

Metropolitan Emergency Communication Council Minutes of June 11, 2011

The next MECC meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, August 13 at a location to be announced.

Present at the June 11 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 Emergency Management
Carolyn Wells	NØCJ	Liberty Hospital/KCHEART
Steve Hoeger	KCØYSY	KCHEART/ Northland ARES/PCARG
Dennis Carpenter	KAØSXY	Northland ARES
Marshall McClure	NØHXT	Missouri Army MARS/Platte Co. ARG
Homer Sykes	WBØBTI	USCG Aux./Navy-Marine Corps MARS
Susan Backs	KCØJCR	Leavenworth Co. ARES/KCHEART/St. John
Robert McConchie	KDØGAO	Independence/EJC/RACES/CERT
Ed Rust	KDØBKH	Wyandotte County RACES
Sandy Rust	KDØBZI	Wyandotte County RACES
Tom Griswold	KTØMG	Johnson Co. RACES/ARES/SATERN
Glen Dikes	KDØGIE	Wyandotte Co. RACES/ARES/SATERN
Bill Gery	KA2FNK	NWS/Johnson Co. ECS/ARES
Ron Rodveldt	KCØQIG	Platte Co. ARG/Northland ARES MO Army MARS

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

Digital Communications Demo Bill Gery gave a demonstration of FLDIGI. May, Dennis Carpenter and Steve Hoeger contributed to the demonstration.

SET Objectives for the Simulated Emergency Test on Saturday, October 1 include the use of ICS forms, simplex and repeater checks, operations between ham groups, their partners and participating agencies. The groups known to be participating were named. The objectives will be finalized and distributed to MECC members later. Each participating groups will have to supply a minimum of one person to be a controller and one person to be an evaluator. This is an Emergency Management Performance Grant eligible exercise. Therefore, emergency management offices ought to be offered the opportunity to participate and should be interested in participating.

Ham Classes Technician license preparatory classes will be offered in four sessions beginning Saturday, July 9 at the Kearney Public Library.

NIMS Some new and revised ICS forms have been released. Have the latest versions on hand. The IS-704, NIMS Communications and Information Management Course is recommended for hams. The IS-700, NIMS Introduction course will be offered on Tuesday, July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the North Kansas City Community Center.

Credentialing Members are asked to discuss the proposed Amateur Radio Credentialing Requirements within their groups.

MEMC The MECC SET exercise has been repeatedly mentioned at Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee meetings. The regional ESF-2 guidelines are finished. The guide is available upon request from Matt May. In that document the MECC president is the primary point of contact for amateur radio communication mutual aid.

KCHEART The contact list that was assembled for the hospital exercise is being updated with parts of it being finished. Various related projects that had been on hold will be seeing progress. Go-Kits with medical group support capabilities will be assembled from a stock of radio equipment already acquired.

NLE An after action report on amateur radio participation in the National Level Exercise, prepared by J.D. Simmons, was distributed. Amateur radio was used as the National Weather Service also took part in an unannounced exercise.

Spring Fever Exercise Hams in various counties participated in this point of distribution medical exercise. Johnson, Jackson and Wyandotte County hams reported very successful results. Clay County ARES realized more education is necessary in the public health realm regarding amateur radio's capabilities and role. The same observation was made in Leavenworth County with respect to the hospitals.

Wyandotte Co. Joint Exercise For the first time, Wyandotte County RACES and CERT conducted a joint cold-start exercise.

Joplin Tornado Several parties gave reports on their support of SATERN following the Joplin tornado strike.

Flooding Regional flooding SITREPs are available upon request from Matt May. Eastern Jackson County CERT will deploy to Levasy due to the flooding there.

FRS Demo Steve Hoeger demonstrated his Family Radio System base station.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bellinger
Secretary