

Metropolitan Emergency Communication Council Minutes of April 9, 2011

The next MECC meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11th at the Johnson County Administration Building, 111 S Cherry St, Olathe KS 66061. Talk-in will be on the 145.47 MHz. repeater (tone 151.4).

Present at the April 9 meeting were:

Name	Callsign	Organization
Ed Menard	KD7QOR	USCG Aux./Navy-Marine Corps MARS
Kent Dickinson	KØWEW	Army MARS
Mike Bellinger	KØUAA	Jackson County ARES
Larry Widener	KAØYJE	Red Cross – KC MO
Matt May	KC4WCG	Johnson County ARES
Rick Smith	KØKEX	KC North ARES
Carolyn Wells	KDØCJW	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Steve Hoeger	KCØYSY	Hospital
Brian Short	KCØBS	Johnson County ARES
Dennis Carpenter	KAØSXY	Northland ARES
Marshall McClure	NØHXT	Missouri Army MARS
Dick Quinlan	KAØDJR	Leavenworth County ARES
Joe Krout	WØPWJ	Wyandotte County RACES/ARES
Bill Gerle	NØJJA	KC North ARES
Ron Rodveldt	KCØQIG	Platte Co. ARG/Northland ARES MO Army MARS

President Matt May called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

The minutes of the February MECC meeting were approved.

Public Health Exercise A medication distribution exercise will be held April 18, 19 and 20. Hams in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties and in the Northland will participate.

SET The next planning meeting is scheduled for June 9. Inform Matt May what groups will participate in the SET. Participation offers have been extended to southwest Kansas via MARS and to the St. Louis area. Objectives are being formulated. The exercise includes simplex and repeater communication checks, similar to what was tested during the 2008 hospital support exercise. Messaging will involve various formats, including the ICS-213 form. Various tasks will be assigned in this exercise. Communication up the operations organization will be involved. The location of the regional operations center remains to be determined.

Credentialing A new credentialing proposal was presented. Each MECC group should review and discuss the requirements. Input on the proposal should go to Matt May.

Fldigi Joe Krout presented information on Fldigi, a software package supporting digital communication. Fldigi was suggested as a standard for digital communications during the SET. Dennis Carpenter and Kent Dickinson contributed to the discussion. KC North ARES conducts a PSK-31 net at 8 p.m. Sundays on 145.750 MHz. FM simplex. Johnson County ECS conducts their digital operations on 146.460 MHz.

MEMC The Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee's exercise committee has the following exercises on the calendar: the public health exercise previously mentioned, the National Level Exercise 2011, the SET and a regional exercise scheduled for September 2012.

KCHEART The contact information at hospitals is being revised and updated. Digital interfaces need construction as well as some go-kits containing equipment already on hand

Kansas RACES Kansas RACES is being revitalized at the state level.

Missouri Interoperability Conference Based on after action reporting on the January 2011 Missouri communication exercise; some of the common training issues were reviewed.

NIFOG The National Interoperability Field Operations Guide is a reference guide for public safety radio technicians and communications planners. The waterproof, pocket-sized guide (also available in PDF format) contains radio regulations, tables of radio channels, and technical reference information. This is a tool you should have if you are establishing or repairing emergency communications in a disaster area, Information is available at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/nifog/>.

KMBC weather special Carpenter and members of KC North ARES will be on a Channel Nine weather special on April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 11 at the Johnson County EOC.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bellinger
Secretary