

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes

March 08, 2019, 0900 CT

1819 Farnam Street, Jesse Lowe Conference Room

Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of voting members present

Marty Bilek, Working Group Chair, call the meeting to order at 09:08 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Phil	Brazelton	Communications alternate	
Jesse	Eret	Emergency Management chair	X
Stu	DeLaCastro	Sarpy County alternate representative	
Scott	Crites	City of Omaha / Working Group Alternative Chair	X
Kevin	Griger	Rural Law Enforcement chair	X
Dan	Douglas	Washington County representative	X
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	
Bill	Holaday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement chair	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County representative	X
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Adi	Pour	Douglas County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shiple	Emergency Management alternate	
Bill	Muldoon	Communications chair	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	X

*Others in attendance: Andrew Lomax (Bellevue Fire Department), Leah Swanson (Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Medical Reserve Corps), Jesse Eret (Sarpy County EMA), Brian Stolley (LaVista PD), Nick Pierce (Bellevue Fire Department), Melanie Bates (Mayor's Office), Logan Lueking (NEMA), Sarah Egnor (City Finance), Dave Points (UNO Public Safety), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps), Jason Casady (Douglas County Emergency Management Agency), Larry Fichtner (NEMA), Sean Runge (NEMA), Justin Watson (Omaha Metro Health Care Coalition), Nikki Webber (NEMA), Donny Christensen (NEMA), Beau Boryca (Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition), Lindsey Button (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center)*xx

2. Review & approval of January 11, 2019 meeting minutes

- a. Change in standing committee Emergency Management – Jesse Ert, Sarpy Co
- b. Bill Muldoon replaces David Sletter – Communications
- c. Motion to approve as amended – passes

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update
 - a. BISR due this month – still waiting on it to be sent from NEMA
2. Financial update & report: *Scott Crites, Omaha Mayor's Office – Handouts provided & Sent out prior to meeting – these are up to date*
 - a. FY 2016 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31, 2019
 - b. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2020
 - c. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2021

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3. Standing committee reports

- a. Emergency Management: *Jesse Eret, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency*
 - i. Meeting yesterday - ?
 - ii. March 27th statewide tornado drill 10:00 am
 - iii. NE association of EM conference April – more information on website
 - iv. Offet airshow – exercise May 17th
 - v. August 8-10 EPA region 7 conference – Embassy Suites Omaha – registration open
 - vi. Above average risk of flooding this spring – Immediate threat Elkhorn & Platte

- b. Communications: *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications* – Bill Brazelton – not much from Washington Co. Continuing with radio project. Test users begin next month and May, full users in June, fully combining systems in October. Douglas Co. updating Viper in April/May.

- c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: *Dennis Snook, OPPD* – last months ICS 100 class – well attended. This month implementation of ICS 100 – fire with NPP – explaining roles of fire & business (March 18). 2 day training – April 9-10th NGT 310 Law enforcement, fire, critical infrastructure.
 - i. Nebraska Preparedness Partnership: *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator* – coordinating events with Sprint in KC. Presentation at NAM conference to intro to NPP Community. Elections – mix of new board members with existing. Will do strategic planning in upcoming weeks. Sandra in Wayne, NE – cybersecurity, business continuity. CI Care – put in for 10K for active shooter exercise 2020– Eric will represent at PET SME group.
 - ii. Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC): *Val Goodman or Kathy Jacobitz, Nebraska Methodist Health System* - Justin, new coordinator. Restructured – dissolve ECC. Replace with cadre of representatives – liaison between jurisdictional authority and healthcare system. 2 committees, 8 working groups. Currently doing 2 needs assessments – medical volunteers, at-risk populations (special needs, gaps in current plans). Resources – 20 years of resources have been built up- storage is expensive, looking for options.
 - iii. Public Health: *Douglas County Health Department, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health, Three Rivers Public Health Department* - Influenza active decreasing in DC. Seeing H1N1 across the state. AH3 in Douglas County. 1st activation of National Quarantine at Neb Medicine, went well. Communication went especially well. Can be a resource for restaurant inspections.
 - iv. Citizen Corps Program: *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency & Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator* – Working on projects – submitted IJs to NEMA for 1st review, some were cut. SME for Citizen Corps – reviews occurred, will meet this month to finalize recommendations for IJs.

Dale – Cert program – scheduled 2 trainings – May & Fall. Cert team working with Washington and Sarpy county on siren testing. Washington County – looking at team Cert program. July Cert Train the Trainer. Volunteer class scheduled for Aug 2-3 in Bellevue. Fire Corps – Class March 23rd – full class. Viper Program –Volunteer policing program –

Neighborhood Watch – all towns came together to put together a work plan – one meeting has occurred. Bringing Cert into neighborhood watch. Many programs have expired or are outdated – working to bring back up.

MRC – promotional booths – Creighton, UNO, Washington Co. Storm Spotter, Behavioral Health Conference. 2 First Aid support events – Heat the Streets, Alzheimer’s Football Game. Stop the Bleed Program. Next months – annual conference – offering 6 CEUs for medical professionals. Sending 2 volunteers to preparedness conference with HS money.

Suggestion to incorporate Stop the Bleed into your active shooter/threat/killer training. Can offer breakout sessions at conferences.

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- d. Urban Law Enforcement: *Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD*
 - i. LE SME met on Monday. Majority of TriCo projects were approved. 6 week hazardous device school – HS2017 Funds providing
 - ii. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group: *Sgt. Lee Tomlinson, OPD* – OPS Schools, new superintendent and security director have been very cooperative. 100 schools, when complete will have all districts in metro, minus Bellevue complete.
 - 1. Has NPP put businesses in – yes, a few.
 - e. Rural Law Enforcement: *Capt. Kevin Griger, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office* - Grant proposal – first round of cuts took 100K off. A few projects were cut but the majority are moving forward
 - f. Urban Fire: *B/C Coby Werner, and Capt. Brad Witte – Omaha Fire Department* – 2019 IJ process – 3 projects submitted did not make it past the cut to NEMA.
 - i. Old projects – rope rescue course – May 22-25th
 - ii. Fire officer 1 class – April –at OPSTC
 - iii. Fire officer 2 class – September – on 3 Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th
 - iv. Flood – OFD ramped up online training platform to deal with the threat. Evaluated equipment & response capability for flood threat response
 - v. June – OFD National Safety week – training to public
 - g. Rural Fire: *Travis Harlow, Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department* – not present
4. Public Policy Center Report: *Denise Bulling – Lindsey Button* – SME group project evaluation underway. All group meetings to occur in March. Cybersecurity March 11, Hazmat 12th, Ag – 21st
- a. Final policy group meeting April 15th Public policy center in Lincoln
5. NEMA update – *Nikki Webber* –
- a. change in projects and amount of detail that needed to be provided. Justification for denial was on each project that was not selected. Information was sent out in December but not well disseminated by PET region.
 - b. April 1st LEOP – reimbursement workshop – review plans. Grant staff will discuss reimbursement for grant process. Information on website.
 - c. Flooding – state looking at – focused on area west of Columbus area. Flooding on Loop River – Ice Jams on Platte. Conditions not right for ice dusting at the present time. No major sandbagging at this time. Best case scenario is a slow thaw. Preparedness conference in St. Louis – some staff attending. NRD/County Compact for dynamite use. Environmental Impacts are significant. Permit and approval process are intensive – very expensive.
 - d. Rejected IJs – look at comments from NEMA, make adjustments, and resubmit. Needs to be a proofing of IJs prior to submission – experience & knowledge “at the table” – missed opportunity to improve submissions – errors & missed questions.
 - e. Are new projects eligible? Is there a no new project rule? Technology changes etc.
 - f. Who is receiving formal communication within the region? Make adjustments – if information is not getting shared effectively.
 - g. Dollar amount vs. value of project – is it clearly written, is it justified, are projects prioritized. State Communication plan – submitting final draft for review and approval
 - h. Weather service has hinted it will be a wet spring – prepare for flooding
 - i. Comment - disagreement with NEMA’s comments on IJ’s related to project submitted for water rescue

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- j. Going away from Public Policy Center – and use of their website – PET region meeting minutes will be on NEMA’s website.
- k. Planning software – reinitiating process again – request for bid – planning software to help with LEOPs
Completion of LEOP takes extensive time. Due July 1st of the year.

Public Comment: None

Upcoming Events: *Scott Crites, Omaha Mayor’s Office*

- 1. PET Sub-Committee meeting following this Tri-County Working Group meeting
- 2. Please review the Tri-County’s multi-year planning, exercise, and training (PET) calendar.
- 3. Please review the [NEMA training calendar](#) for statewide training opportunities

Future Meetings

The **next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 10, 2019** at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.

Regularly scheduled Tri-County meetings occur every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, unless otherwise specified.

The **regularly scheduled 2019 meeting dates** are as follows:

Friday, January 11, 2019	Friday, July 12, 2019
Friday, March 8, 2019	Friday, September 13, 2019
Friday, May 10, 2019	Friday, November 15, 2019

The **regularly scheduled 2020 meeting dates** are as follows:

Friday, January 10, 2020	Friday, July 10, 2020
Friday, March 13, 2020	Friday, September 11, 2020
Friday, May 8, 2020	Friday, November 13, 2020