

# East Central Region Governance Meeting

December 7th, 2012

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

## Minutes

**Location:** Map Room – Platte Co. Courthouse (basement), 2610 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, NE

**Chair:** Bob Carey, Polk County Sheriffs Office

**Co-Chair:** Terry Miller, Saunders County

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tim Hofbauer, Platte County

- I. Review of the Open Meeting Law**
- II. Roll Call of Counties Present:** Howard, Platte, Saunders, Region 44 ( Boone, Merrick, Nance), Dodge  
**Not Present:** Butler, Polk, Colfax
- III. Approve November Governance Board Minutes**
  - a. **MOTION: Region 44** moves to accept November Minutes, Howard seconds; Motion Passes
- IV. Public Health Report**

Laura McDougal reports that Flu Season is early this year and she encourages everyone to get the flu shot as soon as possible.
- V. 2012 HSG**
  - a. **HSG -\$49,615 (includes LETPP)**
    - i. **Projects (\$24,435) –**
      1. Most of this will be allocated toward the tower leases for NRIN. The Leases run approximately \$28K annually. Funding does not need to go directly to the Fusion Center, and regions are free to allocate funds as they see fit. The Fusion Center is working on a project that will bring additional contact with the regions in the near future and the regions may want to set some funds aside to fund an officer to attend training.
      2. There are payments that will be made to Fullerton and Albion to Vireo at about \$1000.00 monthly; Butler County \$200.00 monthly and at NPPD \$200.00 monthly. The Nextel site costs are unknown at this time. The plan is to use the HS funds for these costs until it is expended.
      3. OCIO is likely to become a part of the network and will get some bandwidth from NRIN and they will manage and monitor the network.
  - b. **LETPP -\$25,180**
    - i. **Projects**
      1. Training at the Crime Lab. Polk is looking at a Deer Camera and there is a question if this will clear the AEL and NEMA criteria. Each county would be able to have some surveillance equipment through this funding.
      2. Work plan is due Jan 31, 2013. Tim suggests this funding be expended as a Regional project.
        - a. There is a Dive Team in Platte County and a watercraft would increase their effectiveness to respond to recovery events. Watercraft is on the AEL list and Platte County Sheriff's Office would like to request this to assist the Hazmat team as well. Pricing would be 18 ft. boat, motor trailer and boat is \$11,000. Todd Thalken proposes that a more equipped water craft be considered. Platte County Sherriff will put together a proposal for the Region.
      3. Howard County Law Enforcement is asking for Night Vision Goggles. Michelle will check to make sure these are on the AEL List.

4. Saunders County discussed a surveillance camera option that has variable operations to the group for consideration
5. Columbus Hazmat is getting an additional \$15,000 for the MOU City allocated which was previously \$25,000.

## **VI. Regional Projects**

### **a. NRIN**

- i. **Tower lease/agreements** – Saunders has a signed agreement. Tim is working on the western area of the region. Region 44 has Nance signed, and will go to Merrick this week and Boone is still unknown. Jan will be following up on this. Building a tower is a possibility and Jan will also inquire about this.
  1. Jan needs information on how the connections work to give Region 44 county boards information. Janell Walther has created a brochure and this would be appropriate to use. Nothing will be permanently mounted on these structures.
  2. The elevator in Central City is being considered and Sue Krogman of NEMA is working on this agreement.
  3. Howard County – unknown if the water tower in St Paul will be used. Tim has received a notice to do a study for that structure.
  4. Tim is working on getting information on the Columbus water tower.
  5. Plan is to put out information
- ii. **Material Storage** – no quote yet, Tim has found a Columbus location. Monthly rate Jan – July is in the \$300 – \$500 range. Bill Pook has forwarded possible locations and contacts. Tim has made contacts and still needs to get costs from Bill. It is critical to have this location as the orders are going in. Must have an address to ship the materials and the Columbus address will allow the contractors to easily pick up the equipment as they build out the region network beginning in April or May 2013.
- iii. OCIO has a big piece of the management and monitoring of the network. The tradeoff is to have OCIO have bandwidth
- iv. Unknown at this time the benefits of the system – there could be multiple benefits - it will likely play a major role EC 911 project as well as tie in mutual aid base stations, lease lines for routers is costly, NCIC costs may go down significantly – this is a “hidden” bill in many budgets at least by 50%. Next Gen 911 is all internet protocol based, possible backbone for the next Gen-911 system.

### **b. Paraclete**

#### **i. Regional/local Memorandum of Understanding**

1. This is planned to run through the TICP. Alicia has not returned Michelle’s call. The same people are signing for the MOU’s.
2. Paraclete system will also run on the new system so this would eliminate another cost.

### **c. Rapid Tag System**

- i. **Columbus Disaster Volunteer Reception Center** – the system was used last Monday for 30 people to set up a DVRC training/exercise. The training was held and those without ID’s were provided tags. There were some troubles with printing and this was resolved in the exercise.
  1. This United Way, Red Cross, and Emergency Management volunteer group has been in place since 2006 to plan and work with volunteers collectively.
  2. Boone County would like to do a similar exercise to provide volunteers with this experience.
  3. A training developed with Volunteer Partners in Lincoln is available for Region V counties. Theresa Gomez with Region V Systems has presented this training. Registration of volunteers has been a problem – most say they intend to volunteer but do not intend to register.
- ii. **Additional Licenses** – If you are not served by a DVRC, Tim proposes that they could set something up for counties wanting this training. He states that there are possible multi county/region exercises that are planned in the future with no dates set yet.

- iii. There is an additional license for a handheld scanner that has not yet been used and is not necessary for the Regional Mobile Command Unit as the Command Software installed on the computer will do the same function.
- d. **Heartland Generator** – the installer is waiting for the dealer to respond.
- e. **Functional Needs Registry**
  - i. This project is moving ahead – more in some areas than in others.

## VII. Update on NEMA and NPSCC Meetings

- a. **NCOR /NPSCC**
  - i. **NPSCC (Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council) Executive Order** – Meeting to be held Wed Dec 12' 2012. This is a public meeting and anyone is invited. Representatives from NCOR regions as well as NACO, Cities/ Municipalities, State Fire Marshall , NEMA, etc.
  - ii. **Appointment of Regional Representative:** Tim Hofbauer will represent the region in NPSCC.

## VIII. Regional Planning

- a. **TICP – Terry attended this meeting**
  - i. New template will be sent out after the Jan 1, 2013 to get the updated contacts from the counties and the location of the equipment and the dispatch capabilities.
  - ii. **Website – publicsafetytools.info** which shows what has been narrowbanded in each county with all licenses. Howard County is completely done. Platte County is complete, yet it has not yet been uploaded to the website.

The website also includes radio training and other informative elements. Jan has inquired on costs for the Ag exercise for Boone and Merrick counties. Boone's was done about 4 years ago and may only need an updated plan. Merrick has not had one and the cost is \$2500.00. The funds are available and Jan will put together the paperwork to request an exercise for Merrick County. Boone will be able to attend if they would like. The plan for Boone County may just need an update.

Debris Management and COOP plan will be completed through FDI for Nance and Merrick counties. The COOP is complete in Boone County and FDI will return to get the Boone County COOP more complete. Polk County is not complete with the COOP plan. Tim is going to follow up on this. Platte will get the Debris Management plan – Jan does not have any Debris Plans complete, and this will be paid out of 2010 funds.

## IX. State Update

- X. Family Assistance Center Training – OMMERS is working with the Red Cross in Saunders County and will partner with Dodge County possibly Fall of 2013. Ryan Lowery has been getting additional functions for the MRC system. MRC is trying to work more collaboratively with Emergency Management, and there is a lot of detail and responsibility is being transferred to the Red Cross, and this is a plan that has problems and needs clarification as to the responsibility of the Family Assistance Center. Recent events such as the flood revealed areas that need attention as to the operation of FAC's. This is something that needs to be sorted out by the EM's. Behavioral Health needs to play a part in this as well as they have Behavioral Health teams developed to assist with FAC's as well. Plans set up with this would compliment an All Hazards Plan.

## XI. Public Comment

- a. Todd Thalken questions what needs to be done to get the State Patrol radios connection completed. Tim is talking with Corey at the OCIO office.

## XII. Upcoming meetings

Governance Meeting-January 4, 2013  
 Nebraska Public Safety Communications Commission – December 12, 2013  
 NACO December 12-13. 2013 in Kearney  
 EC-911 - December 17, 2012 @ 1:00 PM