

July 11th, 2018 – 1300 Hours
706 2nd St, Alma (Harlan County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Logan Lueking; Brian Stephens; Roger Powell; Nick Elledge; Darrin Lewis; Eric Deselich; Larry Fichtner; Jill Harvey; Jeff England; Sheriff Watson; Ron Sunday; Chris Becker; Brian Woldt; Joanna Le Moine; Dawna Whitcomb; Kirt Smith; Jon Rosenlund; Dick Cochran

- 1) Call to Order – Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 13:03 PM. This meeting goes by the Open Meetings Act.

- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt motioned to approve the agenda for this meeting. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Kirt motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Logan – On the 16th there is a webinar on the EM Handbook. If you are unable to attend, it will be sent out as a Youtube video. On the 25th and 26th is the LEOP Workshop in Lincoln. Bring your information and questions, and everything will be set up to work on your LEOPs there.
 - b. Larry – There is a new NEMA rep, who will be the new contact for the PET when he is set up. There were not enough people for Capstone in July, so they are moving it to October on the 17th & 18th.

- 5) Public Policy Center – Kate Speck
 - a. Kate was unable to be here today. Brian said that he talked to her and that the THIRA is complete and will be emailed to Joanna and disbursed by her to the group.

- 6) SC LEG Update – Sheriff Watson

- a. Regarding the 2016 funds, he asked Dawna if Adams County finished up with their Cyber Security funds and Dawna says it is currently at 0 so yes. They have a Cyber investment of \$14K and they are working on getting 4 more agencies signed up for that.
- b. MOU'ed 2015 funding to the SCPET LE from the State/Fusion Center
 - i. They were supposed to get Sleuth to integrate with the Fusion Center which has not been done. That money is being sent back to SCPETR and must be used or committed by the end of August this year. The parameters for what this could be used on was pretty open. Over \$69K is now available for the LEG group to use.
 - ii. He mentioned that Hastings has also requested money for training, but that is on the newer grant that has been approved. There was an agency that spent funds on something that was not approved for by the LEG or SCPETR. This will need to be fixed.
- c. Use of funding for APP Project and RFP review
 - i. There is a new program targeting schools for See something Send something App. They would like to do the whole state with this program, which usually costs \$600/agency, but they were offered to do the whole state for the \$69K money we received back. Darrin worked with Sheriff Watson on this, and this has been approved by Julie at NEMA. This is a yearly deal, and they are unsure on grant funds for future years. The accounts can be combined with other agencies to cut the cost per agency. There are some who want this tested with the region first before doing the whole state. For our region, it would be \$20,000. Jon mentioned that with this being a year-long thing, that by the time the new IJ's get worked on next year, people would have an idea on whether they like this and want to put it on for the next year.
 - ii. Hastings has a new Cyber security request for \$15,000, and they were looking at equipping 11 vehicles with FirstNet to begin testing this system. These three things would then use the \$69K funds.
 - iii. Jon motioned to go with the LEG plan, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.
- d. Sheriff Watson also mentioned that he will be off to other things soon, and not sure who his successor will be at this time.

7) ARC Update – Brian Stephens

- a. They are going through a logistical change at this time. They are looking to identify items that people have ready to go that might not be on a standard list. They are also pushing out new technical data, but nothing has been seen yet. They are working on getting teams trained in sheltering, including Holdredge CERT team. They are in a new Fiscal Review, with a new stash of smoke detectors, so if any communities want to assist with the installation of smoke detectors to let him know.
- b. Chris asked how to get signed up for a sheltering class. Brian says to let him know and they will work on getting someone out to train. Jon mentioned he was told a couple hours one evening, with an exercise on Saturday.

8) Old Business

- a. 2015 Grant – Update
 - i. The Budget sheet handed out doesn't show the current LEG money of 69,302 available from the funds received back, but it is in GMS.
 - b. 2016 Grant – Update
 - i. For the Credentialing exercise money, Jon thought that we were going to be doing another CardEx, but someone would have to set that up.
 - ii. Jon asked if he can get a trailer decal out of the Citizen Corps money, as it is for the trailer that was gotten for him. It was unsure if it would be an acceptable cost. He will call and ask if that is something that would be approved.
 - iii. NRIN Funds - \$60,000 for GI/Hall County 911 Center Connect and/or MOU back
 - 1. Jon has a tower that he was going to build, but he won't have his EPA reviews done in time to submit paperwork for grant reimbursement as the tower will be built in August. Instead they could use some of this for dishes to go on the tower. Using it just for the dishes, Jon won't need \$60K, maybe only \$25K. Logan will send Jon whatever he needs to fill out for the dishes.
 - c. 2017 Grant – Update
 - i. The \$100K in NRIN on this grant is for the tower in Harlan County, including the dishes. No one knows the specs for this tower. They are currently waiting on the agreement between the county and the landowner. Chris believes they are supposed to have something within 30 days. Jon mentioned we might need to set a date for this to be done by so that we can change what this is used for or we might have a chance of losing this money.
 - ii. Joanna asked about the CERT backpacks. Dawna mentioned that she does have the list, and will be working on that, but might be next month.
 - d. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i. The app was not approved in subsequent years, so the app may go away. They had agreed to send it out to all 93 counties for the same price. Darrin has not received a bill yet. They have promised a number of things and have not delivered on it. The website is still on, but it needs to be updated. The next time we meet in GI for this meeting, Jon would like to have a time beforehand to train others to help with the updates to the website.
 - e. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Loren
 - i. Loren was not present at this meeting.
- 9) NPSCC Update
- a. They received more money than they thought they were going to get from a grant that opened up. They have a handful of projects that they want to work on. Omaha area is working on upgrading microwave dishes, which will now need to be NRIN capable. If they have extra money, they will go down the list they have and begin funding some of those other projects.
 - b. NRIN – Jon
 - i. Status of towers was discussed earlier.

- ii. Jon thanked everyone for voting, and they have the person in place to complete Chip's position until his term ends.
- c. CNRI – Loren
 - i. Loren was not present at this meeting.

10) New Business

- a. Hot Meals USA – Dick Cochran
 - i. Hot Meals USA builds disaster trailers, and work with the Red Cross in some of their trailers. The University of NE has asked for a quick training for people on what they need to know in a disaster and for volunteers responding to those disasters. This project will involve different sections with multiple agencies discussing things that people should know. There will also be time for Fire and EM's to try to recruit for volunteer departments and CERT teams. They will focus on people doing something that they are good at.
 - ii. They are looking to make video segments to be placed on a CD, so that the whole thing can be used as a training class, or as snippets for Youtube or BeReadyNebraska page, etc. Sections would be anything from 2-5 minutes. It will introduce people to the different agencies, what they do, and encourage them to step up and help out in these different areas, whether volunteers or people applying for Law Enforcement jobs that might not have thought about it before. Once they have determined whether the University or IdeaBank will be able to do this, they will have to determine the costs and where to be able to get those funds for this project. These sections could also potentially be used in a VRC for the safety video of the spontaneous volunteers. This is a nationwide effort that is starting in NE. They should hear the final word back from the University on whether they can do this or not within the next week or so.
 - iii. Hot Meals USA has trailers where they feed thousands a day if needed. They also have a system that will tell them date, time, and temp of food they give to Red Cross or other agencies for disbursement, including time to throw away. They start with their own personnel at a disaster, but will hire locally, ex. someone whose restaurant is closed due to the disaster. Jon thinks we should try to put Hot Meals USA on next year's IJ for funding, but they would need some hard figures from Dick with a list of equipment and cost. If Dick can provide that information to be able to get the trailer funded a little faster than it can with donations, it would be a good thing. Once figures are known, it would need to go through the IJ process and see what they say.
- b. EAP Update and Exercise Planning – EPA – Eric Deselich (Tetrtech)
 - i. Melinda is the coordinator assigned to this group. The last time Eric was here, he discussed updating a plan. He received the updates from Brian recently and will be working on that. He mentioned some trainings that are available through EPA for all different agencies. There is an app, called Collector (app is free, Esri accounts are not, but they can put 3,000 people on an account and can add people for an exercise), available in the trainings that will allow you to download forms that you need, they will show you how to fill them out and submit it.

These forms can then be accessed via website, where you can watch the teams in the field as they work on a map. You can also send messages to the teams. They want to introduce this to us now, before something happens. Eric would like to know if any of us would be interested in participating in an exercise next year on this. He would come and do planning leading up to this exercise. Jon thinks scheduling with this meeting would be the best way to get everyone together. There are a number interested in participating in this exercise. Eric will send out an email with the finalized plan, and get with the EPA concerning the interest in the exercise. Jon suggests that we work with Eric to build this exercise, each county works on entering their equipment and personnel into the Salamander system, and then we can use our Commands for this exercise. With that, we could use the \$10K in 2016 Grant for Credentialing Exercise for this exercise, as Eric had mentioned having some people out on the boats on the Platte. They would like to shoot for July to have this exercise. Brian mentioned there would be feeding of people, fuel for boats, etc. Eric said that we can request different things to be included in this exercise, such as Hazmat plumes, and what you want your CERT team to deal with. Jon mentioned it would be about 15 exercises all on the same day, as each county would have their EOC open.

- ii. Jon asked to have Eric placed on the SCPETR email list.
- iii. Brian mentioned that if anyone hasn't updated their Sub Area Plan, to get it done and send it to Brian so that he can pass it along to Eric.

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11) Good of the Group

- a. Nothing was mentioned.

12) Adjournment

- a. Kirt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 14:56 hours.