

Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

Minutes

March 9, 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
Shane	Hunter	Urban Fire	x
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire	x
Mark	Conrey	Communications	x
Tom	Muller	Omaha Police Department	
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	x
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County	
Larry	Lavelle	Sarpy County	x
Eric	Plautz	Emergency Management	x
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement	x
Richard	Lally	Rural Law Enforcement	
Bill	Pook	Washington County	x
Steve	Oltmans	Omaha Mayor's Office (chair)	

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

Discussion Items

Updates and Reports

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

The National UASI Conference is scheduled for May 22-24, 2012 in Columbus, Ohio. If the Tri-County wishes to send a delegate, please contact the PET Subcommittee to get preapproval. 2010 funding is available to pay for attendance as it is less expensive to attend this year's conference compared to previous years.

The 2011 State Homeland Security Workplan has been submitted to NEMA. Approval of the workplan is expected within two months. In 2010, the committee voted to reallocate last year's September or October funding for the Code Spear maintenance program. The committee is awaiting an official response. They were informed earlier this week about an audit that will be held in March. The previous audit was conducted in 2008-10 by the FEMA Inspector General. If there is a need to get together to discuss how funding has been spent then a meeting will be called.

Grant funding for 2012 will be cut from 5.1 to 2.8 million dollars. An Investment Justification Workshop is scheduled for April 6, 2012 in Lincoln. Andra Backer from the PPC will email the information to the group. At this time, it is unknown what the state's priorities are.

2. Financial update & report –

Budgets were distributed yesterday. Please look them over and find the balances in your specific project areas.

The deadline for 2009 funding allocation is June 30, 2012. It is acceptable to receive equipment within 90 days of

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that date but orders must be submitted prior to June 30th. PET projects/activities and all other services must be spent by the June 30th deadline.

3. Standing committee reports

a. Emergency Management: Eric Plautz, Emergency Management

Douglas County will be participating in the upcoming Severe Weather Awareness activities that follow some of the federal initiatives. The Douglas County Emergency Management subcommittee continues to meet. The PET subcommittee met in January and received approval for "Active Shooter" law enforcement training in Douglas County. Planning for this training will take place this summer. A communications meeting was also held. Douglas County is awaiting an official answer on the Code Spear proposal.

b. Communications: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

The state recently submitted a working draft of the Executive Order. This order outlines new implications so Mark encouraged everyone to look it over closely. Mark described the merging of NCOR and N-WIN systems for interoperable communications. Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie Counties have developed a shared services committee for regional communications.

c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Dennis Snook, OPPD

A Critical Infrastructure meeting will be held on March 20, 2012. The 2012 objectives have been approved. The goal is to move in the direction of those plans of action. The NITC Conference will be held on March 27-28, 2012. They are trying to recruit more businesses to join the conference.

d. Urban Law Enforcement: Lt. Mark Desler, OPD

Urban law enforcement has a little of the 2009 funding left and is working with NEMA to spend the remaining money. All funding will be spent by the June 30, 2012 deadline. There were issues with regard to some of the rural items but those are being worked out.

e. Rural Law Enforcement: Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD Representative not in attendance.

f. Urban Fire: Shane Hunter, OFD

The date of completion for the After Action Review of the flood is scheduled for May 11, 2012. A common operating picture will fit into the June meeting. Swift water/river rescue training will take place in May. The last of the 2009 funding is being spent on PET. Level A Suits will be purchased with the 2010 UASI funds. MOU funding was used to update the HazMat Identification Systems that were purchased with previous grant funding.

g. Rural Fire: Travis Harlow, Waterloo Fire

NEMA has requested additional information on spending 2011 funds. The air boat has not yet been purchased and continues to be a work in progress. Once purchased, the air boat will be a tremendous asset to the state. Questions have arisen regarding training and maintenance with respect to the air boat. If grant

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funding is no longer available, the Waterloo Fire Department will seek assistance within the region to identify local sustainability funding.

4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

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

On March 13, 2012, annual equipment training will be held on the Bio Containment Unit. On March 14-15, 2012, emergency managers will train on the use of Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) at Immanuel Medical Center. There will be four sessions held (8:00am-noon and 1:00-5:00) on both days. The evacuation tabletop exercise will have to be postponed until April 19, 2012 from 8:00am-noon at the Scott Center due to a large REP exercise scheduled on or around the same time. An MDMS exercise is scheduled for April 27, 2012. Phyllis stated that they are working to encourage participation from the VA hospitals. MMRS is planning to participate in two exercises at Eppley Airfield on August 11 and October 13, 2012. Another exercise will be held in November. The remainder of the 2008 funding has been reallocated and will be gone. They are currently in the process of spending the 2009 funding. A large amount of funding has been identified for a trailer for the Humane Society. Priorities need to be set and more will be learned at the Investment Justification meeting scheduled for April 6, 2012.

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

No report.

c. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McCahon, United Way of the Midlands

Tom is currently working on Disaster Preparedness month activities for September. He said a media campaign with the North and South Omaha Care Council is being developed and will focus on educating households on personal safety, fire prevention and safety and smoke detector education. Committees have gathered to work on reaching out to those groups. Instead of a large event, they have decided to focus their outreach efforts on several small events in order to reach a larger group of people. In April, as part of the Fort Calhoun evacuation drill, Citizen Corps will have decontamination team participation. In addition, training for detection will also be held should the need to rise to have several people trained. A train the trainer class will be held by Douglas County; date, time and location have not been determined.

d. Public Policy Center Report – Andra Backer

The Public Policy Center will be holding the Investment Justification Workshop with NEMA on April 6, 2012 at the Center for People in Need in Lincoln. Input from each region is requested. Please send any ideas for priorities to Janell Walther at jwalther2@nebraska.edu. There will again be a law enforcement requirement. It is likely that there will be an emphasis on communications statewide. The 911 Regionalization Study continues, for additional information visit <http://911study.nebraska.edu>.

Action Items

No action items were identified at this meeting.

Public Comment

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Mark Conrey announced that the State Interoperability Communications Plan Workshop will be held on March 29, 2012.

Upcoming events and next meeting

The next meeting will be held May 11, 2012 at 9:00am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday and those months at 9:00am. The 2012 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, July 13, 2012

Friday, September 14, 2012

Friday, November 9, 2012

PET Sub-Committee 2012 meeting dates:

Friday, April 2, 2012	Friday, August 6, 2012
Friday, June 4, 2012	Friday, October 1, 2012
	Friday, December 3, 2012

CI/KR Committee 2012 meeting dates

Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Tuesday, July 17, 2012	Tuesday, November 20, 2012