

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING  
Law Enforcement Center Training Room, South Sioux City, NE  
February 6, 2014

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin. 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; Burt County was absent; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Cuming County was absent; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Shea Scollard was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Faythe Petersen was present for Madison and Pierce Counties; Stanton County was absent; Thurston County was absent and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. Also present were John Bomar, Deanna Beckman, Mark DeKraai Jim Johnston, John Young, Samuel Vacha, Bruce Blatchford, Micky Sauser and Charm Cantrell. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Deanna Beckman reported for Ginger Bailey who could not attend the meeting regarding RROMRS. RROMRS conducted their first radio check. Hospitals were divided into regions with each region having an issue with one hospital not responding. This was either because of known topography problems or with radio issues still being worked on. They are in the process of planning and conducting TTX with hospitals that are Haz-Mat based which will be a lead up to the Functional Exercise that will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>. These exercises are being held in the evening and EMS and EMS units are being invited. The first one is in Columbus on Febr. 6<sup>th</sup>, Faith Regional Health Services and Providence Medical Center are planning on doing one in March and Avera Creighton Hospital has one scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. The ERCs for the Health Departments who have not taken the IS 300/400 class plan on doing so this spring.

As for the Credentialing/Badging Deanna reported that rescue divers are still being discussed on how to credential as there are only 2 who can certify divers. Dive Rescue International certifies the Yankton Dive Team. Public Works especially engineers are still being discussed as there are several types of engineers who work with Public Works. There is still much confusion about credentialing, badging and IDs. Cedar County has questions about Water Operators and Wastewater Operators. State organizations are still not on board yet however the Ag Department is working on it. She told us we should be scanning at every meeting we have. They are still working on the State Haz-Mat Teams because of the standard of training they have. Public and Private schools have different colors. Public would be Government and Private would be Brown. Same with hospitals, medical personnel would be green and support personnel would be brown unless it was a government owned facility. On law enforcement officers that haven't been to training they are still blue because they can arrest and carry a gun. In the future we will be seeing more use of GIS and Dragonfly will replace Easy IAP.

Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County arrived at 09:40 and Mark DeKraai arrived at 09:45.

John Bomar advised there would be a meeting in March which he will need someone to attend for him as he will be on medical leave. Kevin Garvin advised Bob Wilhelm sent out FirstNet questioners. The LB911 meeting cut into attendance at the NRIN meeting, nothing much was accomplished. John Bomar advised they had had a mutual aid meeting with Mike Jeffries with good attendance from a large area.

Chairman Garvin called for a motion to accept the minutes as mailed out and waive the reading of the minutes. Laura Hintz stated there were corrections that needed to be made in the minutes regarding the NRIN Workshop. The minutes should read "Laura Hintz stated she and her Sheriff Don Henery attended the NACO Conference where they had a 15-20 minute presentation on FirstNet which her Sheriff thought was a waste of time. She, her 911 Coordinator Connie Janecek and 911 Board Member Bryan Ruhr attended the FirstNet Workshop in Kearney which was much more informative." Then regarding the Ag Exercises the minutes should read "Deanna Beckman and Laura Hintz stated that Bernie Hunke's guys knew what was going on ....." Faythe Petersen for Antelope County made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and waive the reading of the minutes. Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County seconded the motion. RCV Faythe Petersen for Antelope County YES; Burt County-absent; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Cuming County-absent; Pat Foust for Dakota County -YES; Shea Scollard for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties YES; Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County-Yes; Thurston County-absent; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

FY 2011 and FY2012 grants were reviewed. The region turned back \$2.53 on the FY11 grant and \$99.49 on the FY12 grant. These grants are now closed. All the invoices are turned in but still waiting for some packing slips. FY2013---Dakota and Dixon Counties came in under budget on their radios due to a Motorola Promotion. We now have \$3900 to allocate under the law enforcement section. Bring ideas to the next meeting on what it can be spent on. Mark DeKraai advised other regions are using law enforcement money to fund scholarships for officers to belong to the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals. Chairman Garvin wants most of the projects wrapped up by Oct. 31, 2014. Any money earmarked for NRIN is being used for rent in Lincoln. Faythe Petersen for Madison County advised bids were let for the hazmat trailer. She only received one bid in the amount of \$49,585 total. A couple of bidders advised they couldn't accomplish what was needed. She found funding from several different agencies to make up the difference in what was allotted for the trailer and what the price will be.

Mark DeKraai reported on the Regional THIRA which will focus on Pandemic, Tornadoes and HazMat. It will be held in the afternoon of the next meeting starting at 1 p.m. Mark will send out information to pass on to those who need to attend. It should only last about 3 hours.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Young and Jim Johnston from the Red Cross along with Samuel Vacha the new local contact working out of Wayne and Norfolk met with the Region. They are trying to station trailers with shelter supplies for 50 people in key locations in the area. There will be one stationed in Plainview. Their hope is to be on location in 2 hours from call. The Red Cross is looking into grants for more trailers to be placed in different locations. They now have more disaster service workers in the region. There will be a letter sent out to the EMs, 911 and Fire Departments with the new Red Cross phone #. You will be able to talk to a live person 24/7. Also discussed was the propane shortage which the Red Cross is working on with the possibility of having to set up shelters or warming stations. It was brought up that it might not be so much as propane shortage but the high cost of propane that is causing people to not have heat in their homes.

Chairman Garvin advised there would be a regional grant audit on April 9<sup>th</sup>. He will send out the paperwork on regional equipment.

Bob Wilhelm will come to the March meeting to explain more in detail what needs to be done for FirstNet.

In regards to FY14, FEMA wants a short application period, possibly only 2 weeks. It will be allocated based on our threat assessment instead of population as it used to be. Sustainment will be 1<sup>st</sup> priority, how are we going to sustain what we've already purchased. MRIN, Paraclette, etc needs to be maintained. The maintenance for the Salamander system covers thru this year. It was \$3900 for about 1 ½ year's worth of maintenance. There probably won't be much money in the FY14 grant. There will be certain allocations for law enforcements along with planning and training. We need ideas no later than the April meeting. If you want more information read the audit report and grant guideline.

We had enough money to purchase another rapid tag system for the region. It needs to be housed somewhere in the region and Dakota County has offered to keep it. The system needs to be maintained by the housing agency, battery kept charged, transported to the requesting agency on the housing agency's time along with keeping proficient in the operation of the system. Shea Scollard stated Dixon County wanted the system and he spoke for Thurston County that they would take it also. Laura Hintz for Knox County made a motion for the system to be housed in Dakota County as they would be able to meet all the requirements for housing the system. Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County seconded the motion. RCV: Faythe Petersen for Antelope County YES; Burt County-absent; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Cuming County-absent; Pat Foust for Dakota County -YES; Shea Scollard for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties YES; Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County-Yes; Thurston County-absent; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

Chairman Garvin stated we need a Regional Equipment Directory for grant funded equipment. It was requested by the group that it be cross referenced. Mark DeKraai

volunteered to help if needed. Chairman Garvin hopes to have a draft by the May meeting.

Deanna Beckman advised she would be having another Mass Fatality meeting on Febr. 19<sup>th</sup>. There needs to be law enforcement, county attorneys, morticians and public health representatives at the table.

From Todd Manns, the Active Shooter Symposium will start off with an over view and general session in the morning of the first day then the afternoon will be broken up into 4 sessions, 1 hour long (repeated 4 times) so all participants can go to each session. The second day would be an all day exercise. This training would accommodate between 60-80 participants.

Bruce Blatchford, Micky Sauser and Charm Cantrell from Mercy Air were there to talk about any help they could give us. They are changing aircraft in the near future.

Nic Kemnitz reminded everyone the Search & Rescue Class is now open for registration. It will be held in Wayne April 14-18.

Sanford Goshorn, Stanton County made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Faythe Petersen, Pierce County. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Laura J. Hintz, Secretary