

# Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

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## Minutes

January 13, 2012, 0900 CST

1819 Farnam Street, 3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

### Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of voting members present

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Shane	Hunter	Urban Fire	x
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire	x
Mark	Conrey	Communications	x
Tom	Muller	Omaha Police Department	x
Pete	Neddo	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	x
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	x
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	x
Eric	Plautz	Emergency Management	x
Richard	Lally	Rural Law Enforcement	x
Tom	Lamb	Washington County	
Steve	Oltmans	Omaha Mayor's Office (chair)	x

2. Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting.

Larry Lavelle made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Lt. Lally seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Discussion Items

1. Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC) – Lt. John Shelton, NE State Patrol  
Lt. Shelton and Sgt. Elwell identified the **NIAC** as a function of the state's fusion center. Following lessons learned from 9/11, Nebraska identified the need for a statewide system that was capable of creating the ability to collaborate intelligence sharing among local, county, state law enforcement agencies. The Fusion Center was created to allow all law enforcement agencies throughout the state to share information in a timely manner prior to critical incident happening. It is considered to be the nexus of the information sharing combining information from various agencies and sources. The NIAC has approximately 75 staff; the Fusion Center has approximately 15-16 staff assigned to it, 9 of which are crime analysts. **HSIN**, the Homeland Security Information Network has a portal for the public (CS-Critical Structure) and one for Law Enforcement (LE). HSIN allows stakeholders to reach into the NIAC to submit, collect, and request information. **NFIN**, Nebraska Fusion Information Network, serves to collect federated sources for pulling information from multiple data sources. **ACAMS** is the Automatic Critical Asset Management System, and it was used to help with the flooding in Nebraska. A form is available for people and/or agencies to get vetted in (access to NFIN).

### Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County/UASI Management & Administration update – Phil Ruhe/Gail Braun  
All 2010 UASI project for MUD received Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation (EHP) approval, so the project will move forward. If you have received any new equipment purchased with UASI grant funding, the

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equipment must all have a tag/tab attached to them stating that they were purchased with grant funds. Contact Phil if you need tags and he can get them to you.

## 2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department

The 2010 UASI grant has been updated. With the exception of OMMRS (which is pending City Council approval), all 2009 funding has been used. It is important to verify that all of expenditures fall within the Investment Justifications. It should be the goal to spend all money that is awarded to avoid sending it back. The 2008 grant closed out with less than a \$1,000 balance. Phil reported that the 2012 grant funding process will be different in that FEMA and DHS will give a grant dollar amount and then leave the discretion to the secretary. This process will allow for more discretion but still less funding will be received by all.

## 3. Standing committee reports

### a. Emergency Management: Eric Plautz, Emergency Management

The Douglas County Emergency Management subcommittee continues to meet. The PET subcommittee met in December and received approval for law enforcement training in Douglas County. This Hazmat/decontamination training will be held the first week in February (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>). They will discuss the transportation of radiological materials throughout the state. Nebraska is considered to be the corridor for transportation of several hazardous materials. If reaches a certain risk level, Nebraska law enforcement officials are notified. The training calendar will send be sent out to the group. ICS Training can be found on the Lincoln website.

### b. Communications: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

The purpose of the communications classes that will be held in Kearney on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February are to educate the counties of the different types of radio and microwave systems, the importance of the interoperable communications projects, and the State Radio System. MOUs will be covered in this training as well. Mark reported that most of 2011 was spent working on a GIS common operating application that aggregates data. They are ready to start demoing that and would be willing to do a 10-15 min demo for this meeting. They are available to any first responder areas. This application would be used during an event like the recent floods. The GIS Project works together with the fusion center.

### c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Pete Neddo

A Critical Infrastructure meeting will be held next week. They are currently working on finding a co-chair. They received money to build a fence.

### d. Urban Law Enforcement: Lt. Mark Desler, OPD

Urban law enforcement has a little of the 2009 funding left. The majority of major purchases with 2010 funding have been made and installed. They are currently waiting to order equipment with the 2011 funding. OPPD will do another re-banding for interoperability. They are working to schedule an Active Shooter training.

### e. Rural Law Enforcement: Lt. Richard Lally

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They are currently looking into purchasing night vision equipment with 2010 funding. The group will vote on the 2011 work plan today and will be sent to NEMA for approval.

f. Urban Fire: Shane Hunter

All of the 2009 and 2010 funding has been spent. The 2011 money has been received. River rescue training will take place in May. The daily reports were helpful for insurance claims. They are in the process of developing the After Action Reports; a powerpoint presentation of the After Action Reports was requested by Steve Oltmans.

g. Rural Fire: Travis Harlow, Waterloo Fire

All of the 2009 and 2010 funding has been spent. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Boys Town will host training. An airboat has been purchased to be used for all seasons. Having the new airboat will be very useful. The boat is loaded on a trailer so that it can go on dry ground and can launch right from the trailer.

4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

a. Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): Phyllis Dutton

The current focus is the evacuation of hospitals. A webinar was held that provided a scenario to look at everyone's own plans. A community Tabletop exercise is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>. A functional exercise is scheduled for November. Thirteen hospitals want to be involved as a receiving or evacuating population. MMRS also met to discuss a mass fatality event. Due to reallocation of funding, MMRS had to resubmit the current funding proposal to the state.

b. Buffer Zone Protection Programs (BZPP) – Lt. Mark Desler

Each county throughout the state has one. Money allocated is to benefit public safety and response. Washington county had has all of their equipment.

c. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McCahon, United Way of the Midlands

Eric Plautz reported that they will meet next week to discuss the national preparedness meeting in September. CERT will continue their outreach activities.

5. Public Policy Center Report, Janell Walther

Janell Walther stated that they have developed a work plan for 911 Regionalization Study. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for January. The next NWIN & NCOR meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2012.

## Action Items

1. Approval to MOU funding to NEMA to provide staff for contract over-site & administration of 2007 PSIC funds supporting IJ#4 "Mutual aid Frequency Overlay" for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant #2001-GS-H7-0050, Grant Award Period: 9/30/2007-6/30/2012  
Mark Desler made a motion to approve MOU remaining 2007 PSIC funds to NEMA for supporting IJ#4 "Mutual aid Frequency Overlay." Larry seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

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### 2. Approval of the Tri-County FY2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program Work Plan

Phil reported that he has asked people to finish the work plan. The total grant is \$276,000. \$93,000 must be for law enforcement. \$10,000 is for Safeguard Nebraska. The funding for the airboat was shared between Waterloo Fire, and Tri-county, GIS and communications funding.

Larry Lavelle made a motion to approve the 2011 work plan. Mark Desler seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Public Comment

1. Larry Lavelle suggested that there was some concern over the maintenance of Codespear. Al Berndt, NEMA, will meet with the Lt. Governor to see what funds can be used to pay for the maintenance.
2. Emergency management has been working with the Red Cross to develop a list of the hotels around the I-80 corridors. A certain number of hotels will be available to travelers and as they begin to fill up, the goal is to disseminate that information to travelers.

### Upcoming events and next meeting

The next meeting will be held March 9, 2012 at 9:00am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday and those months at 9:00am. The 2012 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, March 9, 2012	Friday, September 14, 2012
Friday, May 11, 2012	Friday, November 9, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	

### PET Sub-Committee 2012 meeting dates:

Friday, February 6, 2012	Friday, August 6, 2012
Friday, April 2, 2012	Friday, October 1, 2012
Friday, June 4, 2012	Friday, December 3, 2012

### CI/KR Committee 2012 meeting dates

Tuesday, March 20, 2012	Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Tuesday, July 17, 2012	Tuesday, November 20, 2012