

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE
October 1, 2013, 10:00 AM

Alliance Volunteer Fire Department
Alliance NE

MINUTES

Call to Order – The call to order was made by Jerry Bretthauer, PET Governing Board Chairman at 10:00 AM.

Attendance:

Ron Leal, Region 21 Emergency Management; Nan Gould Region 23 Emergency Management; ; Troy Shoemaker, Alliance Fire Chief; Jerry Bretthauer, Emergency Management Region 22; Heidi Gillespie, Region 21 Communications Director; Dave Edwards, Regional West Medical Center Emergency Manager; Patty Prochazka, Panhandle Public Health; Melody Leisy, Panhandle Public Health; Bill Wineman, Scotts Bluff County Health, Denise Bulling, UN – PPC.

Publication of meeting – The meeting notice was published in the Scottsbluff Star Herald and a copy of the Open Meeting Laws are present in the meeting room. Five voting members were in attendance; this meeting did not meet quorum requirements.

Introduction of Visitors: Denise Bulling, UN-PPC

Approval of Minutes from the July August 6, 2013 – The minutes of the August meeting could not be approved due to a lack of quorum. All board actions will be postponed until the November 2013 meeting

Communications Interoperability and Grants Management

2010

2010 HSGP – All funds have been spent. The Panhandle PET Region spent \$.75 of its own funds to complete purchases for this grant year. Citizen Corps funding is also complete for 2010. This completes the 2010 grant reporting.

2011

2011 MOU HAZMAT funds have been reimbursed and paid out. These two projects complete the 2011 funding.

(The two projects for this funding are: LEIED \$ 39, 975 which needs to be spent by January 31, 2014. James Todd submitted an updated work plan and Gering Information sharing - \$13,000.00).

2011 HSGP – \$18, 270.45 have been entered into the grant management system. \$13K has been invoiced and paid for the Gering data sharing program (Sleuth). Of the original funds (\$144,369.92) we have spent \$113,099.47. We de-obligated \$1,646.13 because the law enforcement IED program could not spend the money in the allotted time.

2012

2012 State Homeland Security Grant Program

All funds must be spent by January 31, 2014.

We have \$300.27 uncommitted funds. Items on order include pan disrupters and \$38,004.37 for a Power Hawk for robot. Remotec was unable to manufacture the Power Hawk in the time allotted, so the check will be reissued when we receive the Power Hawk. We have invoiced \$20,210.50 and completed expenditures of \$12,124.86. The original grant was \$75,440. All other programs have been utilized except for a leasing space for equipment storage used to hold the \$102.50 for travel and per diem.

2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program MOU Hazmat Award

2013 State Homeland Security Grant

All projects were accepted. We looked at the Orion disaster program but decided it was not worth the expenditure. We have not been given a GAN (grant award notice) yet for 2013 HSGP. We were awarded \$145,334 with \$61,134 earmarked for law enforcement/ IED spending which left \$84,200 for projects.

LE-IED \$61,134

Law Enforcement/Improvised Explosive Devices – Fusion Center

- The first project we allotted with the law enforcement funds was for (\$60, 856) the Northrop Grumman Robot upgrade to an F6a robot (the big robot).
- The remainder of the funds (\$278) was sent to the State FUSION center.

NRIN SUSTAINABILITY - \$84,000

NRIN Sustainability Projects:

We allocated \$84,000 NRIN sustainability. We also allocated \$17,700 for Region 23.

- Nan noted that NEMA (Nikki Weber) disallowed use of \$7500 for repairs on a tower that were done before the grant year. It will be reallocated to a different project at a later date. \$6,600 is allocated to NRIN sustainability and \$13,702 for portable radios for Region 21 CERT.
- \$11,289 for 10 portable radios for Scottsbluff County Detention Center was denied by NEMA because radios were purchased for them in the 2009 budget and the detention facility agreed to sustain it.

- By Oct 8 2013 we have to come up with another project to spend the money previously allocated for detention center radios and the \$7500 disallowed for tower repair.
- We have \$25,801.50 for emergency credentialing system and an exercise.
- We will also be giving \$3510.50 for radios for the Garden County sheriff's office.
- We have allocated \$3,900 to fund CERT Panhandle Team activities. \$1,697.47 remaining will be used for travel to the state workshops in October.
- Nan noted that additional travel may need to be supported for the Nebraska Resource Accountability Team.
- No purchases can be made until the work plan is approved and GAN is received.
- Ron Leal – Request for portable lighting in Region 21-
During flood in Big Springs a lot of sandbagging was done. Ron looked into quotes for additional portable lighting that would have been helpful during the sand bagging effort. Quotes for two portable generators that come with FRC LED lighting was approximately \$8,800 and \$9,300. After discussion there was a consensus to defer formal consideration of the request however with a deadline looming for submission of potential projects the members in attendance agreed to send information to all voting members about this and other potential projects that could be submitted in the work plan by the October 8, 2013 deadline.

Old Business (Open for Discussion)

- Jerry noted that he has been working on changing open meeting laws with the legislative representative. There is no progress to report at this time.
- Region West Active Shooter exercise Oct 16, 2013 - 0900-1130 AM at St Mary's Plaza: contact David Edward for more information
- Debris Management Plan: The plan went to NEMA but they have not been able to review it in light of new FEMA requirements. FDI completed the plan but it has not yet been approved.

New Business

Emergency identification training Nov 13, 2013 - 0800 – 1700 at Prairie Winds in Bridgeport. It is highly recommended training to ensure everyone understands how it works. This particular training goes into depth about how to trouble shoot the system. Organizations with personnel changes should be aware of how to keep their personnel updated using the cloud based id system. Troy noted that a white background is needed for all pictures.

Regional THIRA Process

Denise Bulling from the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center led attendees through an exercise to begin the threat and hazard identification, and risk analysis (THIRA) process. The PET Region will continue this process at subsequent meetings to address each core capability and the resources required for each.

Next Meetings -

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM MDT