

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING
September 9, 2016
Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Present: *Alma Beland-Region 26 Emergency Management, *Doug Fox-Region 24 Emergency Management, Heidi Hostert-North Central District Health Department, *Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management, *Mark Rempe-Custer County Emergency Management, Bob Rose-Nebraska State Patrol, Janell Walther-Public Policy Center, Johnny Jones-American Red Cross, Michelle Hamaker-American Red Cross, Via telephone conference – *Deb Hilker-Holt County Emergency Management, Cheri Farris-Panhandle Public Health Dept, Tabi Prochazka-Panhandle Public Health Dept, Gary Weaver-Cherry County Emergency Management, Ron Leo-Region 21 Emergency Management.

*Voting Members

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Beland at 1:11pm.
2. There was no quorum at the time of this agenda item to approve the June 24, 2016 minutes.
3. Grant Status – Alma reported that everything on the 2014 Grant has been ordered. Some price changes were made so all the paper work is not complete yet

Alma went over the Grant worksheet bringing attention to the \$19,424.81 that represents purchase orders that have not come through yet. Invoices will be turned in. The yellow highlighted area represents the things that need more paper work to get paid. The Equipment Acceptance Documents have been filled out and attached and bids have been included.

There was a \$12,000 NRIN bill submitted after the grant closed and Alma will be contacting NEMA to figure out which year and where the funds can be found. The Keith County CERT will be working on their needs and Merci with NEMA will be coming October 4th.

If more money becomes available for training it was suggested to have an Advanced Emergency Management Series.

4. Credentialing Equipment – With the 2014 Grant we were able to get I-Pads, Laptops, Commands, 02 Track Apps, protective covers, white cards for badges and colored cards for rapid tag, single and double sided card holders. The products that have come in are available for the Emergency Managers to take back with them after they sign the inventory sheet of what they have received.
5. Training Classes – Review - The Livestock Training Workshops held in Ainsworth, Broken Bow and Ord went very well. One of the state Veterinarians called NEMA and reported to them that these workshops were good use of grant funds.

Credentialing classes were held in Bassett and Broken Bow. There was good attendance at both, a lot was learned but even more to be learned.

Active Shooter Training held for Law Enforcement was a great opportunity for officers. The training was held at the Arcadia High School and the officers thought the training was excellent and would recommend more of the same if possible.

6. THIRA/TEPW – Janell Walther - October 25-26 will be the dates of the THIRA/TEPW. The agencies from the state have set Fire as the priority this year.

Tuesday the 25th from 9:00am to 11:30am there will be feedback on the goals, whether they should be kept or modified, it will be based on nine (9) priorities like Planning-Exercise-Training, Law Enforcement and Communications etc.

Tuesday afternoon will be THIRA. There will be a scenario and off of that scenario specific goals will be set by using the 32 Core Capabilities plus the new Core Capability of Fire Management Suppression and Wealth. Example goals will be attached to each Core Capability to aid in the process.

Wednesday the 26th from 9:00am to 11:30am will be the POETE Planning-Organization-Equipment-Training-Exercise and the SPR State Preparedness Report. This is where they will take the rankings from across the state for the different things that areas are prepared for and see how prepared we are and what needs to be worked on.

Wednesday afternoon will be the TEPW preparation as a Region. The Region calendar will need to be updated, the same survey as the last three (3) years plus a few more questions about what else needs to be done. Involved in this area is the Strategy Survey, TEPW Survey and another year added to the calendar. All calendars need to be in to Janell by October 15th so she can prepare for this meeting. She will send a template.

It has not been decided yet where the meeting will be held in Lincoln. It's the same time as the APCO-NENA Conference. There is no cap on participation, in the past more have attended THIRA and TEPW which is set to end at 3pm.

7. NIMS Survey – As a group we went over the NIMS Survey and Linda will submit to NEMA
8. Mutual Aid Agreements – Doug Fox presented the idea of mutual aid agreements between PET Regions. For example if North Central Region had a big event we would invite the Panhandle Region to assist us. This lead into a discussion about Incident Management Teams. These are Type 3 or 4 teams made up of people across Nebraska that would be able to respond to disasters within the state and run the incident using the IC Structure having every position filled that was applicable to that incident. The benefit from these teams would be the funding for these would stay in the state instead of bringing in out of state teams. Logistically people interested in these teams would sign up for a certain area and work on getting Task Books signed and done for the area(s) they wish to facilitate. The goal is to have three (3) teams in the state. This will be discussed further at future meetings.
9. Other – Johnny Jones with the Red Cross shared the Nebraska Prepared Communities Initiative. Over the next two (2) years they will be taking a community at a time working with that community on an engagement plan. The individual communities will decide what they are going to strive for to be more prepared. Some of the goals will be getting 25 volunteers, designating shelters, preparedness in Health & Safety etc. The goal for the Red Cross is to have this

completed by 2018. They will also help communities figure out sheltering as this is something the community needs to be eligible for grant funds.

Heidi Hostert with North Central District Health Department brought to our attention the Nebraska Pipeline Association is hosting training across the state if you are interested in attending. Heidi also mentioned there is a large exercise on November 2nd hosted by DHHS on Hospital Preparedness. As of July 2016 Heidi is the interim for Med Reserve Corp for RROMRS.

Sgt. Bob Rose with Nebraska State Patrol had comments and questions about the State Radio System which Alma addressed.

10. Alma adjourned the meeting at 2:50PM. Next Regular Meeting will be Friday, November 4, 2016.

Submitted by
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