

SE PET Regional Governing Board Workshop
September 21 – 22, 2017
Divots Conference Center
4200 W Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701

Workshop Notes

Thursday (9/21/2017)

1. Review and prioritization of capability gaps
 - a. Review of priority capabilities revealed significant progress made in “Access Control and Identify Verification.” This capability was moved to medium high priority to ensure progress continues, but fewer gaps were noted than last year. The primary gap to be addressed in this capability is usability. NEMA is prepared to provide training and exercise upon request to help maintain and build systems that are currently in place
 - b. “Operational Communications” remains a high priority capability. Gaps in the physical buildout of the NRIN system is the top gap priority; determining what the NRIN capabilities are and communicating them to stakeholders is the next gap priority.
 - c. “Operational Coordination” remains a high priority capability. Significant gaps exist in regional capabilities to fulfill Incident command system (ICS) positions.
 - i. Two regional gaps include: agreement on qualifications for serving in position leads (training alone, training plus experience); and agreements in place to detail how positions are requested and deployed within the region
 - ii. SE Region will develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) with scalable options for regional team deployment.
 - iii. Support and training of potential incident commanders (fire, police etc.) that does not require 4 days of training would be beneficial. Roger Conrad has checklists and will consider other ways to deliver training (e.g., webinar, online, etc.)
 - d. “Public Information and Warning” remains a high priority capability. The gap of concern is getting IPAWS set up with FEMA and ready to use. Testing cannot take place until individuals have been approved by FEMA to use it. Training for IPAWS will be locally determined and arranged.
 - e. “Mass Care” was moved to high priority. Recent tests revealed gaps that require increased coordination with public health and medical partners to ensure mass care, CMS regulation compliance and volunteer organization are coordinated.
 - f. “Community Resilience” was moved to high priority. The loss of Volunteer Partners as a regional resource has resulted in fewer affiliated volunteers in some areas of the Region. Gaps in public awareness and preparedness and the need for enhanced mitigation activity in some areas also led to a higher prioritization for this capability.

2. Prioritization of Planning, Training and Exercises to fill gaps – the following activities and courses were suggested to fill gaps identified in high priority capability areas:
 - a. Local training and testing of Access Tracking (Salamander System); A planned training and exercise program is needed for use of access control/identify verification systems that has some standardization across the state.
 - b. Advanced professional series courses are needed to support operational coordination
 - i. G358 –evacuation and reentry planning (Community resilience)
 - ii. G345 – hospital, Emergency Management, Department of Radiation accidents (community resilience)
 - iii. G320 – radiological response (community resilience)

- iv. MERRT training (Mass Care)
- v. Additional Mass Care training (Pet sheltering, healthcare facility evacuation, Triage training, etc.)
- vi. COOP planning for counties in the SE Region
- vii. Agriculture issues (e.g., decontamination procedures at production facilities/farms)
- viii. LTAP – road closure training (critical transportation and part of evacuation and reentry planning)
- ix. Livestock accident training (available through UNL)
- x. Facility vulnerability assessments (resources available at this website: <http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/petregions/northcentral/schoolsafety.php>)
- xi. Foreign animal disease or livestock issue related to terrorism
- xii. Threat assessment/management training (continuation of capacity development in SE Region)

Friday (9/22/2017)

- 3. Prioritization of Equipment to fill gaps
 - a. NRIN buildout requires tower leases to under equipment category
 - b. Go-bags for resource leaders (two per county); in AAR after the Guard exercise there were difficulties switching from day to night activities in access control. Basic equipment needed includes head-lamps, vests, stop signs, traffic control materials, flashlights, glow-sticks, etc. (access control and identify verification)
 - c. FORTS – fold out shelter (access control and identify verification; operational coordination)
 - d. Regional incident support team position specific supplies (hold for next year)
- 4. Discussion of regional representation for state THIRA/SPR/TEPW and 2018 IJ SMEs
 - a. THIRA/SPR/TEPW workshop October 26-27; all are encouraged to attend. SE Region Reps who receive notices for these workshops from NEMA should send them to all board members.
 - b. Subject matter experts for investment justification reviews in 2018 will be discussed at a future meeting. 2017 SME's from the SE PET Region included the following:
 - i. Law Enforcement: Don Gross and Larry Burkey
 - ii. Hazmat: Brian Daake
 - iii. Citizen Corps: Sandy
 - iv. PET: Gregg
 - v. Communications: Ray Ryan (NPSCC representative)
- 5. Calendaring of 2018 meetings/activities
 - a. Will discuss rotating summer meetings at the next PET meeting (October)
 - b. Meeting dates will continue to be the first Thursday of each month at 10 am
 - c. Discussion about meeting effectiveness included taking the Fusion Center off the agenda as a standing item; requesting NEMA attendees to be prepared to actively participate in meetings
- 6. Next year's workshop
 - a. Review capability statements to determine relevancy and set capability statement for "fire suppression and management". Ways to improve attendance were also discussed.

Next Steps

- Place the following items on the October Agenda for the SE Region: (Amanda)
 - Action item: approval of funds to pay for the electricity to the KUTT tower
 - Action item: approval of funds for the Burchard project (Amanda will ensure it gets on the agenda)
 - Action item: appoint Subject Matter Experts to the Investment Justification process in 2018
 - Action item: approve Sept Workshop minutes
 - Discussion item: 2018 SE Board Meeting dates and locations
 - Remove Fusion Center report as a standing agenda item
- Obtain information about the Incident Support Team Model of Northeast PET Region (Roger Conrad) and the Type IV Incident Management Team in Kansas (Mark H.)
- Place the following items on the November Agenda for the SE Region: (Amanda)
 - Discussion item: composition of an incident support and / or management team and classes needed to support development
- Obtain a list of people trained in advanced position specific ICS courses (Roger will provide)
- Schedule election for January meeting – including Secretary Elect recently vacated.
- Schedule 2018 Board Workshop – September 20-21, 2018 is suggested date