

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING  
Wayne Fire Hall, Wayne, Nebraska  
Aug. 2, 2012

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin at 9:04 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting had been e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. Legal notice of the meeting was posted in the various counties. The open meeting laws were made available. Roll call showed that Faythe Petersen was present for Antelope County; Bill Pook was present for Burt County; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Bernie Hunke was present for Cuming County; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Cyndi Koeppel was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Faythe Petersen was present for Madison and Pierce Counties; Sanford Goshorn was present for Stanton County; Thurston County was absent; and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. Also present were Deanna Beckman; LeRoy Janssen; Brad Boyum; Kim Schultz; Concey Ramold; Ginger Bailey, Matthew May, Jessica Feldmann and Mark DeKraai. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Chairman Garvin called for a motion to accept the minutes as mailed out. Sanford Goshorn made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Foust seconded the motion. Motion approved by acclamation.

Tom Perez for Thurston County arrived at 9:09.

The Financial Report was e-mailed to the region and copies were available. The FY09 grant had \$1800.00 held back because we did not the EHP for one site. Sanford Goshorn made a motion to approve the financial report. Bernie Hunke seconded the motion. RCV Faythe Petersen for Antelope County-YES; Bill Pook for Burt County-YES; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Bernie Hunke for Cuming County-YES; Pat Foust for Dakota County-YES; Cyndi Koeppel for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties-YES; Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County-YES; Tom Perez for Thurston County-YES; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

LifeNet and Mercy Air Care asked to re-schedule due to call outs. They want to have everyone on one frequency. 155.340 is used in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska hospitals. We want to make sure the hospitals in our region are using 155.340. Discussion was held on LifeNet giving conflicting radio frequency information. Sanford Goshorn suggested sending a letter on the region's letterhead (?) stating that our region will use 155.340. This will be discussed next meeting if they are able to attend.

The NCOR/NRIN report was e-mailed out. Tom Perez and Kevin Garvin attended in the absence of Pat Foust for that meeting. CIS was instruction to move forward faster than they have been doing. There has been no change in the status of the Executive Order. Nebraska was selected to host a communications tech class. There are 15 slots. Each

region is asked to select one person to attend and one alternate. The Com-T class will be in September the same time as the MGT 346 class in Wayne, September 10-13. It is not mandatory to attend the MGT 346 class. Tom Perez made a motion to send Matt May with Kevin Garvin serving as alternate. Bill Pook seconded the motion. RCV Faythe Petersen for Antelope County-YES; Bill Pook for Burt County-YES; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Bernie Hunke for Cuming County-YES; Pat Foust for Dakota County-YES; Cyndi Koeppel for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties-YES; Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County-YES; Tom Perez for Thurston County-YES; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

FY09 was covered in the Financial Report. FY11 we will have a land based search and rescue class and exercise and an animal disease exercise. By 2013 we will have to meet Goal #3 using the national planning scenario. Our calendar has it listed we will have a communications drill in August of this year. Nic Kemnitz suggested having 20 agencies come up with a communications solution that can be handled in 2 hours. COAD is doing an exercise in late August (Aug.21<sup>st</sup> at the college), part of which is communications which we may be able to use for the communications drill. Nicole at Red Cross e-mailed out the flyer which involved water/waste water operators.

In concern with having an exercise committee it was decided that Faythe Petersen, Nic Kemnitz and Laura Hintz will handle the land based search and rescue exercise; LeRoy Janssen, Brad Boyum and Tom Perez will handle the animal disease exercise and for the Goal 3 exercise Deanna Beckman, Ginger Bailey, Kim Schultz, Brian Porn and Concey Ramold will come up with the exercise.

It was stated that the FY10 grant had nothing set aside for overtime.

In regards to the Mutual Aid SOP, Nebraska is working on the license. We cannot use it until first responders and dispatchers are trained on the SOP. Kevin Garvin e-mailed out a copy on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions contact Pat Foust.

After discussion for training dates for the Rapid Tag and scanners it was decided to have it Oct. 23 and 24 in South Sioux City at the collage center since the EPW is going to be held on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. **(MARDELL HAS ADVISED THE EPW IS OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup> IN LINCOLN)**

The group took a break at 10:10 and reconvened at 10:25.

Discussion was held on the development of policies and procedures along with resource coordination for equipment purchased for the region with grant money. Mark DeKraai will check to see if other regions have something in place. Ginger Bailey said that RROMERS has a medical cache policy that might be useful for a template. Tom Perez, LeRoy Janssen and Deanna Beckman will come up with a draft for next meeting. Send any comments you have to the above three.

In regards to a regional policy on data access for badging it was decided it was a moot point at this time.

Kevin Garvin has sent out a mutual aid agreement used by the fire service regarding an individual county's equipment use by others. It was discussed that the EM Act covers use for helping out in a declared emergency. We need to look into it. Mark DeKraai will check it out. It was suggested each EM needs to check with their County Boards and insurance companies about it.

In regards to the State Radio System (SRS) it needs to be built in the regions. Sustainability costs may be \$1900.00 for yearly maintenance. This will be the responsibility of the counties to come up with this money. Bill Pook commented that he feels that this information should come from the higher ups to tell the elected officials instead of the information coming from the bottom up.

The only thing that came out of the grant monitoring visit is they want a receipt from the vendor showing they received payment from the county/region. The Northeast PET Region acknowledged receipt of the grant report.

LeRoy Janssen broached the subject of organizing an Incident Management Assistance Team in the region. Members would have to have 300, 400, 700 and 800 classes. Contact LeRoy Janssen or Nic Kemnitz if you have any questions.

Upcoming training:

Aug.20<sup>th</sup> South Sioux City College Center, ID cards, Mobile Express 9-4

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> Norfolk Exercise

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> West Point Anhydrous Training 5:30 until dark. Firemen bring your own gear and meet at the Nielsen Center.

Sept.11-13 MGT 346 at Wayne Fire Hall 3 day class must have 30 people 8-5. Kim Schultz will check and see if public health can help with the meal on the last day.

Brad Boyum suggested instead of cancelling the fall NACO district workshop we do as the sheriff's association does and just have a round table discussion. That way the EMs that want to go because their supervisors/commissions expect to see them there can attend.

Faythe Petersen advised that the MOU cities have not yet received any money, perhaps in September. The funding has been really cut back for the MOU cities with more of the money going to Citizens Corp.

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: September 6<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Fire Hall**

Respectfully submitted Laura J. Hintz, Secretary