

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015, 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 9:04 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X
Phil	Ruhe	Co-chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County Emergency Management	X
Shawn	Thallas	Rural Law Enforcement	
Lt. Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County	X
John	Olson	Urban Fire	X
Bill	Pook	Washington County	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources	X

Other in attendance: Carol Allensworth, Melanie Bates, Bill Bowes, Gail Braun, Denise Bulling, Phyllis Dutton, Terry Haese, Bill Holaday, Julie Mayers, Shannon McVane, Erin Payne, Dustin Rief, Whitney Shipley, Hayley Sutter, Lee Tomlinson, and Karisa Vlasik

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

Mark Conrey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 14, 2014. Lynn Marshall seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

No discussion items.

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update – Phil Ruhe and Gail Braun

The Tri-County Bi-Annual Strategy Implementation Review (BSIR) has been completed but has not been submitted.

2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department reported by Phil Ruhe

a. FY2013 SHSG budget

The FY2013 SHSG ends January 31, 2015; of the \$420,804.15 grant, \$268,071.67 has been spent, \$82,184.78 is encumbered, and \$70,547.70 remains in the FY13 budget. Some projects have been granted extensions, including a full scale exercise scheduled for May 2015 and an active shooter training will be taken out of the FY2013 grants. Anyone requiring an extension should contact Phil as soon as possible.

b. FY2014 SHSG budget

The FY2014 SHSG ends January 31, 2016; the FY2014 SHSG award amount is \$457,689.00.

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3. Standing committee reports

- a. **Emergency Management/Planning, Exercise & Training (PET):** Paul Johnson, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency

In 2015, Douglas County will serve as the chair of the Emergency Management Committee and Sarpy County will serve as the PET Sub-Committee chair. PET reviews are underway. Douglas County has rolled out their new website.

- b. **THIRA Update**

Washington County's THIRA is 50-percent complete and is in the State's approved format. Each of the County's will do their THIRA individually and then roll it up into a single Tri-County THIRA.

- i. **PET Sub-Committee,** Whitney Shipley, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency
No update.

- c. **Communications:** Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

The Omaha Police Department has purchased new radios; any agency interoperating with the Omaha Police Department may be impacted and will need to request to join their talk groups. Mark recommended the Omaha Police Department hold a briefing for other agencies on their updates and changes. The Omaha Police Department decided that they needed encrypted channels due to on operational necessity radios will have multi-key encryption. In accordance, the lease-purchase agreement to change out the consuls and support encryption has been completed; the new server can be used for location-based portables and a CAD upgrade will allow the system to coordinate with other agencies. Primary dispatch channels will not be encrypted and; the news media will also not be affected. Washington County is changing out and upgrading their infrastructure. Some interest in encrypting primary channels. The Public Service Commission continues to move toward Next Gen 911 and is in the process of drafting legislation to take control of the wireline surcharges.

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

The majority of CIKR funding has been allocated to the NPP. The Executive Level Business Symposium was held on November 19, 2014; 35 of top 50 business executives in Omaha attended the symposium. The NPP received their first membership check in early December from a business seeking to join the NPP; five other businesses have included NPP membership fees into their annual budgets. The NPP Board of Directors initially discussed raising \$100,000 before hiring an executive director; however, they are now considering hiring a part-time position until the NPP can fund a full-time position.

- e. **Urban Law Enforcement:** Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD

OPD will know next week if the City Council has approved funding for the robot upgrade. \$43,000 was allocated from the FY2014 SHSG for the bomb robot upgrade, leaving OPD to raise an additional \$25,000 to complete the upgrade; the Seized Assets Committee, Bellevue Police Department, and Sarpy County Sheriff's Office have committed funding toward the upgrade. If the City Council approves the funding request, the robot will be upgraded in time for the spring season.

- f. **Rural Law Enforcement:** Rich Lally, Douglas County Sheriff's Office presented by Lt. Shawn Thallas, Washington County Sheriff's Office

Funding from the FY2014 SHSG will be used for a sniper class in April 2015 and the purchase of seven ballistic shields, five of which will be for Douglas County school resource officers and two for the OPD K9 officers.

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g. Urban Fire: Shane Hunter, Omaha Fire Department Presented by John Olson

There are no new updates on the ballistic protection for the rescue task force project. The OFD will continue to be represented at the ICS Position Specific Courses, including Operation Section Chief in January and Logistics Section Chief training in March. 60 technicians are currently enrolled in Special Operations Training in advanced techniques in gas detection. OFD are beginning to use funding for cal gas and hazardous materials sensing sustainment.

h. Rural Fire: Travis Harlow, Waterloo Fire

Rural Fire is working with Union Pacific to hold a mass train derailment exercise in Waterloo. The exercise would focus on materials currently being transported through the area and how to deal with a derailment incident.

4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs

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

OMMRS is on track to spend the FY2013 SHSG. OMMRS has put in a request for generators and striker frames for the Blair Hospital using FY2014 SHSG funds. A storage site for the Medical Reserve Corps has not been identified; CHI has offered to house the MRC, give them office space, and pay for their supplies. MRC is looking to hire a part-time coordinator. Public MOAs will be sent out to sites and trucking companies that could be used as a centralized morgue. The hospitals have been preparing for the potential of more Ebola patients.

b. Citizen Corps Program – Erin Payne, OPD

Each of the Citizen Corps programs continue to progress independently of each other. Gail, Phil, and Erin met in December to discuss the future of the Citizen Corps Program; Dennis and Erin plan to discuss program sustainment, including grant opportunities and the possibility of hiring a part-time position to assist in the facilitation of the program. Of the Citizen Corps programs, the Medical Reserve Corps and CERT teams are the only ones that do not have full time affiliation with an external organization (for example, Neighborhood Watch is facilitated by the local police departments and the Fire Corps is facilitated by the local fire departments).

5. Public Policy Center Report – Denise Bulling, Public Policy Center

Denise met with NEMA on Wednesday to formulate the plan for the 2015 IJ workshop. Prior to the IJ Workshop, the Tri-County needs to consider the resources needed to sustain their current capabilities; anything above sustainment will be competitive. MOU cities will not be competing for funds this year; OMMRS will need to identify their needs for sustainment; 25% of the SHSG will be allocated for law enforcement, however, allocation between law enforcement agencies and divisions will be competitive. The new administration is in the process of appointing new agency directors, including the directors of the OCIO and State Patrol. The State Homeland Security Policy Group will be meeting in February; the IJ workshop will likely be held in April.

Action Items

No action items.

Public Comment

Melanie commented that the group should pull together as a group to support the Fire Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, and Citizen Corps and the community could also work together to build a storage facility for public entities. Phyllis noted that storage for OMMRS is an issue; Dennis advised Phyllis to call him for a potential

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solution to her storage issue. Over 100 individuals attended a Bureau of Justice Assistance sponsored state and local anti-terrorism training in December; the cost for the training was very minimal as the Bureau of Justice Assistance covered most of the cost. The last time this training was held in Nebraska was 3-4 years ago.

Mark Conrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Snook seconded this motion; the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 13, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.

The 2015 meeting dates are as follows:

Friday, January 9	Friday, July 10
Friday, March 13	Friday, September 11
Friday, May 8	Friday, November 13

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>

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ACRONYM LIST

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