

# Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council

## Summary of August 11, 2012 Meeting

Present at the August 11, 2012 meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Matt May (President)	KC4WCG	Johnson County EM & ARES
Brian Short (Vice President)	KCOBS	Johnson County ARES
Carolyn Wells (Secretary)	N0CJ	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Kent Dickinson (Treasurer)	K0WEW	Army MARS
Larry Widener (Membership Sec)	KA0YJE	American Red Cross KCMO
Mike Bellinger (Member at Large)	K0UAA	Jackson County ARES
James Bair	N0AJI	Jackson County ARES
Alan Altis	KC0SCT	Northland Emergency Response
Richard Fretwell	K0KRF	Jackson County ARES
Tana Welch	KD0QWL	Blue Springs ARC
John Eberenz	N0RES	Blue Springs ARC
Ron Rodvelt	KC0QIG	Northland ARES/MO Army MARS
Dennis Carpenter	KA0SXY	Northland ARES
Sandy Rust	KD0BZI	Wyandotte County RACES
Ed Rust	KD0BZK	Wyandotte County RACES
Dick Quinlan	KA0OJA	Leavenworth County ARES

President Matt May called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were done.

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from June 9, 2012. They were unanimously approved with one correction to Alan Altis' call sign.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **2012 Goals**

Matt reviewed the 2012 MECC Goals with the group. Matt stated he would copy the frequency coordination template to the MECC folder on the yahoo group website. Also, be sure to fill out the MECC member organization contacts list with tertiary contacts.

We still need to establish a PIO for the group. James Bair is the point of contact for this effort, so anyone with an interest in performing regional PIO (Public Information Officer) duties, please contact him or Matt May. The group felt this person needs to have completed the ARRL PIO class. Jim will make a list of the credentials this person needs and bring it back to the group.

Matt stated Johnson County is building a weather spotter board in WebEOC that should be done by the end of the year. Once they have worked out the bugs, it will be available to the other copies of WebEOC in the region.

## **Credentialing**

Matt made a general inquiry as to how many groups have adopted the resource typing document approved by this group. Several of the groups are making progress. Matt also shared the evaluation process for determining the level for amateur radio operators in Johnson County.

Just as an FYI, the IS-288 class is off-line at this time. Not sure when it will be available again.

## **Regional Badging System**

The regional badging system has been through many changes over the past several years. The regional system that is currently in place is the KCTEAM system that will integrate with the state of Kansas. The system, InterTrax, is operational and being populated. Volunteers will be badged through the Emergency Management offices, but the policies have yet to be developed for the Kansas City system. The photos for the badges have to be small and a certain resolution size on a white background. KCHEART data is already in the system and will be used as a test bed for the volunteers in the system. If anyone would like a copy of the data template, you can contact John Hwang at MARC.

## **NEW BUISNESS**

### **MECC SET – October 6, 2012**

The summary from the MECC SET Final Planning Conference was discussed (a copy of which is available on the MECC yahoo group website). The scenario will be an earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone and the Kansas City region will be providing support for sheltering and alternate care sites. We will have regional objectives (listed on the summary), but each jurisdiction should add objectives specific to what they will be exercising. This can include tasks such as evaluating a location for communication set-up, identifying a back-up site/location, etc.

Carolyn and Matt are working on the documents for the exercise. Each jurisdiction is encouraged to write specific objectives they would like to accomplish. Carolyn and Matt will work with the groups to complete the documentation.

Another meeting was added to be sure all of the work is done before the Controller/Evaluator training. So the next meeting will be held on September 11 at the Unified Government of Wyandotte County EOC at 1800.

## **Education**

Technician Classes 2012

August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson County EOC

## **HAM Fests**

The Santa Fe Trail HAM Fest will be September 1, 2012 at the Johnson Co. Ks fairgrounds in Gardner Ks.

The North KC HAM Fest and Emergency Communications Expo will be January 19, 2013 at the Hillside Christian Church (900 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO) from 0800-1400. Contact Alan Altis for information.

## **MEMC Report**

Carolyn did a brief explanation of the Regional Mass Fatality Plan. This asset is similar to the federal DMORT team, but on a smaller scale. It is activated through the Emergency Management office in each jurisdiction, but is coordinated out of the Jackson County Medical Examiner office.

Matt gave an update on the Commercial Mobile Alerting System (CMAS). If you have a question whether or not your phone is CMAS capable, you can go to your carrier's web site or you can do ##CMAS# and your phone will let you know. If you would like further information, please go to the [www.preparemetrokc.org](http://www.preparemetrokc.org) website.

## **KCHEART**

The first few videos have been shot but they need to be redone to improve the sound quality.

We have put together 5 kits that can be deployed out in the field if needed. Two of the kits will be sent to LTAC's on the Missouri side as part of the hospital project. The other 3 will be deployed strategically in the metro area. Because of the funding, however, they have to go to a hospital or EM office on the Missouri side. Each kit contains 2 radios (Yaesu FT-8800 and 8900) with their power supplies, a TNC, 200 feet of coax, and 2 antennas with magnetic mounts in a Pelican case. This kit replicates the capabilities of most of the hospital setups.

## **Exercises**

The regional Fall Hospital Exercise will be September 26, 2012 from 0600-0900. It will be a radiation dispersion device (RDD) that is set off in downtown KC and Leavenworth. Victims will be contaminated as well as injured. There will be an amateur radio component to the exercise, but Carolyn is not yet sure what it will be. The ExPlan has not been finalized. Carolyn will let everyone know as soon as the plan is done so it can be shared with the HAM groups.

## **Web Sites**

This is the current list of web sites that may be of interest:

1. [www.mecckc.org](http://www.mecckc.org)
2. [www.hamclass.org](http://www.hamclass.org)
3. <https://ks.train.org>
4. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC\\_KC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC_KC/)
5. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kcheart/>
6. <http://www.larryslist.info>
7. <http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist>
8. [www.kcHamRadio.com](http://www.kcHamRadio.com)
9. [www.marc.org](http://www.marc.org)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **VA Hospital Repeater**

The UHF repeater has been installed at the VA Hospital in Kansas City. The frequency is 443.500 MHz with a tone of 151.4. Feel free to check in...Jerry Dwyer (N9FL) is monitoring all the time. This will be the primary KCHEART repeater and a regional net will be established for testing and training on this repeater.

**Upcoming Dates:**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Final Planning meeting for the SET at the Wy Co EOC at 1800.

October 2, 2012 – Controller/Evaluator Training for MECC Set at the Don Chisholm Center (610 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64108)

October 6, 2012 – MECC SET

October 13, 2012 – MECC Meeting (After action conference for SET) at Central Jackson County Fire Protection District Training Center, 4715 W. 40 Hwy, Blue Springs

December 8, 2012 – No meeting place scheduled yet – Please let Matt know if you are willing to host this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ  
Secretary