

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2008
11:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Butler Co. Fire Department
Rosehill, KS

I. Call to order

1. Introduction of members and guest (see sign in roster).

II. Approval of minutes

1. Passed unanimously

III. New Business

1. Michele Abbott-Becker Update of Council Finances a spreadsheet was distributed which shows that the SCR has \$172,511.31 remaining to spend on the projects approved during the last meeting. The breakdown of the approved funding includes \$25,000 for the FAD Containment trailer, \$41,201.31 for the USAR and \$106,310 for the GIS project.

2. Capt. John Eichkorn KHP introduced himself as the replacement for Captain Mark Bruce as the KHP DHS representative. (785) 256 3552 is his cell phone number (785) 296 5985 jeichkorn@khp.ks.gov is his email address.

3. Capt. Dave Mathew SCFD gave an update on IMT Training and discussed his vision of the scope of the IMT training. He went into to the differences between a rule-book versus a play book. He supports the development of a play book that better suits the needs of Kansas disasters. He also went into the desire of the Kansas HAZMAT symposium to promote a Homeland Security symposium to deal with a broader spectrum of needs. A “white paper” has been assembled to articulate this vision and present it to the stakeholders at all levels of government. Jim Schmidt later clarified the fact that this training was separate from the training currently being developed by the Incident Management Teams.

4. Kent Reeves Raytheon JPS Communications gave a presentation on communications interoperability equipment offered by his firm including the ACU 1000. The latest offering they have includes ACU 2000 IP which allows ROIP access through VOIP phone systems. They also have an ACU-T is a field model that operates on 12 VDC that will link five different voice paths. The presentation was somewhat technical in nature and Mr. Reeves indicated he would be willing to meeting with the communications subcommittee if needed. www.jps.com has downloads available for all this information.

LUNCH AS SCHEDULE ALLOWS

5. Kansas Assisting Recovery Efforts (KARE) gave a presentation on the Kansas All-hazards Behavioral health KAB response in declared disasters. This effort provides for behavioral health services in the aftermath of a disaster. The first phase is the Immediate Services Project (ISP) which can run as long as 60 days. If needed the behavioral health response can be extended up to ninety days under the Regular Service Programs (RSP). One half of the responding counselors will be hired from the local area with the others statewide. The program includes outreach which involves going door to door and checking on persons within the affected area. The KAB also starts self help groups and support groups along with equipping individuals with coping skills to help deal with the behavioral health impact of the disaster. The KAB does not handle case management it however it does provide information on available behavioral health resources. Comanche County Cookbook project was highlighted where school kids got together and collected cookbooks for those lost by residents in Greensburg.

6. Jessica Frye: State GIS Coordinator gave a presentation on the GIS project which is going forward within the SCR. The SCR project is a pilot project for the statewide implementation of a GIS system. The vision includes the operation of a region wide server for storage and back up of regional GIS data, the development and creation of critical layers and the effective interface of different GIS systems present within the region.

The components of this project include a region wide inventory of GIS system architecture, gaps and how to fill them, and the development of a server configuration that will meet these needs. Sedgwick and Barton counties will not require a site visit the remaining counties may or may not.

Sub-regional stakeholders meetings will be held in Wichita, McPherson, Pratt, and Great Bend which will explain the process and get input on the critical layers being developed. Stakeholders include Emergency Management, 911, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Public Health, County Extension Services and GIS personnel.

Identifying critical levels will look at statewide and regional needs during the process. The 400 data layers will be prioritized by tiers into three groups based on the input from the stakeholders. Each region should have a subcommittee to assist in this process, due to the complex nature of this project and maintaining it.

There will be training offered on April 15 and 16 in Wichita and 29 and 30 in Pratt. At least one GIS and EM representative per jurisdiction would be preferred.

Oscar Thomasson will chair the SCRHSC subcommittee on the GIS project.

7. Project Updates

MERGe 800 MHz radios are on order and will be programmed with state EMS frequencies.

Communications Project is ongoing at this time no one was available to make a report.

Training Project the IMT team is looking into utilizing the resources available for IMT training within the region.

Patient Tracking is ready for ordering.

Monthly updates will be made by project managers in the future

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Each nominee will given two minutes to address the full council, if they desire.

NOMINEES:	Amy Miller	Barton Co. Emergency Management	Chair
	Oscar Thomasson	Sheriff's Association	Chair
	John Lloyd	Fire Chief's Association	Chair
	Seth Konkel	MMRS	Chair
	Mike Loreg	Harper Co. Emergency Management	Vice-Chair

Unanimous votes for Mike Loreg for Vice Chairman was taken after the speeches and before the ballots were taken. There was a run-off election between Amy Miller and Oscar Thomasson, Ms. Miller won and is now the Chairman of the South Central Region Homeland Security Council.

Chief Curmode gave a brief speech thanking the SCR for the successes that occurred during his term.

V. Next meeting – February 14 will be the next meeting location to be announced.

VI. Adjourn