

# Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

## Minutes

September 14, 2012, 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
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Tom	Shaffer	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire	X
Shane	Hunter	Urban Fire	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	X
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	X
Steve	Oltmans	Omaha Mayor's Office (chair)	X
Kevin	Pokorny	Rural Law Enforcement	X
Whitney	Shipley	Emergency Management	X
Karisa	Vlasek	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	X

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

Kevin Pokorny made a motion to approve the August 31, 2012 meeting minutes. Mark Conrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

### Discussion Items

#### 1. 2011 Missouri River Flood – After Action Report, Improvement Plan, and implementation – Paul Johnson, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency

Review of the after action reports began. The committee looks forward to reviewing all the details and lessons learned from the 2011 Missouri River Flood. The review committee will meet continuously to come up with recommendations.

### Updates and Reports

#### 1. Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update – Phil Ruhe/Gail Braun

Phil Ruhe completed the Biannual Strategy Review Report for DHS. The 2011 State Homeland Security grant was approved by the city council on Aug. 14, 2012. The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant budget was approved by the city council on May 22, 2012. Phil Ruhe will send the budgets for review, so committee members can see where 2010 grant funds have not been spent. 2011 grant funding is allocated and planned. 2010 and 2011 grant funding should be closed out next year. A 2-year time frame for all future grants will be planned rather than a 3-year time frame for a timely draw down of funding. Bill Bowes will fill in for Travis Harlow on UASI as Travis is a candidate with Omaha Fire Department.

#### 2. Financial update & report – Phil Ruhe & Gail Braun

The 2009 State Homeland Security Grant closed out with \$994,224 spent. UASI returned \$10,841.95 to NEMA. The 2009 MMRS grant was spent completely. For the 2010 UASI funds, \$533,000 has been spent, 53% of the grant award with one year remaining. If members have outstanding projects, they should let Phil know. The 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program Work Plan was approved by the city council, so money can begin being spent. Anything over \$20,000 will require approval from the city council, so it is important to build in time for approval and processing.

#### 3. Standing committee reports

##### a. Emergency Management – Whitney Shipley

The Emergency Committee is working with Emergency Alert System messages through programs like IPAWS and CMAS. Once emergency managers are familiar with the format and system,

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incident commanders may be able to initiate their own messages rather than working through the National Weather Service to communicate with citizens direction. Education of the public will be an important part the roll out of emergency alert messages.

Each of the Emergency Managers in the Tri-County Region has to report the NIMS training records to the federal government. That was due today for this year, but this is something to keep up with for documentation within the jurisdiction for next year as it is policy.

### PET Committee Report – Lynn Marshall

Lynn Marshall shared the updated calendar for Exercise and Training. The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) workshop is Oct. 16; the State Preparedness Report is Oct. 17; and the Training, Exercise, and Planning Workshop (TEPW) will be Oct. 18. Each requires local participation. The TEPW drives the calendar, so Lynn Marshall will plan to attend.

In the future, we will focus on Planning, Exercise, and Training in NIMS. The PET funding will be spent down as there is a lot of training planned in the future. The next meeting will be Oct. 1 at 1:00 Pm at the Omaha Public Safety Training Center. An upcoming mass casualty training will require 400 participants and assistance. The National Pipeline Association will hold training on Sept. 20 at the Bellevue Fire Training Center.

### b. Communications – Mark Conrey

A CAD implementation kick-off meeting was held, and migration will begin at the end of the second quarter in 2013. A regional backup center will be built in the basement of the civic center, with equipment arrival expected in October. Mark Conrey will send the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) out for update. A gap analysis looking at Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and TICP will take place in April. We will need to cover any gaps in service along the Omaha – Iowa border. We continue to expect communication requirements to change as data capabilities increase.

### c. CIKR – Karisa Vlasek, OPPD

The next CIKR meeting is Tues Sept. 18 at 9:00 AM at the Omaha Training Center. We will share what we learned from the National Preparedness Conference in DC at that meeting. A presentation on the drought in Nebraska is planned.

### d. Urban Law – Lt. Tom Shaffer, OPD

Lt. Shaffer will represent Urban Law Enforcement for Mark Desler on the UASI Committee. 2010 UASI funding was used for a 2-week training that begins Monday, Sept. 17.

### e. Rural Law – Capt. Kevin Pokorny

The Rural Law Subcommittee will meet to review 2010 and 2011 State Homeland Security Grant work plan and plan Active Shooter Training. Last month, Bellevue had their robot, purchased with 2008 State Homeland Security Grant funds, destroyed in a standoff with an individual. Bellevue is looking at what it costs to get it replaced or repaired. For cases where property is lost, damaged, or stolen let Phil Ruhe know because they typically require a damage report and update to inventory.

### f. Urban Fire – B/C Shane Hunter

The 2011 work plan was approved, so the Urban Fire Subcommittee is looking to spend funding on equipment, particularly thermal imaging cameras and an air boat.

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g. Rural Fire – No update.

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

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

MMRS is working on the After Action Report from the August 19 evacuation exercise. They are looking to see who could be stationed at the 911 center in a disaster to regularly inform MMRS. A functional evacuation exercise is planned Nov. 7-8; several hospitals are expected to participate. 2010 grant funding will be reallocated to work with the Omaha Fire Department.

b. Citizen Corps – Tom McMahan

September was Preparedness Month, and the Tri-County Citizen Corps marched in a parade in Papillion. The committee developed preparedness brochures and arm bands, which are popular. A short blurb will also appear at local movie theatres about preparedness. The Citizen Corps is also looking into advertising in the Omaha World Herald. Whitney Shipley will serve as the local representative to the state Citizen Corps board replacing Eric Plautz. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training will be held Sept. 21-23 at Bellevue Training Center. Citizen Corps is working to recruit volunteers for the Sarpy & Cass health departments for mass dispensing in an outbreak. 2010 State Homeland Security Grant funding remaining for Citizen Corps is \$8,500, while \$18,300 remains in 2011 funding. .

## **5. Public Policy Center – Denise Bulling**

The Shared Services Committee will meet on Oct. 1, 2012 as part of the 911 Regionalization Feasibility Study. The Committee will be asked to make recommendations about which options to they want cost and technical specifications for.

The purpose of the THIRA Workshop on Oct. 16 is to look at the core capabilities and set the threshold for targets for our core capabilities. Nebraska chose three scenarios to test – Pandemic, dam break, and cyber-security breach.

### Action Items

### Public Comment

### Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held November 9, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room