

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2014, 0900 CST

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

Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of voting members present

Marty Bilek, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire	
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Brad	Hildebrandt	Urban Fire	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	X
Rich	Lally	Rural Law Enforcement	X
Larry	Lavelle	Co-Chair	
Lt. Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County	X
Bill	Pook	Emergency Management	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	X
Shawn	Thallas	Washington County	

Other in attendance: Carol Allensworth (Douglas County Health Department), Melanie Bates (Omaha Mayor's Office), Denise Bulling (PPC), Scott Crites (City of Omaha), Phyllis Dutton (OMMRS), Kevin Griger (Sarpy County Sheriff's Office), Bill Holaday (OPD, TEW), Shavonna Lausterer (Douglas County Health Department), Erin Payne (OPD), Kevin Pokorny (LaVista PD), Dustin Rief (Omaha Public Works), Patrick Rooney (NEMA), Phil Ruhe (Omaha Mayor's Office), Kurt Strachota (Bellevue Fire), Hayley Sutter (PPC), and Lee Tomlinson (OPD, TEW)

2. Open Meeting Law Information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location – NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)

A copy of the Open Meeting Law Information was available in the meeting room.

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

Lynn Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Conrey seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

No items.

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update –Phil Ruhe

a. FY2014 SHSG Investment Justification (IJ) Workshop Recap

NEMA will submit the IJs to FEMA on May 23 and expects to notify the regions of their awards in June; work plans are due on July 16. Bill Pook proposed holding a special committee meeting on June 2, 2014 to review and prioritize completed work plans and a Board Meeting on June 9 to vote on the PET committee work plans; these special meetings will allow the Tri-County Working Group to review the work plans during the regularly scheduled July 11 meeting and meet the July 16 deadline set by NEMA.

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This proposal was approved by consensus. Phil Ruhe noted that FEMA changed their Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to include ballistic shields for fire and EMS personnel; this was a Tri-County priority last year, however, purchasing the shields was denied by NEMA because they were not yet included on the AEL. Phil suggested that the shields be reconsidered in work plans if they remain a priority.

b. FY2013 SHSG NEMA monitoring visit on June 11, 2014

NEMA will be conducting monitoring visits specific to the FY2012 grant on June 11; affected agencies have already been contacted. Agencies will be informed of what equipment is to be inspected prior to the visit. Phil will schedule exact visit times with each agency.

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

Budgets were previously sent out by Phil. GMS is up-to-date and the FY2011 and FY2012 grant fund expenditures are expected to be complete prior to all deadlines. .

3. Standing committee reports

a. Emergency Management/Planning, Exercise & Training (PET): Bill Pook and Rich Lally

Completing a regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) process has been prioritized; it is not currently required, however, based on discussions at the IJ Workshop it will likely be required in the future. Next year the grant will be project driven and a THIRA or assessment will be needed to justify project needs. The State THIRA process will be held in the fall; Tri-County should aim to complete their regional THIRA in the summer to help feed into the state THIRA. The PET sub-committee is continuing to support the Tri-County administrative support position with PET funds.

b. Communications: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

On May 15, the four major wireless carriers (Sprint, Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile) are supposed to be able to carry texts to 911. Unlike phone calls to 911 centers, text to 911 will only provide tower locations, making it difficult for responders to locate the individual. Text to 911 should only be used when the individual cannot speak, such as in a home invasion. 911 centers will likely be able to receive pictures and videos in the future.

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

The Nebraska Preparedness Partnership (NPP) has contracted with the Public Policy Center (PPC) to hold stakeholder meeting across the state and prepare a white paper that can be used to guide development of the organization statewide. The Omaha stakeholder meeting is being rescheduled from today to another date to be named later. CIKR requested \$10,000 at the IJ Workshop to continue the work of NPP.

d. Urban Law Enforcement: Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD

The Open Vision X-ray Machine is running and working well. It was used by Bellevue University through a mutual aid agreement, during pre-event sweeps for the Berkshire Hathaway event, and used by the FBI bomb team during a full scale scenario at Oakview Mall. It will be used during the College World Series and for any mutual aid requests. Priority projects identified by urban law enforcement at the IJ Workshop include: funding an analysis position on the TEWG, a new vehicle for bomb detection K9 equipment, and a few Washington County and Douglas County specific projects.

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

Kevin Pokorny is stepping down from his position as Chair of the Rural Law Enforcement Committee; Rich Lally will replace him. Captain Pokorny has accepted a position with the City of LaVista.

f. Urban Fire: Brad Hildebrandt, Omaha Fire Department and Shane Hunter, Omaha Fire Department

Ballistic vests and training for EMS will be a top priority for FY2014. An extensive building collapse and shoring course will be held in August using FY2013 funding. Two Omaha Fire Department members were

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chosen to be part of the Nebraska HazMat Team that will be sent to the National HazMat Challenge in New Mexico. Rural Fire, Urban Fire, and Union Pacific are collaborating on a rail car exercise in Waterloo.

g. Rural Fire: Kurt Strachota, Bellevue Fire

A Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) class will be held on June 2-4 at the Bellevue Training Center (3100 Cornhusker Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123). The course will teach the software procedures and how the interfaces work to plot out emergency situations. Several spots are still available; contact Tonya Ngotel to register.

4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

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

A medical response and preparedness to a bombing incident program is scheduled on June 4-5. Russ Wren will facilitate a tabletop exercise on the CHEMPACK on July 9. A cybersecurity exercise for hospitals will be held on September 19. A full scale evacuation exercise at the Bellevue Medical Center will be held on April 16, 2015.

b. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McMahon, United Way of the Midlands (reported by Lynn Marshall)

Citizen Corps has submitted a \$12,000 proposal at the IJ workshop to benefit Citizen Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, volunteer fire service, volunteer police service, Community Emergency Response Teams, and Neighborhood Watch. These funds will provide outreach materials to the public to increase emergency preparedness in local communities. The State has committed to providing initial CERT training and train-the-trainer trainings for businesses

5. Public Policy Center Report – Denise Bulling

The next meeting of the NPSCC will be June 2 at 10:00 AM at the Bennett Martin Public Library in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. The State has suspended the vendor contract for the NRIN project; an RFP will be issued to finish the build out. This suspension has caused a significant delay in other regions of the state.

Action Items

No action items.

Public Comment

Phil will send out email invitations to the June special meetings.

Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.

Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 AM. The 2014 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, January 10

Friday July 11

Friday, March 14

Friday, September 12

Friday, May 9

Friday, November 14

Agendas and meeting minutes

Agendas and minutes are posted on the Public Policy Centers' Nebraska Homeland Security Planning website at:

<http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/petregions/tricounty.php>

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ACRONYM LIST

AEL	Authorized Equipment List
ATAP	Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
CERT	Community Emergency Response Teams
CIKR	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
GMS	Grants Management System
HPP	Hospital Preparedness Program
ICS/EOC	Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center
IJ	Investment Justification
MMRS	Metropolitan Medical Response System
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Areas
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NPP	Nebraska Preparedness Partnership
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer
OFD	Omaha Fire Department
OMMRS	Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System
OPD	Omaha Police Department
OPPD	Omaha Public Power District
PET	Planning, Exercise, and Training
POC	Point of Contact
PPC	Public Policy Center
RDU	Rapid Deployment Unit
SHSG	State Homeland Security Grant
UASI	Urban Area Security Initiative