

Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

Minutes

November 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
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Tom	Shaffer	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Chief Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire	
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
Bill	Pook	Washington County	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	X
Whitney	Shipley	Emergency Management	X

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

Whitney Shipley made a motion to approve the September 14, 2012 meeting minutes. No amendments were suggested. The motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. 2012 SHSG funding level – Phil Ruhe, Mayor's Office

A breakdown of the 2012 State Homeland Security Funding Level was sent via email to all members. \$281,694 dollars was awarded. \$150,000 is designated for MMRS, leaving \$131,694 for State Homeland Security money. \$66,836 of the money is to be spent on law enforcement activities with the remaining \$64,858 available for allocation to any other activity. Phil Ruhe suggested two methods of allocating the money: 1) the majority of the money going to PET activities 2) half the money going to PET activities and half the money going toward a maintenance fund. Bill Pook and Brad Hildebrandt recommend allocating the majority of the money for PET activities. \$126,000 from previous grants needs to be spent by July 31, 2013. Bill Pook suggested agencies should look at their budgets for maintenance needs and report back at the next meeting.

Updates and Reports

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

\$27,600 from the 2010 UASI Grant has not been allocated; an additional \$40,000 is available for training activities and \$58,000 is available for exercises, totaling roughly \$128,000 total available funds.

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\$13,000 from 2011 State Homeland Security grant has been allocated but not spent due to failure to turn in necessary expense materials. Of the outstanding money \$6,700 was allocated for the APCO conference in Minneapolis on August 19, \$5,700 for the FEMA National Preparedness Symposium, and \$1,200 for the Green Bay IADTI Region (which has since been submitted).

The 2011 Homeland Security Grant was passed and was approved by the City Council on August 14th. These funds must be spent by August 31, 2014.

2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department

Preliminary reviews by the Inspector General's Office have begun. The second review could occur before the first of the year. The biggest emphasis will be on inventories and ensuring all items are accounted for. The audit will only affect State Homeland Security and UASI.

3. Standing committee reports

- a. Emergency Management: Bill Pook Region 5/6 Emergency Management
No Update.

- b. Communications – Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

The communications committee recently met to develop a timeline for the Regional Study. A new committee is being formed under the Governors' Executive Order 12-01 to obtain interoperable communications statewide – the Lt. Governor will provide statewide coordination and leadership. Each PET region is to approve a representative for the committee.

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

The brochure for the CIKR Group promotional plan is almost complete. A secure website has been created through the Fusion Center that is specific to critical infrastructure. A partnership has been forged with UNO which just added an emergency management degree program. The program seeks to provide training for businesses to help bridge the gap between large employers who have training programs in place and small employers who are not familiar with emergency management training. The definitions for 'large' and 'small' businesses have not been operationalized; however, it was suggested that a 'small' business has less than 50 people.

A training session will be offered November 20th at 9:00am at the Omaha Public Safety Training Center. FEMA has a new product call the Full Spectrum Risk Knowledge Base Program. The program is a password protected site that includes all drills, action items, and lessons learned. It will be organized by key words. In order to get access to the site you must attend a demonstration and submit a bidding form. The November 20th meeting will include a

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demonstration, thus anyone attending the meeting will be allowed access to the site.

- d. Urban Law Enforcement– Lt. Tom Shaffer, OPD

No update.

- e. Rural Law Enforcement – Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD

Work on the Active Shooter Planning has started, including one meeting already. The committee plans to organize all active policy and find one cohesive theory that works for all agencies. The second meeting is planned for the end of November and the planning should culminate by the end of December.

- f. Urban Fire: B/C Shane Hunter, OFT

The Air Boat that was planned for purchase under the 2010 budget was under bid and the City Council Resolution authorizing its purchase is out for signatures and will likely be at the Clerk’s office in the next week. The Air Boat will be housed in Waterloo, but it can be called out for mutual aid anywhere in the region. Equipment designated in the 2010 budget for Omaha Fire and Rescue has come in and is in use.

- g. Rural Fire: Chief Bill Hunter, OFT

No update.

4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

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

For the past year the MMRS focused on hospital evacuations. Training has progressed through a series of exercises beginning with leadership training, in-house table top exercises and a community table top exercise. Two full scale functional exercises were completed with Alegent and non-Alegent hospitals. Through these exercises, they determined a virtual table would not work. A full scale exercise will take place in the fall of 2013. An exercise on cyber security will take place in 2013. Training on bomb threats and bomb related injuries will occur in 2014. Almost half of the 2010 grant has been spent on purchases for the fire departments. The majority of the remaining money is for pharmaceuticals; this may be readjusted due to current EMS rules and regulations.

- b. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McMahan, United Way of the Midlands

Tri-County Citizen Corps has scheduled classes for March 8th, 9th and 10th and April 12th, 13th, 14th, 26th, 27th and 28th. The Volunteer in Police Service have planned another handicap parking tech class. Erin Dumont, the Omaha organizer of Neighborhood Watch, held a meeting with all Tri-County Neighborhood Watch groups to better coordinate resources and plan how to submit one collaborative application.

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MRC is applying for a license to become a non-transport EMS unit. This would allow EMTs and paramedics to function in their roles if someone were to get hurt at a community event. A site first aid class will be held on December 17th and is sponsored by Region 6 Behavioral Health. An application has been submitted for a FEMA grant that would help to organize and coordinate Station 10. This grant would allow staff events at the facility to train and cross-train together.

5. Public Policy Center – Mark DeKraai

The Public Policy Center worked with the Shared Services Committee for the 911 Regionalization Feasibility Study, and is examining technical and fiscal implications of sharing 911 services including a consolidated 911 center. This group will be reconvened in December or January.

The Public Policy Center will be staffing the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council, established under Governor's Executive Order No. 12-01 at the state level. The State Preparedness Report and Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Statewide Meetings for NEMA were recently held. Attendees participated from across the state. These reports must be done by the end of December. The TICP workshop will be held at the end of November in Lincoln; PET regents are invited to participate in the workshop and begin the process of updating their TICP's. Additionally, the Fusion Center is interested in increasing outreach to local law enforcement and PET regents. The Public Policy Center will be assisting the Fusion Center in the design of this outreach.

Action Items

1. **Vote on Tri-County Representative to Nebraska Public Safety Communication Council (NPSCC) as required by Governor's Executive Order No. 12-01**

Tom Shaffer made a motion to nominated Mark Conrey to serve as the Tri-County representative to the NPSCC. Larry Lavelle seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Public Comment

1. A \$21.6 million settlement with the insurance companies has been reached regarding the 2011 Omaha floods. The remaining damages will be submitted to FEMA. It is estimated that the insurance company, FEMA and NEMA will cover all but three million dollars' worth of damages. The Corps has put \$15 million into repairing the 13 mile levy.