

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hitchcock, Hayes, Perkins and Red Willow Counties

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Pat Gerdes at 10:30 a.m. CT, following the Southwest LEPC meeting at the Southwest Public Health Department Meeting Room in McCook, NE.

All of the seven PET Region counties were represented. The following members were present:

Chase- EM Paul Kunnemann

Furnas- EM Roger Powell

Hayes- EM Charlynn Hamilton

Red Willow- Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Hitchcock- EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp

Dundy-Deputy Pam Reichert

Perkins- Sheriff/EM Jim Brueggeman, Connie Spofehl

Also present were Heidi Wheeler, SWNPHD, Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products/SW LEPC; Chief Ike Brown, McCook Police Department; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center

Char moved, seconded by Jim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roger moved, seconded by Char, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. Motion carried.

Public Policy Center Update- Kate Speck mentioned Citizen Corps. Ryan Lowry, Citizen Corps representative at NEMA, would be available for a presentation. She asked that the group discuss scheduling this. She also mentioned the fusion center/FLO program. American Red Cross will be offering training re: family assistance centers in a disaster.

Citizen Corps/CERT Update- Pat

Old Business:

Pat reported on grant activity:

2010 Grant: July 31, 2013 is the expenditure deadline.

1. The tower lease for Dundy County was discussed. \$7,140 is allotted for the lease with Viaero plus funds for electrical work. Electrical work will be needed in Dundy Co. and at Imperial, and possibly the ethanol plant (Trenton).

2. Storage for the region's new communications equipment was discussed. There is some equipment remaining in storage, but it should be installed soon so we will no longer be paying rent.

2011 Grant:

1. LE Computers- Pat brought I-Pads. Most equipment has been purchased.

2. \$8,000 has been set aside for a 300 and 400 class at Imperial. Paul reported the dates will be February 9-10 (limit 24-30), and February 23-24. The cost with The Blue Cell of Colorado will be \$3,000. Pat reminded everyone at the last meeting that elected officials, chiefs and department heads involved in a federal disaster response need 300 and 400. Lower level supervisors would need 300.

3. \$ 2,500 is allocated to be transferred pursuant to the MOU with the Ne. Dept. of Ag. for exercise/training. There is no new information on this at this time.

4. Funds from this grant are to be spent by January 31, 2014. Brief discussion was held regarding Dave Fulton/ continuity of operations & debris mgmt. plans. The COOP planning contract has been signed to complete Red Willow, Perkins and Furnas Counties for \$ 12,000. At the last meeting, Jim and Gene reported their counties' plans are completed, but they have not received them yet.

5. The new base station for interoperable capability has been ordered for Dundy County. This was \$ 17,264.00.

Jim asked that the group consider a project for \$ 1,795 for training from remaining 2011 funds. No action was taken at this time.

2012 Grant: This grant will be a 2 year rotation. Funds from this grant are to be spent by January 31, 2014. 50% must be used for law enforcement projects. Pat asked for volunteers from the group to work with him on the workplan. NEMA has said NSP must approve the law enforcement expenditures. Kate was unaware of this requirement, and will check on it.

The group discussed upcoming Basic S.W.A.T. and rapid response team training opportunities Gene and Ike's officers are interested in. Ike also mentioned a tactical EMS training. Jim suggested 11 slots for Gene's training and 10 slots for Ike's training.

Jim wanted to allocate \$2,500 for rapid response training and tuition for 15 people at \$ 750 for swat training from the law enforcement portion. The group discussed scheduling another 300/400 class (possibly in Furnas County), funding 10 spots for tactical EMS training, and funding training for Jim's department re: the region's new credentialing system. Pat will use this information in formulating the workplan.

NWIN/NCOR-(NPSCC)

Status/Storage Facilities/Tower MOUs/leases/Governance: Tomorrow is the first meeting of the NPSCC. Jim initially offered to serve as the local representative, but upon consulting with his board of commissioners will be unable to do so. There have been no other volunteers. Pat would like to have someone else volunteer. Kate said local input is encouraged, especially from local law enforcement. She discussed management and monitoring for the statewide system. After some discussion, Pat reluctantly agreed to assume this responsibility.

There is now a lease with Frontier County and Pinpoint in Cambridge for tower space at Harry Strunk Lake. The state has agreed to put up a new tower in Frontier County for the new NRIN radio system. Law enforcement will have priority with respect to bandwidth. MOUs and leases appear to be nearly complete.

TICP/CASM: Please get TICP updates to Diana asp.

Paraclete: Information is forthcoming from NEMA about the scheduling of Paraclete training.

Training/exercise: Pat will email everyone a training calendar showing the THIRA, TEPW, SRP training information for the area.

Good of the Group: Jim requests an actual copy of any invoices for bills, rather than claim forms, etc. This is for accountability/audit purposes. He requested that he be provided with specific serial number information for purchased equipment last time.

Roger moved, seconded by Jim to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2012.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder