exercise addressing the areas of criminal and EPI investigations. Disciplines will be Law Enforcement, Hospitals and Public Health.

Ms. Martin advised that the 2nd and 3rd days will be dedicated to distribution of medical resources, open points of distribution for the public and closed PODS.

NLE - Stan Swaggart reported on the NLE update that plans were still being made and the inject finalization was March 25, 2011.

FRMAC – Tim Young advised that a 2 day concept and objectives meeting was held last week at the Hilton Hotel near the airport. Mr. Young reported that meetings consisted of looking at lessons learned and setting objectives for participating agencies. Next meeting will be held in August.

Bonnie Martin advised that the local development had previously pertained to including one incident in the metro area to occur in Leavenworth and the planning team had since decided that another incident was needed to occur in the Kansas City area. Further discussions will ensue.

5. ICS Training and Program update

Aly reported on the ICS trainings. The ICS400 was hosted on 3/3/11, ICS300 was being held at Leavenworth with 34 attendees, and the ICS400 was scheduled to be held at Leavenworth on April 7th-9th, 2011.

6. Non ICS Trainings / Previously Hosted and Upcoming

Aly reported on previously hosted and upcoming trainings. FEMA IS-22: Are You Ready? was hosted on 1/29/11 with 33 attendees, EM101: Emergency Management for Schools was hosted on 1/31/11 with 43 attendees, Safety City was held on 2/11-2/13, 2011 with an AAR pending, Midwest Disasters 2.0 Workshop was held on 2/22/11 with 168 attendees, Integrated Warning Team Workshop was held 3/1/11 with 57 attendees, Communications Unit Leader was held 3/14/11, and 6 firefighters were sent by MARC to the FDNY Symposium on 3/15 and 3/16, 2011. Upcoming trainings include Handling LP Gas Emergencies on 4/2/11, HazMat Work Practice Refresher courses will be held 4/11 -4/13, 2011, HazMat Response Incident Awareness will be held 4/16/11, HazMat Response Incident Operations will be held 4/19-4/28, 2011, and HazMat Response Incident Technician will be held 5/19-5/13, 2011.

7. Other Business

Erin Lynch reported on the 2011 application planning based on direction from the Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Lynch advised a difference in this application process for the UASI2011 grant application would likely be a 30-45 day turnaround. The Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee had planned to do a strategic planning session to be hosted Monday April 4th. Attendees will be RHSCC members, co-chairs and any other interested parties. Ms. Lynch advised that the training and exercise had been able to extend funding from grants in previous years but the RHSCC is making efforts to refrain from asking for extensions in the future.

Steve Adukaitis introduced a preliminary budget report to give a look at current and projected costs and funding available of training and exercises funded through UASI Training & Exercise funds through 2013. The 2008 UASI grant ends on 8/31/11 and the current balance of \$233,930.06 should be expended by then. The 2009 UASI grant ends on 7/31/12, and current budget projections show a surplus of \$431,693.23 at the grant end. The committee should examine possible uses for this balance with the assumption that a time extension will not be requested. Since the 2010 UASI grant is for personnel costs only, funding for training and exercise activities will need to come from the 2011 UASI grant. The committee should begin to prepare the 2011 application even through the federal 2011 budget has not been passed.

Aly gave the committee an updated Multi-Year Calendar with an added column that would show information on any changes that were made since the last version of the calendar was handed out (i.e. dates added, events canceled, etc) as requested by the committee at the last meeting so that the changes would be more comprehensive.

Donna Maize reported upcoming events for awareness. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will be holding an exercise at the downtown airport April 13, 2011. Pan Handle Eastern will be holding an exercise sometime between September 15 and October 15, 2011. Leawood will be taking the lead working with KCFD on the exercise.

Carolyn Wells has been working on a course with FEMA, Community Health Care Planning and Response in Disasters. This will be a two day course that involves tabletop exercises. The MARC region has been requested to be a pilot region for the course. There will be no cost for the cost except possibly refreshments.

Jennifer Fales reported about information regarding the All-Star Game planning involving KCFD and the City of Kansas City, MO. There have been internal and group planning sessions with the Royals. Further planning is in the works and stakeholders will be invited to the planning soon. Jonathan Tucker advised they should have an operational plan within the next 6 months. Erin Lynch reported there will likely be a tabletop exercise this year leading to a full scale exercise next year.

Bonnie Martin updated the committee regarding FRMAC and the region's involvement; it has not been determined who is doing population monitoring training. It is anticipated that the region may need to sponsor training other than training in place by DOE. Further information will be coming regarding these issues and additional involvement from other agencies and those with expertise.

Tim Young announced that there will be training for controller and evaluators in the NLE at the 9221 Ward Parkway office on April 11th for all parties in the Kansas City area. The training will be repeated in Jefferson City April 12th and 14th. The FPC will be in Jefferson City on April 13th.

8. Next Meeting

Friday, April 29, 2011 9:00am at the MARC offices.