

Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative

January 14, 2011, 0900 CST
1819 Farnam Street,
3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of voting members present

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Scott	Baughman	Omaha Fire Dept	x
Bill	Bowes	Papillion Fire Dept	x
Mark	Conrey	DC 9-1-1	x
Mark	Desler	Omaha Police Dept	x
Pitmon	Foxall	Critical Infrastructure	
Bill	Pook	Emergency Mgmt	x
Steve	Oltmans	City of Omaha	x
Kevin	Pokorny	Lavista Police	x
Tom	Lamb	Washington County	x
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	x
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	x

Mr. James Lundsted, Region VII Coordinator for the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) was introduced by Chair Steve Oltmans. Mr. Lundsted then gave a brief overview of his role.

Mr. Lundsted works on behalf of FEMA Region VII and the Department of Homeland Security to provide technical assistance to local and state programs. This assistance is part of the National Emergency Communications Plan, Goal 2 – 75% of all counties and municipalities must be able to demonstrate response-level communications involving multi-jurisdiction and multi-disciplinary response within one-hour of an incident. A supplementary priority for the Office of Emergency Communications is the convergence of voice and data, and the integration of broadband in public safety communications. OEC is offering a tool, NIXEL, to assist public safety entities release OEC approved messages via twitter. Mr. Lundsted stressed the importance of including technology use in plans, exercises and training, noting his office is available to provide technical assistance if requested.

2. Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting

Paul Johnson made a motion to approve the Dec. 10, 2010 minutes with the suggested changes. Bill Bowes seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update

a. MSA vetting process phase II – Phil Ruhe & Steve Oltmans

The MSA vetting process for this area will initially be based on 2009 census estimates. The MSA score determines the position and status of the Tri-county UASI for the 2011 FY. Tri-county UASI

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Members were encouraged to contact the Congressional delegation, specifically Senator Nelson who serves on the Homeland Security Committee, to advocate for continued inclusion of the Tri-County area in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program.

- b. Tri-County Charter- Gail Braun
In addition to the MOU and By-Laws submitted for the Tri-County UASI, the federal government requires a charter for the Tri-County UASI be submitted. Michelle Peters, city attorney with Omaha, has reviewed the charter guidelines and is willing to work with the Mayor's office to create the requested document. Mark Desler made a motion to authorize Michelle Peters to draft a charter for review by the Mayor. Kevin Pokorny seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. NEMA provided input to tie objectives and goals together for the Tri-County Charter; Lynn Marshall will review the Charter and suggested changes by Jan. 21, 2011.
 - c. FEMA monitoring visit with Corey Walz – Gail Braun
Corey Walz will visit at the beginning of September and will complete one-on-one interviews of stakeholders and committee chairs.
2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department
Final filing is complete for 2007 funding. Project spending is moving through 2008 funding; \$377,000 remains with encumbrances. All 2008 Funding must be spent by Aug. 31, 2011. Spending has now begun for 2009 funding. The Omaha City Council is reviewing the 911 Communications project.
3. Standing committee reports
 - a. Emergency Management: Bill Pook, Region 5/6 Emergency Management
The PET Committee will meet every other month on the first Mondays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Bellevue Fire Training Center, beginning January 2011. The Tri-County Target Capabilities Assessment is complete and results are available online under a secure server. These results will help committees identify gaps and needs for future programs. Members should review the results.
 - b. Communications: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications
The communications committee met regarding the implementation of the communications upgrade project, which should be complete in Sept. 2011. The communications work plan was submitted, but some additions regarding sustainability and GIS are expected. The committee will also review the communications response to the Millard School shooting and evaluate the lessons learned. Mark Conrey met with NEMA regarding the Mutual Aid Plan, which should improve continuity between the Region and the Nebraska State Patrol.
 - c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Pete Neddo, MUD
Safeguard Iowa will present at the February 2011 committee meeting.
 - d. Urban Law Enforcement: Lt. Mark Desler, OPD
The Law Enforcement Committee is on track to spend 2008 and 2009 funding. At the next committee meeting, Lt. Desler will present spending requests for robots and technological equipment for future purchase.
 - e. Rural Law Enforcement: Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD
The Law Enforcement Committee will be planning future training opportunities, which will likely focus on peer training and training for patrol officers.
 - f. Urban Fire: Scott Baughman, OFD

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A NEMA-approved ring detector technology training course will be held March 21, 2011.

- g. Rural Fire: Chief Bill Bowes, Papillion FD

The next Rural Fire Committee meeting will be held in February 2011.

- h. UASI COOP Subcommittee: Steve Oltmans

Denise Bulling, PPC, met with Steve Oltmans and the Emergency Managers to review the planning report. The planning report was revised to address prior concerns regarding verbiage. The recommendations from the report are to 1) complete COOP Planning and 2) complete a work plan to increase capacity within the departments. FDI Consulting presented a revised scope of work to include key county departments and key Omaha city departments. Funds already sent back to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency via MOU would be used to pay for the work of FDI Consulting. Dave Fulton of FDI Consulting assured working group members that his initial survey tool will be customized to reflect the language and needs of city/county governmental departments. Additional suggestions related to use of FDI or customization of the proposed process can be sent to Phil Ruhe or Gail Braun.

- 4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

- a. Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) – Phyllis Dutton

The 2007 budget is complete, and 2008 budget is near complete. The ASPR Grant and respective work plan were submitted to the state. OMMRS will hold training with the bio-containment unit on March 11 for 22 hospitals. A training session for hospital public information officers and behavioral health personnel will be held April 1, 2011. A disaster preparedness program for journalists and journalism students will be held April 2, 2011.

- b. Buffer Zone Protection Programs (BZPP) – Mark Desler

It is anticipated that existing buffer zones will receive increased funding in the coming year, and that new buffer zones will be established. FY10 spending plan for the area BZPP is pending approval.

- c. Citizen Corps Program – Phil Ruhe for Sgt. Erin Dumont, OPD

Upcoming events include the Omaha Police Department Salute to Safety on May 7, 2011 at Westroads Mall and Severe Weather Awareness week on March 22 – 26, 2011. The Citizen Corps will be preparing PSAs and outreach materials. The next meeting will be held Jan. 24, 2011 to discuss infrastructure for the Tri-County volunteer corps.

- 5. Update on Planning Project –Public Policy Center, Denise Bulling

No additional discussion.

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Action Items

1. Direct funds sent to NEMA for specific planning activities (government continuity of operations)
Mark Desler made a motion to approve the previously MOU'd money to NEMA, \$111,850 for use in COOP Planning for Washington, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties as well as the city of Omaha.. Mark Conrey seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed.

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Public Comment

1. Tri-County Common Operating Picture - Michael Schonlau, GIS Coordinator
Douglas and Sarpy County GIS are beginning common operating procedures for all responder agencies in the area. GIS will make contact with the agencies to gather input on creating an effective process. Web-based viewing and input of data will be included in the project. A beta version will be presented in 2-3 months.
2. Members and Attendees reported out from the Denver UASI Meeting held in Dec. 2010. Some key elements taken away include: the role of types of sirens, the use of social media, public-private partnerships, and news conferences in the event of emergencies, among others.

Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held February 11, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.