

Metropolitan Emergency Communication Council Minutes of February 12, 2011

The next MECC meeting is scheduled Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Liberty Hospital, 2525 Glenn Hendren Drive, Liberty Mo 64068 in the Education Center auditorium.

Present at the February 12 meeting were:

Name	Callsign	Organization
Ed Menard	KD7QOR	USCG Aux./Navy-Marine Corps MARS
Kent Dickinson	KØWEW	Army MARS
Ed Rust	KDØBKH	Wyandotte County RACES
Sandy Rust	KDØBZI	Wyandotte County RACES
Mike Bellinger	KØUAA	Jackson County ARES
Larry Widener	KAØYJE	Red Cross – KC MO
Matt May	KC4WCG	Johnson County EM
Rick Smith	KØKEX	Northland ARES
Carolyn Wells	KDØCJW	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Steve Hoeger	KCØYSY	Northland ARES
Brian Short	KCØBS	Johnson County ARES
Dennis Carpenter	KAØSXY	Northland ARES
Dennis Smeltzer	KCØQBU	Johnson County ECS
Linda Randel	KCØNFT	Douglas County RACES/ARES
Mark Randel	KCØNFS	Douglas County RACES/ARES
Robert McConchie	KDØGAO	EJC/Independence CERT
Brian Pintenich	KDØBNQ	Johnson County ARES

Matt May, president, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Objectives Review the objectives listed in the December 11, 2011 MECC minutes. An added objective is outreach to other ham groups in the area.

Credentialing Four levels of credentialing is proposed. The proposal is uploaded to the Files section of the MECC Yahoo Group Website. Send any comments on the proposal to Brian Short. The Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee plans to issue regional ID cards. No definitive time has been determined for completion of the ID project.

Ham Classes Upcoming classes planned for March 5 and 12 at Centerpoint Medical Center and March 26 and April 2 at the Topeka Fire Training Center.

NIMS National Incident Management System course completion is necessary for working with emergency management and for access to certain emergency scenes. Those courses are IS-100B, IS-200B, IS-700 and IS-800B. IS-704, a communications specific course, is recommended.

Exercises The “Spring Fever” public health exercise begins April 19. The National Level Exercise 2011 runs from May 16 to May 19. It is a New Madrid earthquake exercise. MECC member groups should share your involvement plan with the MECC.

KCHEART More ham activity and involvement in hospital support is desired. New hospital captain and operator job descriptions will be developed.

MARC Erin Lynch of the Mid-America Regional Council thanked the ham community for its dedication.

Websites The following Websites are useful for MECC members:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC_KC/, <http://www.mecckc.org/>,
<http://www.kchamradio.com/>, <http://kchams.net/> and <http://www.larryslist.info/>.

Frequency Template The template was mailed to each MECC member. Put your group’s frequency plan into the template. The Johnson County entry is an example.

SET Planning The MECC exercise is Saturday, October 1. The exercise will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 2:00 p.m. A hotwash will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. The after action review meeting will be Saturday, October 8. There will be no notational responses in this exercise. There will be no acceleration of the time line. The exercise will be an opportunity to test EOC, hospital, go-kit and mobile communications. There will be local nets and a regional net.

Resource typing A combined agreement that emergency management and ham radio leadership will sign off on will be needed for implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bellinger
Secretary