

**PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**  
**10:00 AM MST**  
**Kimball County Annex**  
**209 East 3rd Street**  
**Kimball, NE**

**Call to Order** – Tim Newman - Chairman

**Publication of meeting** – Required by Open Meeting Laws – The Open Meeting’s Law document was in the meeting room.

**Present:** Ron Leal, Region 21 EM; Tim Newman, Region 22 EM; Milo Cardenas, Morrell County Sheriff; Jackie Larrington (for Amanda Stricker) Region 21 Fire; Kevin Spencer, Scottsbluff Police Chief; Ray Richards, Scottsbluff County Communications; Tim Lordino, Chadron Police Chief; Dana Miller, Scottsbluff Fire Chief.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Nick Plathe and Greg Frye, Presentation - Rave Mobile Safety via Web Conference – Greg Frye is the Manager for the Midwest Region for RMS.

Counties in the Panhandle are currently using Code Red for citizen mass notification. The capabilities of the RAVE Mobile Alert System. Company is located in Massachusetts and have been doing mass notification for 12 years. Provide mass notification to colleges, state and local government etc. The service is fully hosted in the CLOUD – no servers needed, and an internet connected computer will be sufficient to get out warnings. It can be fully accessed on any mobile devices in a multi-model approach to include messages, emails, and texts in a high performing system that is similar to a desktop computer. Other are RFS to send messages to a website rapidly and seamlessly. There is a native integration for messages to Facebook or Twitter and other social media platforms. Rave is fully CAP (interoperability compliant) and can be used to leverage other systems as well such as building digital signage, sirens, road signage, tornado systems, local channels, etc. and Rave is also IPAWS certified to do wireless emergency alerts.

This system has the ability to leverage other systems – bi -directional to send out emergency alerts such as from the National Weather Service automatically. Ease of use is primary and this system user friendly. Services include a 27/7 contact that can also send out any message if you do not have connection. When signing up for the service, citizens can document any vulnerable need – personal, livestock, etc. giving EM’s access to send out messages to any special population. The system provides choice to citizen as to the way they want to be contacted. This is completely customizable to the user needs including what messages/notifications the EM wants to send out. There are an unlimited number of licenses and the system can be used as an internal notification system as well – such as notification of community events without allowing access to any sensitive information. Specific agencies can also have access to the system for internal messaging. There are 48 automated language translations. While the current lists can be migrated into

the system, the recommendation is to have citizens self-register by sending the link out to all to minimize the probability of inaccurate data. Multiple addresses (home, work, day care) can be entered.

Differences in Code Red vs. Rave Alert – Rave Alert is more intuitive to use and simpler by design to get messages out; no limit for sender administrative licenses; charge for administrative licenses; automated weather notification works more seamlessly and is more complete; pricing model is more affordable than other vendors to clients; Access and functional needs registry messaging and querying is easier to use. Panhandle costs are 22K a \$16K difference in the current Code Red system.

Lordino requests contacts who are currently using Rave Alert. Dana asks if citizens can enter multiple addresses, and this is available. The cost for the entire Panhandle is \$22K and the current Code Red cost is \$38,900. The discussion included sustainability and the use of funds to support the system with no state funds. There are several organizations paying for different systems and these could be combined to pay for the system collaboratively. The County budget processes are in process now. A promotional handout describing Rave Alert as a cost saving measure going forward. Scottsbluff County is the current fiscal agent for the PET Region and this is a potential for Rave Alert.

Regions will put together the number of entities that are currently using Code Red and the total being spent now versus others for a comparison.

**Approval of Minutes** – from June 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Motion to approve the June Minutes was made by Milo Cardenas and seconded by Ron Leal. Motion Carries.

**Grant Management report** –Tim provided the Grants Management document for meeting attendees. The 2016 work plan was sent in and returned with suggestions. Work plan is to be written as directed by NEMA and revisions can be made as the funding year goes on. Tim has completed this and it was approved and funds will be deposited 9/1/16.

2014 – This is due at the end of August. \$5000.00 for LEIED remains – SWAT First Aid Kits, Tablets were purchased on sale and distributed. NRIN utility bills (\$327) estimated for Region 23; CERT training at the end of the month. Tower repairs have been paid; Dana is working up a proposal for the remaining funds. Credentialing supplies came out of this budget as well.

2015 Grant is moving along and will be reallocated according to the revised work plan.

### **Old Business**

- FY2016 Projects for the PET Region Update on where we are
- Notification System - Sustainability is an issue for this funding. Area schools, organizations and public entities will be able to garner all on one contract. Discussion was to explore various costs being paid out now by all entities and to move toward finding the total cost savings of moving to the RAVE notification system.

### **New Business**

- Other new business
- ICS 300 &– September 27-29 at Scottsbluff EOC and 400 October 3 & 4, 2016.
- Chief Lordino has a subscription for Go TO Meeting and has offered to have it be used for subsequent meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be determined – meeting will be held on September 6, 2016 at Sidney NE.**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jackie Larrington and Seconded by Kevin Spencer. Motion Carried.