

January 3rd, 2018-1300 Hrs
Aurora Fire Dept; 906 13th St; Aurora
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Kirt Smith, Loren Uden, Chip Volcek, Dawna Whitcomb, Darrin Lewis, Brandon Myers, Jon Rosenlund, Sean Runge, Kate Speck, Logan Lueking, Merci Suarez, Mike Moritz, Justin Norris, Roger Powell, Jill Harvey, Joanna Le Moine, Jeff England, Nick Elledge, Travis Keith (Harvard Police), Chief Watson, Brian Woldt, Sue Krogman, Brian Stephens

- 1) Call to Order-Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting at 13:01. The Open Meetings Act is 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 November's meeting. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Logan said they are looking at the EM Handbook to try to make it more helpful for new emergency managers. They are also looking at the LEOP template to make it more user friendly, as well as making it not as long and cumbersome. Logan also mentioned that if anyone wants to work on a Debris Management plan, Walter is looking those over, helping out to make sure that they have everything that FEMA wants and sends them in for approval.
 - b. Merci mentioned that the quarterly report is due the 15th and that there will be a drastic change for FY2018. The Inventory equipment list for EMPG purchased items will be due in November to show the status of equipment purchased, what grant year, etc. They are also looking to do some workshops across the state with the goal of being a refresher on everything that is needed for the grant and the GMS system.
 - c. Sean said that any training and exercises that we notify them of they are putting it on their website. They will be revamping the Basic Academy along with the EM Handbook. They are looking at changing the Basic Academy to make it through in a short timeframe, to take less days from busy EM's. They will also be changing the IS courses and what is required for Basic Academy. They will be coming around to educate people on the new LEOP and EM Handbooks. It has been mentioned that there is a desire to have credentialing refresher courses, and they are looking at doing that. Darrin and Jon mentioned that there will be about 2 hours of credentialing at the NAEM Conference this spring. Starting with the Fire School in May, they will be tagging all of their equipment. They will be reaching out to people who are interested in doing a track exercise during Fire School. Jon wanted to remind everyone that they have a full

ICS-300 course in Grand Island in a couple of weeks, and ICS-400 in February, and also a Logistics Section Chief training in February.

- 5) Public Policy Center-Kate Speck
 - a. Kate mentioned that Denise Bulling is working with Nikki and NEMA to get the IJ meeting set up and get the tweaks in that they need. She said to be ready for the IJ process, which will be similar to last year. At this time, they are just waiting for the direction from the FEMA.
 - b. Kate and Jon are working on the THIRA scenario, and the initial direction for doing this for the Region. This will be at the next meeting.
 - c. They want all regions to take a look at tower rents, and what the costs are. They want this updated by January 31st.

- 6) SC LEG Update-Sheriff Watson
 - a. Sheriff Watson said that there is not a whole lot new to report this month. They are still working through the 2016 grant. For the 2017 funds, they are currently accepting proposals. When they get things together, they will put together a plan to bring before the board.

- 7) ARC Update – Brian Stephens
 - a. Brian said they are continuing to work on their list of shelters so that if there are fires or other things that would need ARC assistance, they are prepared. He has cards for anyone who wants one.

- 8) Old Business
 - a. 2015 Grant – Update
 - i) All funds that are remaining need to be used or MOU'd back to the state by March to help fund other projects that were not approved in the IJ process. It was mentioned that the 18K that is left in NRIN might be MOU'd back to Sue to use for build-out and Citizen Corps money could easily be used up in backpacks or something.
 - ii) Discussion and possible approval of expenditures and/or movement of Be Ready NE funds – Chip
 - (1) Looking at the money left in the Be Ready NE app, they are looking at providing the app to Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy counties, which might be able to get them on board and use up these funds prior to the deadline. Darrin thinks that it is a good idea to reach out to the bigger counties about setting them up with apps.
 - (2) Chip motioned to move the NRIN and Be Ready NE money, if we cannot spend it, out to the NRIN build-out. Darrin and Jon said they would look at the Be Ready money left and see if it can be spent, possibly in commercials. Roger seconded. Motion passed.
 - (3) The DVD's were purchased, and Darrin volunteered to be the keeper of them. Anyone who wants to use one should contact Darrin, who will be in charge of mailing it back and forth and having it on his inventory.
 - b. 2016 Grant – Update
 - i) Money has been spent on credentialing from this grant, with a little bit left. The outreach money (Be Ready Nebraska) has been spent, and the NRIN money will be on the tower. There is money in Citizen Corps on this grant that will need to be spent.

- ii) \$10,000 credential exercise – Chip
 - (1) The credentialing exercise funds cannot be moved anywhere else and it needs to be used for a credentialing exercise/training.
 - c. 2017 Grant – Update
 - i) Have not begun spending any of this money. They will also need to begin talking to people about ideas for the 2018 IJ funds that will be needed.
 - d. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i) Darrin mentioned that they are looking to having Be Ready Nebraska set up all 93 counties in Nebraska, having access to their websites and social media, through the app. Everyone will be able to see their county, but only those counties who have paid will be able to do push notifications and damage assessments, among other things. Darrin mentioned that they have added all of the state information, and is encouraging everyone at NEMA to download this app.
 - e. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Loren
 - i) Loren tried to resend out the application form and the latest handbook yesterday. If you haven't seen it, he has a copy of the application for anyone who wants it. He will send it to Joanna to send to the whole group. Jon agrees because no one will want to sign without having seen the policies and having approval from their boss.
- 9) NPSCC update
- a. NRIN-Chip
 - i) Sue mentioned there haven't been a whole lot of changes in our region at this time. The contractor has been busy with a system in another county which is just about finished. Hot spots for our region are Lexington (to connect Dispatch), Aurora (to connect Dispatch), and there is a fiber connection owned by NPPD that they are allowing us to use free to connect Axtell with McCook. Jon mentioned that they have been asked for a sample agreement for the county and owner of the land for the Guthrie tower. Darrin mentioned just doing a tower lease agreement and will send something to Jon for that. Sue mentioned another where the county was doing a decrease in taxes in lieu of giving them money to rent the land for the tower and will also provide a copy of that agreement once it is completed. Sue does have a meeting with 2 contractors next week to set up the plan for our region to get this going, and the week after with NPPD about the fiber to get that connected.
 - ii) Chip mentioned that he and Jon meet every month with the NRIN board. They will be doing a contract with the OCIO who will monitor the whole state, and each region will pay a fee for that. They also approved Platte Valley to do a wellness and maintenance check once or twice a year. No agreement has been signed yet, but they are looking for that coming down. They are looking at trying to get a blanket insurance policy to alleviate the county requirement and questions about whose equipment it is. NACO will be the fiscal agent to pay bills and receive the money for this. Jon mentioned that the billing will be the big deal, as options could include it being an equal amount for each, or based on size, or if someone is donating towers, etc. There are also technical upgrades that will need to happen to be able to move teletype data. It will cost money to maintain the NRIN system, and cannot be on the grant forever. It would save in county costs by with its capability to do video arraignment instead of sending Law Enforcement officers to pick up prisoners.

b. CNRI-

- i) Nothing to report except that this is scheduled in May at our meeting. The MOU's are good for 5 years. The main purpose for the MOU is frequency sharing. There has been word that it might be set for auto-renewal unless the county wants to opt out in writing.

10) New Business

- a. No new business.

11) Good of the Group

- a. Merci mentioned that Julie wanted to remind everyone that the quarterly report must be in before you can get your reimbursement.

12) Adjournment

- a. Kirt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed.