

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)
February 24, 2011- 2:00p.m.
Eiseley Library, Meeting Room 1- 1530 Superior Street – Lincoln, NE

Opening comments

1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Law Information

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	DouglasCo.911Center	x
Kevin	Garvin	Cedar County 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	x
Dave	Webb	NE Public Power District	

2. Jim Gerweck made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2011 meeting. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. **Report on Governance/Network Subcommittee, February 7, 2011 meeting- Tim Hofbauer**
The Network Subcommittee met on Feb. 7, 2011 to discuss the management of networks, licensing and state law, and resource sharing. NPPD and OCIO will review management and maintenance requirements. Management decisions will be approved by NCOR.
2. **Regional Interoperability Network Project Update-Mark Higgins, CSI**
Tower issues are being solved in the panhandle and north central regions. A route change to the Kimball tower is expected. The South Central region required minimal redesign to incorporate use of the NPPD tower. The communications ring in the southwest region has been determined. South Central tower review and agreements are still pending completion.
3. **Mutual Aid Project Update**
South Central: Pat Gerdes
Interop Solutions will be demonstrating Paraclete compatibility on March 3, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Holdrege, NE. The expectation is to standardize the equipment needs and system and technological requirements across the state.
Tri-County- Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Center

Mark Conrey & Major Schwarten, Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), will meet to talk about base station interoperability. A NSP engineer and Motorola representative will need to review and approve the design. A simplex channel was used to minimize disruption on the calling channel. OCIO can provide coverage maps as needed for licensing purposes.

4. Paraclete- Sue Krogman, NEMA

A Training Cadre for Paraclete began in Taylor, NE, with continued training set up in the North Central region. Training will move eastward. More detailed training will be provided after basic training is held across the state. The equipment is installed everywhere except the Southeast region. Some manuals for Paraclete use are posted online.

Interop Solutions will visit NEMA to define functions (beyond steering functions) and access to functions and identify future training needs. NEMA hopes to create sustainable training components for local agencies.

5. TICP SCIP- Bob Eastwood

Regional TICPs are near completion. A request was made for a SCIP revision workshop.

Action Items

1. Regional Interoperability Network Project FCC Licensing (revisited)

At the last NCOR meeting, NCOR recommended that the state serve as the owner/applicant of fee licensing. However, there is a statute that limits states ability to use wireless when landline is available. It will be more feasible to look at holding licenses at a local level. It is proposed to have one entity be the point of contact on the license (e.g., county, region, individual, dispatch center, group) and who would be the license holder. With this, NEMA would still be asked to fund the frequency protection.

Mark Conrey made a motion that each region should name its own point-of-contact for FCC licensing. Darrin Lewis seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

2. Adoption of Mutual Aid SOP's

There was discussion that the Mutual Aid SOPs will be a work in process. The SOPs will need to be continually refined as the system becomes operational and additional areas need to be addressed.

Mark Conrey made a motion to adopt the Mutual Aid SOPs. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

3. 2010 Report to the Governor

Jim Gerweck made a motion to approve the 2010 Report to the Governor. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Information and Reports

1. NEMA-

No report.

2. Public Policy Center

A timeline for Homeland Security Grant Investment Justification process for state and PET regions was prepared. An Investment Justification workshop will be held on April 14, 2011. Once the 2011 Homeland Security Grant guidance is received, a quick deadline is expected. The Public Policy Center will work with the PET regions on the process.

The NCOR Bulletin Board was created and made available to NCOR Members. A draft version of the NCOR Newsletter was presented for review.

State Interoperability Webinars are being developed. The first webinar will be held during the last two weeks of March, the second webinar in April, and the final webinar in early fall. All webinars will be recorded and posted online for people to access after the events at their leisure.

3. OCIO-

No report.

4. NCOR reps to NWIN – Jim Gerweck

For the N-WIN project, 15 sites are not yet complete, but the project is progressing. The N-WIN Council discussed new procedures and funding models.

Comments

The OCIO introduced Corey Simmons, who will be assisting on this project.

Chief Larry Thoren will serve as the new representative to NCOR for the South Central Region.

Next Meeting

The next NCOR Meeting will be Friday, March 25th, 10 AM, location TBD.