

Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

Minutes

May 11, 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	
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	x
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	X
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	X
Eric	Plautz	Emergency Management	X
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Richard	Lally	Rural Law Enforcement	
Bill	Pook	Washington County	
Steve	Oltmans	Omaha Mayor's Office (chair)	x

2. Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved following the recommended amendments: the PET subcommittee meetings are held on Mondays not Fridays; clarification in Section C to state the Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Conference. On page three, the OMMRS and NDMS training of HICS is intended for hospital staff not emergency managers.

Discussion Items

None to report.

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County/UASI Management & Administration update – Phil Ruhe/Gail Braun
The committee received a response from NEMA regarding the 2011 State Homeland Security Workplan. The Lt. Governor approved the purchase of a law enforcement vehicle for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. The remainder of the grant is being reviewed and approved; the committee will wait for a response before proceeding.
2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department
Phil Ruhe sent out all of the updated budgets. The City of Omaha is currently undergoing an external audit with KPMG. 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program expenditures are included in the examination. The audit should be complete within the next month.
3. Standing committee reports
 - a. Emergency Management: Lynn Marshal, Emergency Management
A regional emergency management meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month. The PET committee is currently in a transition period. The next PET meeting is June 4 at 1:30 pm at the Omaha

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Public Safety Training Center. The focus of the meeting is to work with the funding that already has been awarded, especially for activities on the PET calendar. Many of the 2010 funds have already been identified for training. A request has been made for additional incident command system (ICS) classes. Most of the funding for planning has already been spent. Funding to support a full scale exercise in Sarpy County has been requested. A lesson has been learned regarding reimbursement for personnel overtime and backfill costs. It is recommended that a request for reimbursement should come from an agency rather than its personnel to avoid being required to complete a 1099 form.

b. Communications: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

Common Operating Picture Demo

Douglas County is working connect all dispatch centers as well as computer aided dispatch and mobile data, with the State Patrol to facilitate better communication throughout the state. They are currently using a common dispatch frequency that allows all agencies to be notified when an incident occurs. This process has taken eight months to complete.

Omaha's GIS specialist provided a common operating picture demonstration of new software. This software will be used in emergency operations centers (EOC), by law enforcement, fire, public works and other responders in the field. Omaha is collaborating with the state fusion center on this project. This secure system will allow access to different views and layers that reveal information of interest to responders or planners in an emergency.

The software has many features that include access to tools that will allow a person to draw or add text to the map, tools for viewing social media feeds, area demographics, GIS Oblique imagery that uses the highest resolution and quality available and more. The tools within the software are intended for timely information but may not provide the most accurate information. At this time, the oblique imagery tool provides full coverage of the Omaha metro area but does not cover Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie Counties. The goal end date for the imagery tool is the summer of 2013. A mobile application is currently being developed to make the software available for different platforms. This would limit some of the capabilities to simple viewing and data collection in the field. The goal of this software is to create a dynamic system for responders to use in the field and in the EOCs. Once usernames and passwords have been set up, the link will be disseminated to the group so that people can start to explore the software.

c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Dennis Snook, OPPD

The CIKR committee will hold its bimonthly meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Over 200 people participated in this year's NITC Conference. Eric Plautz, formerly with Douglas County Emergency Management will be joining the OPPD team at Ft. Calhoun.

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

There has been a delay with some of the 2011 grant funding due to the rejection of the investment justifications that were submitted. As a result, the money had to be reallocated, and permission from the Lt.

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Governor was required for purchases. The investment justifications will be amended and submitted next week. The traffic division reached out and requested support using the new boat during Mitt Romney's visit to the Omaha Metro area. This year, the Dodge marina and a small marina in Decatur will be the only ones open between the Omaha area and Kansas City. The Dodge Park docks will be open on Memorial weekend.

- e. Rural Law Enforcement: Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD

No additional update.

- f. Urban Fire: Shane Hunter, OFD

2011 Flood – Unified Command Review

The After Action Report for the flood is almost complete. The National Preparedness Goal is being used as guidance to for the development of the report. The City of Omaha's Administration did a fantastic job supporting this emergency. Volunteers, the Medical Reserve Corps, County Health Departments and the Omaha Airport Authority did a phenomenal also did well responding to the emergency. The leadership provided by Shane Hunter and his team are to be commended. Denise Bulling discussed the disaster behavioral health work that is being done by the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program in the Omaha Metro area. 42,000 residents would have been impacted if the levee had broken. The levee is going to be certified by FEMA. Washington County is almost finished processing reimbursements for their residents.

- g. Rural Fire: Travis Harlow, Waterloo Fire

The fire department is waiting 2011 funding. Once funding is received, the rescue boat will be purchased and training will begin. Three days of swift water rescue training was recently conducted by a California rescue team This Friday, Radiological Isotope training will be held. This process was used when the First Lady came to visit and with Berkshire Hathaway. The interoperability with other agencies has worked very well and has served to benefit everyone. Both trainings are being funded with 2009 state homeland security dollars. There was good media coverage of the swift water rescue training. Phil will send the footage out to the group. In a couple of weeks, an underwater criminal investigation course will be conducted. This training is approved to enhance diver's abilities if ever called by the ATF or FBI to conduct weapons searches. Travis also recently attended rapid training in Griswold, IA.

- 4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

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

On April 19, a community evacuation exercise was held. The exercise served as a communication tool to clarify a lot of misconceptions that the community had. Many questions were asked regarding sheltering as most people were unfamiliar with the support that would come from the Red Cross and Medical Reserve Corps. The communication process and evacuation sites were all tested. On April 27, NDMS with Offutt Airbase assisted with the setup of an OMMRS medical table. On August 11, they will be involved in another exercise. On October 13, an exercise will be held at Eppley Airfield. A Pediatric CBRNE conference directed toward adults will be held on May 30-31; registration is through Nebraska education. Hospitals will work as host sites throughout Douglas County.

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

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No report.

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

The media portion of the September disaster preparedness plan is in progress. A church site and foster care area will need to be identified for Red Cross to conduct the training. CERT training will be held in Sarpy County. Douglas and Sarpy Counties recently conducted a tabletop exercise for Anthrax. Three Rivers is also planning to conduct an exercise and is currently looking for volunteers.

d. Public Policy Center Report – Denise Bulling

The Public Policy Center continues to work with fire, law enforcement, finance and technical subcommittees on the 911 Regionalization Study. The survey link can be found at www.911study.nebraska.edu. Anyone can participate in the survey. The survey aims to identify what should be kept, any changes that should be made, methods of dispatch and next generation 911. Recommendations and information from stakeholders will be examined in September with an end goal date of 2014. This project is funded by FEMA planning money.

Action Items

No action items were identified at this meeting.

Public Comment

Upcoming events and next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 9:00am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00am. The 2012 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, September 14, 2012

Friday, November 9, 2012

PET Sub-Committee 2012 meeting dates:

Monday, June 4, 2012

Monday, August 6, 2012

Monday, October 1, 2012

Monday, December 3, 2012

CI/KR Committee 2012 meeting dates

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Tuesday, November 20, 2012