

# Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 11, 2011 9:00 am

### Meeting comes to order

#### 1. Introduction of voting members

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Scott	Baughman	Urban Fire	x
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire	X
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Pitmon	Foxall	Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	X
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	X
Eric	Plautz	Emergency Management	X
Kevin	Pokorny	Rural Law Enforcement	X
Bill	Pook	Washington County	X
Steve	Oltmans	Chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X

#### 2. Review & approval of minutes

Eric Plautz of Emergency Management made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting noting that Bill Pook represented Washington County rather than Emergency Management. Larry Lavelle seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Discussion Items- Updates & Reports

#### Updates & Reports

##### 1. Tri-County UASI Management & Administration Update – Steve Oltmans, Phil Ruhe

###### a. Tri-County Charter Update – Phil Ruhe

The Tri-County UASI Charter was submitted on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. The charter document was accepted by FEMA, which is a required step toward being able to access 2010 UASI funding. The Goals and Objectives and funding status will be updated through the status update in the FEMA reporting tool.

###### b. UASI COOP Subcommittee – Steve Oltmans

Dave Fulton, FDI Consulting, will send information to brief city and county officials participating in the Continuity of Operations Planning process. The subcommittee charged with monitoring this process will work with Mr. Fulton as this project continues (County Emergency Managers and representatives from the Omaha Mayor's Office.)

##### 2. Financial Update & Report – Scott Crites

\$260,000 remains in the 2008 funds. Committees continue to submit expenses for 2008 funds. Funding commitments began for 2009 funding. Funding requests for over \$10,000 in Omaha must be made through the purchase order system.

### 3. Standing committee reports

#### a. Emergency Management: Eric Plautz, DCEMA

The Emergency Management committee and the PET Subcommittee met Monday, Feb. 7, 2011. Veterans Affairs Hospital exercise is scheduled for May 19, 2011. The committee endorsed the proposed budget for the First Pitch Project. The 2010 Planning, Exercise, & Training (PET) Work plan is under review by NEMA. The UASI Conference will be held June 21-22, 2011 in San Francisco. Committee members who wish to attend should submit names to their respective chairs. The LEPC Conference will be held July 28-30, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista; volunteers are needed to assist with the table top exercise at the LEPC Conference.

#### b. Communications – Mark Conrey

The Communications committee completed the 2010 Work Plan. The committee is working with public safety responders on the state radio system. The subcommittee will complete GAN paperwork for the PSIC Grant. Equipment lists for Mutual Aid will be finalized. The Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications goal of multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction establishment of interoperable communications within one hour of an incident will be the focus of a future communications exercise in the Tri-County UASI Region. A cyber-resiliency assessment project will be planned with Douglas Omaha Technology Commission.

#### c. Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources (CI/KR): Pitmon Foxall, ConAgra Foods

The CI/KR committee is working on the META Leadership portion of the Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Conference (NIPC, <http://www.nipc.us/>). More information on speakers and content is available on the website. The CI/KR committee will host a presentation from Safeguard Iowa at the February 15, 2011 committee meeting. The CI/KR committee goals include: 1) Building relationships; 2) Education and outreach, and 3) identifying common needs.

#### d. Urban Law Enforcement - Lt. Mark Desler, OPD

The Urban and Rural Law Enforcement committees met in January to review equipment needs, including a surveillance platform robot, breaching equipment, and medical packages for tactical officers. The group will review training needs in future meetings, particularly for front line officers.

#### a. Rural Law – Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD

Sebring police equipment was shared with rural law enforcement. The 2009 equipment budget is near complete; only training (PET) funds remain.

#### e. Urban Fire – Scott Baughman, OFD

Future training will be held in March. The committee will discuss how to include tactical paramedics within training.

#### b. Rural Fire – Chief Bill Bowes, Papillion FD

No report.

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

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

OMMRS will host a training session with the bio-containment unit on March 11, 2011 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. Future training will include portable monitors for radiation exposure. Phyllis Dutton will attend the UASI Conference on behalf of MMRS.

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

Greg Hollingshead spoke to the BZPP Committee regarding federal funding. The strategy on buffer zones has been updated.

c. Citizen Corps Program- Sgt. Erin Dumont, OPD

Jaime Moore from United Way of the Midlands met with Tri-County stakeholders to discuss merging Citizen Corps functions to create a regional Citizen Corps. The Tri-County Citizen Corps developed bylaws to guide the new regional group and leadership will be elected at their next meeting. The state has put together a state citizen corps council that includes Eric Plautz and Erin Dumont from the Tri-County region. The Tri-County Citizen Corps received a mini-grant to purchase emergency preparedness pamphlets for severe weather.

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

TC UASI previously approved the Public Policy Center's work in an MOU with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA.) The work plan includes goals, objectives, actions, and deliverables. The overall goal of the Public Policy Center's work is to build internal capacity and increase awareness. NEMA asked the Public Policy Center to assist Regions and State Agencies prepare for the 2011 Investment Justification process. The guidance for completing the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program application is not yet available, but it is anticipated to be released soon. An in-person workshop culminating the investment justification process is tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2011.

### Action Items

1. Endorse next steps for PPC planning project

The Tri-County UASI Committee did not vote whether or not to endorse the work plan by the Public Policy Center, noting that the work plan was received and no endorsement is necessary.

2. Approval of funds from 2010 Tri-County UASI Funding for 2011 Exercise events

A regional exercise is planned for April 2, 2011; the Qwest exercise will be held August 3, 2011. Eric Plautz made a motion to endorse the 2011 exercise events. Larry Lavelle seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

3. Appointment / Reappointment of Tri-Co Rep to NCOR

The Nebraska Council of Regions was formed by executive order to provide oversight and integration of communications throughout the eight regions of the state. Under the established guidelines, half of the representatives are to be reappointed / appointed after two years and the term for the TC UASI representative has expired. . Mark Desler made a motion to reappoint Mark Conrey to the NCOR. Bill Bowes seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Public Comment

1. Larry Lavelle: A meeting has been set with the Senior Executive Services group and Greg Hollingshead to compare state and homeland security assessments. The goal is to create common reports and results for future audits.

2. Pete Neddo: Paul Neddo can prepare a presentation on gas and water in city areas, and the current concerns; contact Pete Neddo if a committee is interested in a presentation.
3. Lynn Marshall: NEMA will be sending representatives to audit 2005 and 2006 equipment and records in April.
4. Gail Braun: The 2010 UASI PET Goals and Objectives and the respective implementation for each committee must be verified by Monday, Feb. 14, 2011.