

May 3rd, 2017-1300 Hrs
Hall County EOC, Grand Island
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Jon Rosenlund, Dawna Whitcomb, Chip Volcek, Leo Larkin, Denise Bulling, Kirt Smith, Ron Sunday, Brandon Myers, Justin Norris, Eric Deselich, Jeff Pritchard, Brian Woldt, Brad Baker, Joanna Le Moine, Sheriff Watson, Jerry Archer, Darrin Lewis, Michelle Hamaker, Jeff England

- 1) Call to Order-Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 13:00 hours.
 - b. The Open Meetings Act was posted.
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt motioned to approve the agenda for this meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed
- 3) Review and approve the minutes
 - a. Kirt motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed
- 4) EPA Report – Eric Deselich
 - a. Jeff Pritchard and Eric Deselich gave a presentation on Sub Area meetings. Our sub-area is currently 12 Counties along the Platte and Republican Valleys. Area contingency planning and sub area contingency planning is done at these meetings. Regional Resource teams bless the sub area planning elements. Sub areas are based on geographical areas within the larger region. There hasn't been a sub area meeting here in a while; since their last major plan update which was in 2009. This is about preparedness efforts at the federal, state and local level, knowing what everyone's capabilities are in the event a disaster. They are looking to do a major update as they get the sub area functional again. Eric mentioned the need for updated contact information so they can work on their major updates. When a disaster happens, it ultimately falls to one group to ensure that the pipeline or other company is doing what they are supposed to.
 - b. They do a lot of different projects in their sub areas for exercises, whether putting one on or supporting the locals in one they are doing. Jon mentioned the need for task book opportunities in exercises. He is also looking to mirror the sub area with our PET region so that they can piggy back onto other meetings, instead of adding an additional meeting for everyone to attend. Eric mentioned the possibility of having meetings at 10:00 prior to our confab, and perhaps having an exercise for us to participate in. Jon mentioned it would need to be complex enough for Type 3 task books. Jon also mentioned the exercises having the ability to bridge operational periods which would be a big plus for the task books as well. Jon will talk to Dave Reisen about what would be needed in an exercise for task books. Eric mentioned beginning the planning after October and having the exercise in the spring. Chip mentioned our November meeting as a start off point. Eric mentioned they like to have the facility be a part of training involved in an

exercise. Jeff will work with Brian for the ethanol and Jon for the IMT side, and plan to attend the November meeting to get events started. Brian thinks that this sub area group definitely needs to get the plan and contacts updated.

5) NEMA Report –Logan

- a. Logan mentioned that they finished the IJ process. They will hold a meeting Friday to see about improving the process. No guidance from FEMA at this time, and not sure when they will get the information on the amount of money they will be releasing to the states. He mentioned that if you are working on a LEOP for this year, to try to get him those files for approval. Nikki and Dan are in the process of sending out emails for anyone who is behind.

6) Public Policy Center-Kate Speck

- a. Denise Bulling, in for Kate Speck, mentioned that for any training that you want in the next 5 years that you need to get it on the calendar. This calendar is due in the fall, and Jon mentioned we should address the calendar in the next meeting. It was also mentioned that the TICP needs to be done as well, and some people have not updated their information and need to get it done before the state withholds money. If you need the link for the TICP resent, let Brian know and he will resend it to you.

7) SC LEG Update-Sheriff Watson

- a. They are working on their 2016 funding. They held a training course in February for the system and currently have 24 on it. They have also received another request from Gothenburg to be on the system. Sheriff Watson and Chip mentioned that the cybersecurity for all counties are complete and paid, except for Adams County. Chip stated that all 2016 funds spent need to stay in cybersecurity category.
- b. The LEG met in April, just before the IJ, and went through everything. They were going to allocate some of their funds to go to the NSP Bomb Squad, until they saw their total request for all squads. It is believed that the funds ultimately went to the Fusion Center.
- c. Sheriff Watson commented that he likes the IJ process, except the lack of local representation on the policy group. It was pointed out that the policy group is established by statute, and therefore is not something that can currently be changed.
- d. Sheriff Watson brought up the Police Intel program they have been using. It costs \$700 per year, and they separate it by categories. Jon mentioned using it, but changing the categories to the EFS' that we use. He calls it EOC Info Share, and he can see what others who have the program are entering. It is a web-based program, and Jon says that it is a good bulletin. It allows you to see what disasters others might be dealing with. He will email information out to everyone.

8) Old Business

- a. 2015 Grant – Update
 - i) Chip stated that these funds will need to be used by August of 2018. There is still money left in Citizen Corps, and it was asked whether Baofang radios could be purchased for CERT, to which it was stated that radios cannot be purchased on these grants unless they are P25. Jon is checking on HAM radios, and if those are allowed, the Baofang might be possible. Jon

will check with Troy again on these. Jon gave ideas to others with CERT teams on equipment they could purchase with these funds

- ii) It was asked what needs there are in credentialing. Brandon asked if this would include the supplies, such as ribbons for the printers, and was told it would. Darrin mentioned getting a updated printer. Jon & Chip stated that printers should be gotten prior to NEMA saying no more printers are allowed to be purchased. Upgrades to Command from Mobile Express are up to the individual counties to call and schedule a time with Jonathan to get this done. Send Chip an email with what you would like to get for credentialing, cards, ribbons, etc.
 - iii) Chip mentioned that a lot of NRIN has come in. They have a meeting on Friday, the 5th, about the tower in Harlan County. There is money for towers in all three grants.
 - iv) Chip is trying to clean up the 2015 monies before starting the 2016 funds. The funds for the video have been moved and it is purchased. Some funds will be MOU'ed to us for this project from other regions who want to participate which will add to our 2015 funds.
 - v) Lincoln Co Repeater funds request
 - (1) Brandon mentioned how there is a large area in Lincoln County where you cannot have contact with radios to dispatch, other radios, and vice versa. Wallace VFD did research and saw that putting a repeater in that area would be very beneficial in the communications there. Chip believes that we have funding available in 2015 funds if we decide to do so, but we would need to decide where this money would come out of. It was considered that we might want to table this until July, which is after the NRIN meeting so that we would know what funds would be left there.
 - (2) Darrin mentioned that he is not sure how the repeater would benefit the region, and if it affects Hayes County, that it isn't in our region, but there is precedence in purchasing repeaters. It was suggested to look into repurposing the Paraclete to use in that area for a repeater, even as a linked system. It might be possible to buy equipment to turn Paraclete into a repeater and a booster to boost the signal. It was also mentioned about P25 requirements. Darrin asked what makes a repeater P25 compliant. Jon isn't sure it would be allowed by NEMA. It was decided to table this until July unless Brandon can come up with some other arrangements. Brandon will see Troy next week as well, so he will check with him to see if it would be approved, if needed.
- b. 2016 Grant – Update
- i) Notifying NEMA
 - (1) Chip has stated that it is very important for everyone to go through him for training funds requests. Julie has been receiving these with no official PET request, which is needed. Estimates for training work well. Make sure that the requests are in to Chip 45 to 60 days prior to the date of the training so that the approval by NEMA can be received. Make sure to classify food as meals and not as snacks or breaks.
 - (2) These training requests should also be on the PET Training calendar. Some training requests where the course is not on the calendar are not getting approval. It is best to plan a year or 2 in advance. COAD, MRC and Planning/Ops classes have been discussed.
- c. SC/SW PETR Question
- i) Southwest PET has decided to remain intact at this time. There is no further need for this on the Agenda.
- d. Be Ready Nebraska – Update on Changes – Jon

- i) Jon said that there haven't been a lot of changes. He has turned the app over to Darrin. Jon mentioned meeting a little early at the September meeting for training on doing updates on the system. Some nice changes are expected to be coming to the app, such as damage reports by citizens, radar, and additional planning and preparedness information. Darrin has been talking to NEMA about having the state side and is waiting for information from them on that. He is also going to be talking to larger counties to see about getting them to join. Denise asked for information to be able to use with the Policy Center in bringing it to other counties. They are also looking at linking damage assessment to Orion for those who have that program. The upgrade has already been paid for in our yearly maintenance fee.
 - e. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Loren
 - i) Loren was absent from this meeting; no report given at this time.
 - f. Salamander Update – Mobile apps & Command – Jon & Chip
 - i) This was discussed above with the grants and can be removed from the agenda as a separate item.
- 9) NPSCC update
 - a. NRIN-Chip
 - i) There is a meeting on Friday. Chip stated that he needs to get with Brad on Reskin and any other information needed after this meeting. Our region is working on putting up 2 towers.
 - b. CNRI-
 - i) Loren was absent at this meeting. This may not be addressed until an update is needed.
- 10) New Business
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- 11) Good of the Group
 - a. Darrin brought up the SRS talk group that was discussed at a previous meeting. He wants to know if this is actually needed if many are not even using their SRS radios. Jon mentioned using radio to talk directly to the State EOC during an incident and that it was very helpful. He feels we should at least have an EOC to EOC talk group. Brandon mentioned they were talking about three channels which will be monitored by NEMA.
 - b. Darrin brought up the Paraclete systems. He thought it would be a great idea for those who are taking theirs apart to stockpile them as parts for those who are still using them. He feels they should be donated back to the Region, since that is where the funding came from to purchase them.
 - c. Michelle thanked everyone who filled out the survey that Jon sent out for them. Jon mentioned that they really want to know where the ARC has let us down. They are realizing that they starved the local grass roots and are now paying for it.
 - d. They want the whole shelter system to be updated within 2 years. She needs to know which shelters are no longer on the list, and to make sure there are at least 2 in each county. She has 350 shelters to get through in the next month. Brian asked to have ARC added as a permanent item on the Agenda so that they will be able to provide us with any updates or other information they may have for us.

- e. Michelle also mentioned that John Jones is now in Blood Services and not on the disaster side at ARC. They are currently working on finding a new person for this.
- f. Eric is going to send out a packet of documents for tabletops on active shooter events, including recovery from active shooter events.

12) Adjournment

- a. Kirt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 15:28.