

# Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

## Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2014, 0900 CST

1819 Farnam Street, 3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

### Meeting comes to order

#### 1. Introduction of voting members present

Marty Bilek, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire	X
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Shane	Hunter	Urban Fire	X
Larry	Lavelle	Co-Chair	
Lt. Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County	X
Kevin	Pokorny	Rural Law Enforcement	X
Bill	Pook	Emergency Management	
Whitney	Shiple	Douglas County	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	X
Shawn	Thallas	Washington County	X

*Other in attendance: John Alspaugh (North Central University), Melanie Bates (Omaha Mayor's Office), Phil Brazelton (Washington County 911), Denise Bulling (Public Policy Center), Phyllis Dutton (OMMRS), Terry Haese (Omaha Airport Authority), Brad Hildebrant (OFD), Bill Holaday (Omaha PD TEW), Rich Lally (Douglas County Sherrif's Office), Robert Lindstrom (Eppley Fire), Dustin Rief (Omaha Public Works), Phil Ruhe (Omaha Mayor's Office), Kurt Strachuta (Bellevue Fire), Hayley Sutter (Public Policy Center), and Karisa Vlasik (OPPD)*

#### 2. Open Meeting Law Information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location – NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)

A copy of the Open Meeting Law Information was available in the meeting room.

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

Lynn Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes with the following addendum: under section headed "Introduction of voting members present" correct Lynn Marshall, Bill Pook, and Shawn Thallas' agency affiliation. Jay Leavitt seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Discussion Items

No report.

### Updates and Reports

#### 1. Conference Report: Dec. 2013 Special Events Management Seminar – Douglas County Sheriff's Office

Douglas County Sheriff's Office received funds through the Tri-County PET Region Working Group to send three representatives from the Rapid Deployment Unit (RDU) to a Special Events Seminar in San Diego, California. The Rapid Deployment Unit responds to civil actions to restore order, move crowds, rescue victims, and arrest large groups; events in which the RDU may be called to action include large sporting events, spontaneous riots, and protests. The Douglas County RDU consists of 10-12 individuals, a deputy or supervisor, and a lieutenant or captain.

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The Special Events Safety Seminar is designed to provide attendees with information, skills, and the necessary tools to provide a safe environment, reduce liability, and guide individual and group behaviors at events. During the seminar, participants attended Balboa Park December Nights, which attracts up to 350,000 attendees over two days, to study the event, the type of people that attend, and observe the event management and safety precautions.

## 2. **Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update** –Gail Braun

- a. **Please update Phil Ruhe about committee chair/co-chair changes**, see 2014 Committee Chair contact list
- b. **FY2014 SHSG**: Expect NEMA to announce a date for the 2014 IJ Workshop in the coming months (FY2013 IJ Workshop was held June 25, 2013). We will know more about FY2014 SHSG funding levels in the coming months.
- c. **We have tentatively scheduled a FY2013 SHSG NEMA monitoring visit for June 11, 2014**. Those who received equipment through the FY2013 SHSG should expect a site visit from the monitor.
- d. **DHS released the FY2014 Risk Profiles for the top 100 MSA**; the risk profiles are used to determine UASI eligibility. Since 2011-2012 cutbacks, only the top 25 MSAs receive UASI funding; in accordance, it is unlikely Omaha will receive UASI funding.
- e. **Marty Bilek, Chief of Staff to Mayor Jean Stothert is the appointed Tri-County Working Group Chair and point of contact (POC)**
- f. **The Tri-County Citizen Corps** received public outreach funding through the FY2011 SHSG to print placemats with severe weather safety information for youth that will be distributed to local restaurants.

## 3. **Financial update & report – Scott Crites (reported by Phil Ruhe), City of Omaha Finance Department**

Turn-backs for the FY2011 and FY2012 SHSG have not been finalized. Roughly \$1,300 from the FY2011 SHSG will be turned back to NEMA; the FY2011 OMMRS Grant will turn back \$234 to NEMA. \$3,300 from the FY2012 SHSG will be turned back to NEMA. NEMA has until August to re-allocate all funds; the turned back funding may be spent on state priorities or be open for regions to reapply for funds. Roughly \$90,000 has been spent out of the FY2013 grant.

## 4. **Standing committee reports**

### a. **Emergency Management/Planning, Exercise & Training (PET)** : Whitney Shipley

Emergency management continues to meet bi-monthly. IJ project development will become a focus of the PET Sub-Committee in the next few months. FY2011 and FY2012 projects have been completed; work on FY2013 projects has begun. A proposed project of the Tri-County Citizen Corps was rejected by NEMA, resulting in \$680 being returned to the PET for redistribution. Emergency Management ICS/EOC Interface was developed around the standard response protocol for active shooters in schools; this exercise and strategy will involve multiple tabletops and a full scale exercise and may support advanced ICS training for the region. The Eppley Airport Design Development Project is continuing as planned; the estimated date of the full scale exercise is October 2015. The Collapsed Trench Shoring project is proceeding as approved.

### b. **Communications**: Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

Installation on the RAVEN is ongoing; the OCIO has taken over the installation. By May 15, 2014 all wireless carriers are required to provide text to 911. Tri-County is working to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1221; this standard requires 80% of calls are responded to in 60 seconds and 95% are responded to in 106 seconds. A new fire station alerting system will be crucial in meeting this standard. The OCIO is leading the public safety broadband planning project; it is currently

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in a planning phase that will last three more years. Each county has been asked to appoint a representative to a statewide working group; those asked to serve as representatives are strongly encouraged to do so as this will have a major impact on public safety and law enforcement.

**c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR):** Dennis Snook, OPPD

Outreach funds from the FY2011 SHSG were used to develop a CIKR brochure and website. A stakeholder meeting of the Nebraska Preparedness Partnership (NPP) was held on July 23, 2013. A leadership committee began meeting in September 2013 and has been working to develop concept and business plans. NPP has completed bylaws and plan to file for their 501(c)(3) by May; NPP also plans to form Board of Directors and hire an Executive Director. The NPP has contracted with the Public Policy Center to assist in statewide outreach. NPP will be conducting surveys with emergency management, law enforcement, public health, and business associations to identify benefits of the group; in addition, five stakeholder meetings will be held across the state.

**d. Urban Law Enforcement:** Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD

The Open Vision X-Ray Machine was received in late February; the machine did not align with the robot and a new one was ordered. The new machine was received in early May and a company representative will be out in April to train the bomb Response Unit. The Open Vision X-Ray Machine will be used during the College World Series and will be available for mutual aid/joint use. The limit on package size is 2.5'-3.0' feet wide and can be set for interdiction purposes to look at car panels and gas tanks; the scanned image is in near real time and can be used to sweep across large packages and areas. A tactical school will be held in September, OPD may require \$4,000-\$5,000 for overtime pay.

**e. Rural Law Enforcement:** Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD

Active shooter trainings are being held across the state; a team is currently in McCook to train their law enforcement personnel. A training in Mullen, Nebraska is on hold pending grant extension approval; the Public Policy Center is assisting in the planning and facilitation of this training. Response protocols for active shooter response with fire departments and schools are being implemented. Rural law enforcement will participate in the full scale exercise in 2015.

**f. Urban Fire:** Brad Hildebrandt, Omaha Fire Department and Shane Hunter, Omaha Fire Department

Standard operating procedures for trench rescue, confined space, high angle rescue, hazmat, and RIC have been implemented between special operations MOU partners; these documents are being discussed with volunteer fire departments in surrounding communities. All MX4 Multi-gas Monitors have been installed. A gap in technical training for trench collapse rescue was highlighted on July 12, 2013 when a car crashed into a building on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Leavenworth and the International Nutrition incident; the Fire Collapse Trench Shoring training will be held on August 11-15; 18 Omaha Fire Department personnel and 6 Papillion LaVista personnel will participate in the training. The rubble collapse prop in Mead, Nebraska will be utilized for three days of the training.

An active shooter working group is working to mitigate issues related to EMS entering during active shooter incidents without ballistic protection, equipment, and additional training. A policy to meet the needs of the public during an active shooter incident is being developed between Omaha Fire, Bellevue Fire, Papillion Fire, Bellevue Police, Sarpy County Sheriff, and Omaha Police; this policy does not require additional funding. The Douglas County GIS system continues to be developed; Urban Fire may request funding to expand the GIS System to include fire protection of CIKR within each part of the state.

**g. Rural Fire:** Bill Bowes, Papillion Fire

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The goal for the active shooter policy is to have the working group develop the policy and take it to rural fire departments to educate them on the policy and then have a series of table top exercises. A full scale active shooter exercise is planned for June 2015 in Sarpy County; the exercise will involve local businesses, school districts, fire departments, and police department to work through the active shooter procedure.

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

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

OMMRS is on target to get the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant spent by June 2014; the MMRS grant is on track to be spent out by December 2014. Four mobile shelters were previously purchased; the shelters are currently located at Immanuel Medical Center, Saunders County Hospital, Fremont, and Bellevue Medical Center. Two additional mobile shelters were recently purchased and will be located at the Bellevue Medical Center and Blair Hospital. The mass fatality group has been working to set up a centralized morgue site at the hospitals. The annual equipment training will be held on April 25 at the Bio-Containment Unit. On June 4-5, the Texas Extension Service will present on the medical preparedness and response to a bombing incident. A cyber exercise, Operation Cyber Mouse, will be held on September 19; this tabletop will be followed with full scale exercises in future years. An evacuation exercise will be held on April 16 at the Bellevue Medical Center.

#### b. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McMahon, United Way of the Midlands (reported by Lynn Marshall)

Placemats geared toward severe weather awareness for youth are being distributed to local family restaurants. A project to put messages for Citizen Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and MRC in metro area movie theaters did not get funded. A CERT Train the Trainer event will be held in March 2014 to help sustain the program. MRC is doing ongoing training in support of a public health system. Neighborhood Watch programs are functioning in their own communities; however, they may benefit from greater financial support. The test drill for the emergency system will be held on March 26 between 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

### 6. Public Policy Center Report – Denise Bulling

Planning for the IJ Workshop will begin at the end of March; once guidance for the FY2014 SHSG is released NEMA will release the information for the IJ workshop. The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals Spring Regional Conference will be held on March 31 – April 2 in Omaha, Nebraska at the Downtown Embassy Suites. The conference will feature presentations on school threat assessment, interviewing and hostage negotiation, domestic violence, and danger assessment. Registration is now open; visit the ATAP [website](#) for more information or to register. The North Central PET Region has posted resources online related to school safety including a packet of tabletop exercises, webinars, and vignettes that have been approved for law enforcement continuing education units. A school safety conference will be held in the beginning of August in Broken Bow, Nebraska; this conference will focus on school safety and will highlight the link between fire departments, law enforcements, emergency management, and the schools as teams.

### Action Items

#### **Nomination/Election of Tri-County PET Region Working Group Vice-Chair**

Whitney Shipley nominated Larry Lavelle as the Tri-County PET Region Working Group Vice-Chair; no other nominations were received. Whitney Shipley made a motion to bring to vote Larry Lavelle's nomination as the Tri-County PET Region Working Group Vice-Chair. Shane Hunter seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus. Larry Lavelle was elected as the Tri-County PET Region Working Group Vice-Chair.

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## Public Comment

No public comment.

## Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.

Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 AM. The 2014 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, January 10

Friday July 11

Friday, March 14

Friday, September 12

Friday, May 9

Friday, November 14

## Agendas and meeting minutes

Agendas and minutes are posted on the Public Policy Centers' Nebraska Homeland Security Planning website at:

<http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/petregions/tricounty.php>

## **ACRONYM LIST**

<b>ATAP</b>	Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
<b>CERT</b>	Community Emergency Response Teams
<b>CIKR</b>	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Homeland Security
<b>EMS</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>HPP</b>	Hospital Preparedness Program
<b>ICS/EOC</b>	Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center
<b>IJ</b>	Investment Justification
<b>MMRS</b>	Metropolitan Medical Response System
<b>MRC</b>	Medical Reserve Corps
<b>MSA</b>	Metropolitan Statistical Areas
<b>NEMA</b>	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
<b>NFPA</b>	National Fire Protection Association
<b>NPP</b>	Nebraska Preparedness Partnership
<b>OCIO</b>	Office of the Chief Information Officer
<b>OFD</b>	Omaha Fire Department
<b>OMMRS</b>	Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System
<b>OPD</b>	Omaha Police Department
<b>OPPD</b>	Omaha Public Power District
<b>PET</b>	Planning, Exercise, and Training
<b>POC</b>	Point of Contact
<b>PPC</b>	Public Policy Center
<b>RDU</b>	Rapid Deployment Unit
<b>SHSG</b>	State Homeland Security Grant
<b>UASI</b>	Urban Area Security Initiative

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