

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)

Minutes

October 1, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Educational Television Network Building Boardroom – 1800 N 33rd St – Lincoln NE

Opening comments

1. Roll Call (Conrey & Schwarten Absent)

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	DouglasCo.911Center	
Patrick	Foust	South.Sioux City/DakotaCo.EMA	x
Pat	Gerdes	Region 15 Emergency Management Agency	x
Jim	Gerweck	Richardson Co. Emerg. Management	x
Tim	Hofbauer	Columbus/Platte Co Emr. Management	x
Darrin	Lewis	Buffalo County Emergency Management	x
Pete	Peterson	Keith County Emergency Management	x
Ray	Richards	Scottsbluff Co. 911 Director	x
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	
Dave	Webb	NPPD	x

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law

3. Minutes – August 27, 2010 meeting

Pat Foust made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2010 meeting. Ray Richards seconded the motion; the motion was approved by voice vote.

Discussion Items

1. Regional Interoperability Network **Project**

The tower mapping is proceeding as scheduled, averaging two towers per day. There have been some potential issues identified with towers. Regions can find out about the tower mapping and analysis by viewing the CSI Report on Awareness. CSI will be doing testing for grounding on all of the tower sites; this has been modified in the contract with CSI. NEMA anticipates Environmental Impact (EHP) Approval should have a three-week turnaround from submission. PET Regions should make contact with tower and shelter owners to plan agreements for future tower maintenance and needs and think about creative arrangements (e.g., trading improvements in grounding for deduction in rent). Arrangements need to be made in advance to allow access to towers and shelters. PET Regions should also meet with their county boards and regional stakeholders to discuss long-term funding and sustainability for the interconnectivity project. It is estimated that 4,000 IP addresses will be needed for the network project. NCOR will review potential IT needs.

2. Mutual Aid **Project**

Pete Peterson, Chair

South Central has developed a Mutual Aid Plan to share with NCOR. The Tri-County Region is working on constructing a plan and implementation of interoperability between the three counties, Iowa, the Southeast Region, the East Central Region, and the Nebraska State Patrol. OCIO will work with the regions on their Mutual Aid plans to verify that all the correct information and frequencies are met for the FCC License.

South Central Region – Pat Gerdes

The South Central Plan has been submitted to OCIO. Pat Gerdes will share the Mutual Aid Plan with other members of NCOR. Some equipment in the Southwest Region has been purchased. The counties that did not purchase any Mutual Aid Base Station equipment will utilize the Paraclete System and add some Kenwood Radios for Mutual Aid use. Counties with base station equipment purchased will be set up with Telex Vega Interfaces (which allows Paraclete to control Motorola Stations), using a Paraclete Dispatch Console to operate the base stations. The cost was just under the PSIC allotment for Mutual Aid. The preference for dispatch use of Paraclete is to have all the computers in one room, with the capability for any dispatcher to answer a Paraclete call.

The State's system will be programmed with the Mutual Aid Channels. The South Central region can serve as a pilot project with Troop C.

Tim Hofbauer made a motion for NCOR to offer their support to the South Central Region pilot project to develop a Mutual Aid plan pending the approval from OCIO and NEMA. Ray Richards seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

A progress report will be presented at each NCOR meeting.

3. Interop Solutions/Paraclete **Project:** Steve Cass, NEMA

One major challenge is understanding the capabilities of Paraclete and regional licensing issues. Emergency Managers will need to locate the regional plans to make sure the radios are programmed to operate Paraclete. Some consoles don't have IP, but Paraclete can provide IP capability. The first step is to install boxes, attain licenses, and make antenna adjustments on a local level. Next, Paraclete and equipment will be tuned at a regional level. Some of the Paraclete capabilities will be included in the SOP Development. Interop Solutions will look into narrowing the parameters to improve response time within the database to receive relevant responses. Separate trainings will be provided for dispatchers and at the regional emergency management level. Interop Solutions will be providing training from October 12th through the 21st.

4. TICP/SCIP Revision **Project:** Rod Hutt, NEMA

The CASM/ TICP workshop is planned for Oct. 5-6, 2010 in Grand Island, NE. Regional representatives should bring information to enter into the regional TICPs and CASM. OCIO will provide IDs and Passwords for the CASM Accounts.

5. SOP/MOU Development **Project:** Mark DeKraai, PPC and Pete Peterson, Chair

A day-long SOP Planning day will be held November 4, 2010 to review the draft SOPs. Mark DeKraai of the Public Policy Center will facilitate the discussion. Previous work on SOPs has been included and draft material handed out at the meeting. It is suggested to include a project sustainability discussion on the same day.

Action Items

Information/Reports

1. NEMA

Awareity access should be granted to all those requesting access (two people per region).

2. University of Nebraska PPC – Mark DeKraai, PPC

- a. Documents will be emailed out to the NCOR members including a concept paper and a flow chart about MOUs for sharing Paraclete frequencies. If NCOR is interested, the PPC can facilitate webinars or periodic newsletters to local officials on progress of NRIN, Mutual Aid, and Paraclete projects and provide a forum for discussion issues related to sustainability. PPC will prepare a proposal.
3. OCIO
 - a. No additional update.
4. NCOR representatives to N-WIN

Dave Webb, NPPD, will be presenting information on interest of public power in considering the state radio network as system of choice. He has put a team together to review partnership contributions

Comments

1. Member comments
2. Public comments
 - a. NCOR has not taken a position on subscriber fees.
 - b. CSI will file FCC licenses in 30 days. Regions will need to inform CSI of who the licensee will be.

Next Meeting

November 4-5, 2010, 1512 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE.