

# Tri-County PET Region Working Group

## Meeting Minutes

March 13, 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 9:05 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	X
Mark	Conrey	Communications	X
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire	X
Shane	Hunter	Urban Fire	X
Paul	Johnson	Emergency Management/Douglas County	X
Rich	Lally	Rural Law Enforcement	
Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County	X
Bill	Pook	Washington County	
Phil	Ruhe	Co-chair, Omaha Mayor's Office	
Whitney	Shiple	Planning, Exercise & Training (PET)	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR)	X

*Other in attendance: Greg Andersen, Phil Brazelton, Denise Bulling, Scott Crites, Kevin Griger, Bill Holaday, Shannon McVaney, Dave Points, Dustin Rief, Brian Stolley, Hayley Sutter, Lee Tomlinson, and Karis Vlasek*

#### 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

Jay Leavitt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2015. Paul Johnson seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

### Discussion Items

No discussion items.

### Updates and Reports

#### 1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update – written reports

##### a. Submitted Tri-County Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR)

The BSIR must be submitted every six months; Phil has submitted the projects for the Tri-County region.

##### b. Completed a NEMA desk review of the FY2014 SHSG on March 11

The Tri-County has provided NEMA with all requested documents and should receive feedback in 2-3 weeks. The Tri-County Region does not anticipate any follow-up will be necessary.

##### c. Completed bid process for Fire & Police Rescue Task Force ballistic protection equipment

Six bids have been received for the Fire & Police Rescue Task Force ballistic protection equipment has been received. A decision on the winning bid is expected soon.

##### d. FEMA released the FY2015 Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) risk validation (used to determine UASI eligibility)

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Omaha dropped from a rank of 61 in FY2014 to 65 in FY2015 and from a threat level 3 to threat level 4. The top 100 most populous metros in the country are asked to update their risk profiles each year. Last year, the 39 top ranked MSAs were selected as a UASI; Omaha does not anticipate being chosen as a UASI for FY2015.

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

### a. FY2014 SHSG budget

The FY2014 SHSG ends January 31, 2016; the FY2014 SHSG award amount is \$457,689.00. The budgets are all up to date.

## 3. Standing committee reports

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

The Emergency Management committee has not met since the last Tri-County meeting.

#### i. PET Sub-Committee, Whitney Shipley, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency

52 individuals completed the recent Operation Section Chief ICS training; registrants included representatives from law enforcement, the Department of Agriculture, emergency management, Department of Corrections, and hospitals. 100, 200, 700, and 800 level courses can be completed online; however, 300 and 400 level courses must be delivered locally. Some counties have requested 300-400 level courses to fill training gaps.

#### ii. THIRA Update

Washington County is close to completing their THIRA process; Sarpy County and Douglas County are utilizing the tool and have begun the THIRA process.

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

The FirstNet meeting will be held on March 18-19 in Kearney, Nebraska. The meeting will provide an overview of FirstNet, engage stakeholders, and gather information on stakeholder needs and expectations. The Tri-County Region will likely be a big user of FirstNet and have the greatest need for broadband. The intent of FirstNet is to cover the entire country with broadband; in Nebraska, the major cities and I-80 corridor will likely be the priority areas. Nebraska has yet to decide if they will opt in or out of the federal program; if it opts out, Nebraska will have to build the network at its own expense. Washington and Douglas Counties are receiving new consoles to facilitate some encryption usage by the Omaha Police Department. Primary talk groups will not be encrypted; however, talk group users should coordinate with OPD to ensure they are authorized to have access.

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

The CIKR committee met on Tuesday, March 10 to discuss their proposals for the FY2015 State Homeland Security Grant; the Nebraska Preparedness Partnership is the top CIKR project. Funding from the FY2014 SHSG has been allocated for a NPP pitch book that will be done in March and website design for a new NPP website. A third business has joined the NPP as a member. The 501(c)(3) was submitted in February 2015 and the NPP was incorporated last year. State Homeland Security grant dollars support the NPP through the CIKR; NPP could apply for FEMA grant dollars that are available for private-public partnerships. NPP should be self-sustaining with a CEO by the end of the calendar year.

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

The bomb robot upgrade was approved by the City Council. Once all parts have arrived, the robot will be sent in for its upgrade; the robot should be back in time for the College World Series. The Bomb

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Response Team will be at the college basketball tournament games in Omaha. The Omaha Terrorist Early Warning Group is in the midst of a data call and is working with the Fusion Center to get all necessary information submitted. Bill and Lee are in the process of categorizing Omaha's highly critical infrastructure; Omaha doesn't have any level 1 highly critical infrastructure, but does have several level 2 highly critical infrastructure. The nomination period for new classification goes until May 1; Omaha is not expected to have any new nominations.

- e. **Rural Law Enforcement:** Rich Lally, Douglas County Sheriff's Office presented by Kevin Myers  
The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is hosting an active shooter training on June 20. An active shooter exercise will also be conducted in collaboration with the fire school on May 20 at Papillion South High School.
- f. **Urban Fire:** Shane Hunter, Omaha Fire Department  
The ballistic protection for the task force project has been ordered and will hopefully arrive in time for the College World Series and May 20 active shooter exercise. Individuals at the fire station are being trained on deploying the credentialing machine. Shane met with John Olson to discuss Urban Fire's priority projects to be presented during the Investment Justification Workshop in April; ICS training was identified as one of the top priorities.
- g. **Rural Fire:** Travis Harlow, Waterloo Fire  
An incident occurred on the Platte River two months ago that exposed gaps in the agencies ICE training; in accordance, the agency is working to get everyone trained properly.

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

- a. **Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)** – Phyllis Dutton, OMMRS  
No report.
- b. **Citizen Corps Program** – Erin Payne, OPD  
The Omaha Police Department is planning for A Salute to Safety event on April 25 at Westroads Mall. The Neighborhood Watch brochure is being used by all agencies in the Tri-County and more disaster preparedness brochures are on order. CERT is in the process of recruiting and training new members, including pilot testing of an online training in Blair on April 18. A planning and outreach event for Fire Corps and Volunteers in Police Service is scheduled for November 20, 2015.

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

The Homeland Security Policy Group met and reaffirmed the current priorities set in the state strategy. The Investment Justification Workshop will be similar to last years and will be planned for as soon as the guidance is released. LB923 established a Safety and Security Director within the Department of Education; in the next 18 months, every school in Nebraska is expected to complete a physical vulnerability assessment; schools will also be expected to submit safety plans and identify their vulnerabilities. This mandate does not supersede Rule 10 and schools must still abide by Rule 10. This is an unfunded mandate; however, the State is looking at ways to fund this, including using funding set aside for law enforcement activities. In addition, LB923 mandates all school personnel complete one hour of suicide prevention training starting this fall.

#### Action Items

No action items.

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## Public Comment

The weather siren test will be held on Wednesday at 10:30am.

Dennis Snook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Brazelton seconded this motion; the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

## Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 8, 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

<b>AEL</b>	Authorized Equipment 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>GMS</b>	Grants Management 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