

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING  
January 15, 2016  
Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Beland at 1:13pm.

Present: Alma Beland-Region 26, Mark Rempe-Custer County, Doug Fox-Region 24, Janell Walther-Public Policy Center, Deb Hilker-Holt County, Josh Randall-American Red Cross, John Jones-American Red Cross, Vince Lopez-Cherry County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Bob Rose-Nebraska State Patrol and Linda Lewis-Region 26. Present Via tele-conference was Ryan Parks-Public Health. Via telephone was Pete Peterson-Keith County.

1. Doug Fox moved, seconded by Mark Rempe to approve the September 11, 2015 minutes. All aye, motion passed.
2. Report on Upcoming CNEDD Workshop/Training – Doug Fox explained the CNEDD Workshop that Judy Petersen is planning on February 24, 2016 in Atkinson at the Community Center. This workshop is for Elected Officials, Clerks, Treasurers, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Economic Developers, Chambers of Commerce, Emergency Managers and Area Businesses. They will go through forms and roles within and emergency situation and the four phases of emergency management. NEMA will be there as well as a panel of those that have gone through disasters. Other things mentioned that will be included are clerks and commissioners will learn their role in their positions as well as who should be in the EOC and what would be expected from them. The LEOP would be explained as well as other important information. In the future this training may be broken up to individual positions such as all commissioners, at one meeting, all clerks at another etc. Cost for this meeting is \$25 which will include lunch and several handouts.
3. Report on Ogallala Shelter Exercise – Pete Peterson reported that the exercise went well and that he was impressed on the way this group was able to set up cots and when it was over how quickly they were able to take them down. They based the incident on the interstate closing and had many different issues happening within the exercise which was all planned by the CERT team.
4. 2015 Grant Status – Pete reminded everyone to turn in invoices especially for Code Red if they have paid on any invoices.
5. Law Enforcement Training Project Update – Janell Walther explained there would be four (4) phases. A. On line website that officers can go to and take pre-approved classes for CE's totaling up to 3.5 hours. There would also be training and resources for schools in All Hazards Training. Website is [homelandplanning.nebraska.edu](http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu) which will have a link to these educational tools.  
  
B. The Active Shooting Training – there is a trainer willing and able to come and do the training. Will need a contact person to set up dates and have at least 10 Law Enforcement to join. Trainer needs to know three (3) months before the actual exercise. This will be a two (2) day hands on exercise, meals will be provided, will use air soft bullets and locations to be considered would be schools, old courthouse or old building.

Discussion about replacing this training with Tracy Harpsters "Is the Caller a Killer" was discussed but Janell felt that they would still be too expensive to host one of these classes. The attendees would be limited to law enforcement and emergency dispatchers only. No emergency managers would be allowed or any other public. NEMA would approve this class for grant funds. Vince Lopez did advise he would like to see the active shooter training in his area and Doug would like one in Ainsworth and another in Ogallala. Janell will look into the options.

C. The third phase is the Mass Fatality Training – Information will be sent out on a PDF for EM's to distribute to those that may want to attend. There needs to be 20 people to sign up before they will have the class. One class is to be in Broken Bow and the other in Ogallala. This will be a full day of hands on training. Lunch will be provided. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up and you can go to [www.ruraltraining.org](http://www.ruraltraining.org) to register. There is no limit of attendees except for what the room can handle. Classes are to be held June 7<sup>th</sup> at Broken Bow and June 9<sup>th</sup> at Ogallala.

D. Law Enforcement Workshop – Pre-approved CE's. They came up with these workshops through what was in the THIRA & from The TEWP. Law Enforcement Workshop Intelligence Analysis & Cyber Security to be held March 29-30 at Broken Bow at the On Box Convention Center. Register at [homelandplanning.Nebraska.Edu](http://homelandplanning.Nebraska.Edu) Some of the speakers will be Ben Spears, John Gross, Shane Ferritin(?) and National Guard. Bio's will be sent out when available by Janell. Alma requested that flyers show who is putting on this training and that Grant Funds were approved for this training. Janell suggested putting a map on the flyer showing what counties were involved in funding this workshop.

6. 2016 Investment Justification Process – Janell Walther advised the justification process as follows; all regions will submit projects by February 24<sup>th</sup> to the Homeland Security Group who will have Subject Matter Experts(SME) such as Law Enforcement look at the projects. These SME's will give their recommendation for each project after they review the projects. The Homeland Security Group will look at these recommendations and will make the final decision on the projects. When the SME group makes their recommendation it will be open to the PET Regions to come and express their need for their project. This will be in person but all other duties of the SME will be online.

North Central Region needs to elect someone to these SME's to represent them. It has been requested that two law enforcement personnel represent NCR; Vince Lopez from Valentine volunteered and Alma had the possibility of Michael Janulewicz with Sherman County SO and Mark also had the possibility of Adam Miller with Custer County SO, and Wynn Wiens from Hooker County SO was mentioned by Pete Peterson. Alma, Mark and Pete will talk to each of these officers and find someone that is willing to participate. To qualify being a SME the representative will take a one hour orientation on line. The projects will be handed out and the representative will fill out a survey on each project. At the IJ Workshop the presentation will be made at which projects make the cut. This will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at Kearney.

Loren Uden wanted NCR to have a representative for the CERT – Pete Peterson offered to fill that position. The PET Region also needed a representative; Doug Fox offered with Mark Remppe as his back-up. Pete Peterson is already the representative for communications on the NPSC Committee.

Janell will send out the State Strategic Plan to be reviewed as part of preparation for the NCR to come up with projects that would make the cut. Also the THIRA – Hazards for our area. Nikki is

the one to send out guidance on these projects. If she doesn't get that sent out before next meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> Janell thought that it would be pretty much the same as last year.

Some ideas for projects: Mark would like to see Hazmat Training. Doug needs new laptop for the Rapid Tag. Livestock training/exercise at several locations with the person from Kansas City, as well as Adam's Land & Cattle lady willing to assist in livestock training, travel for EM's for training (Motel rooms for IJ, THIRA & TEPW).

7. First Net Updates – Pete Peterson no updates still in RFP process.
8. NRIN Updates – Pete Peterson reported they are now moving east to west working on tower sites and rent.
9. Election of Officers – Pete moved, seconded by Mark to keep the officers from 2015 the same for 2016. All voted aye.  
Officers are as follows: Alma Beland – Chairperson, Doug Fox – Vice Chairperson, Deb Hilker – Secretary. Linda Lewis will remain the recorder.
10. Other – There will be a NCR meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Region 26 EOC to work on ideas for future projects to be submitted to the Homeland Security Group. Linda will prepare a meal for \$7 to be served at the EOC since there will be a Code Red training for all involved at Region 26 EOC on the same day at 1:00pm. Jim Erickson will be here along with another trainer.

Everyone was asked if they got their Paraclete Survey completed.

There being no other business chairman Alma Beland adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is March 11, 2016.

Linda Lewis  
Recorder