

## Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of December 8, 2012 Meeting

Present at the December 8, 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)	NOCJ	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Larry Widener (Membership Sec)	KA0YJE	American Red Cross KCMO
Mike Bellinger (Member at Large)	KOUAA	Jackson County ARES
Dick Quinlan	KA0DJR	Leavenworth Co. ARES
James Bair	NOAJI	Jackson County ARES
Rick Smith	KOKEX	Northland ARES
Ron Rodvelt	KCOQIG	Northland ARES
Richard Fretwell	WOKRF	Jackson County ARES
Sandy Rust	KDOBZI	Wyandotte County RACES
Ed Rust	KDOBKH	Wyandotte County RACES
Katie Hoeger	KIOKNH	
Steve Hoeger	KCOYSY	KCHEART
Harriet Pintenich	KDOBPN	Johnson County ARES/SATERN
Brian Pintenich	KDOBNO	Johnson County ARES/SATERN

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

There was no meeting summary to approve since the summary from October 13, 2012 was the AAR/IP meeting for the MECC SET 2012.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MECC SET 2012 AAR/IP Update**

The regional AAR/IP is final, but the jurisdictional ones are not complete. Matt has only received 3 and those still have some things that need to be completed. They need to be completed and turned in before the end of December for the Emergency Managers to be able to take credit for this exercise. Matt will send out an email to the individual jurisdictions detailing changes that need to be made for those that have already been submitted.

The alternate care site/shelter information also needs to be completed in a readable format so the site evaluations can be submitted to the American Red Cross and the hospitals. The fillable PDF form is on the MECC yahoo site. Any additional documentation, i.e. maps, has already been scanned and will be included once the site evaluation has been completed. This also needs to be in by the end of December.

#### **Review of MECC Goals for 2012:**

Active:

1. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing system for communications volunteers.
  - a. Progress has been made in this endeavor is almost ready to be implemented region-wide. This goal will stay active
2. Development of a frequency coordination template.

- a. This has been accomplished. The templates are on the MECC yahoo web site. Any changes need to be submitted to Matt or Brian so the templates can be updated. This goal will be taken out of active status and will be monitored.
- 3. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, and RACES groups with emergency management, extending to the regional level.
  - a. This goal has been accomplished. MECC is now a standing line item on the MEMC agenda. We have also extended invitations to other groups to attend our MECC meetings. This goal will be taken out of active status and will be monitored.
- 4. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC member organization contacts.
  - a. The master organization list has been modified to allow for tertiary contacts, however, few have been populated. Please provide this information to Larry Widener, Membership secretary, at [larry.widener@redcross.org](mailto:larry.widener@redcross.org). Matt will send out an email to all MECC members currently identified on the list inviting them to attend the meetings if they don't do so already. This goal will stay active.
- 5. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization.
  - a. We need to develop a template for member organizations so they can identify their resources/capabilities. Brian will work on this. This goal will stay active.
- 6. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics.
  - a. We still need to work on this goal so it will stay active. We are still looking for someone to provide leadership for this event. Contact Carolyn Wells if you are interested.
- 7. Establish a PIO position for MECC to coordinate with other groups.
  - a. This goal has been completed. Matt appointed Jim Bair to this position and he has agreed to perform the duties of the PIO when needed. It was suggested that we work on doing something for Field Day next year. This goal will be monitored and placed on the agenda as a report-out item.

**Monitoring:**

- 1. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training.
  - a. This continues to be monitored. The Regional WebEOC Committee has developed a Weather Spotter board that will be available to all of the copies in the region. MECC members are encouraged to contact their EM's for access to this board. This goal will continue to be monitored.
- 2. Participation in notification systems.
  - a. City Watch continues to be available. There are classes held each quarter at MARC on the use of this system. Contact Carolyn Wells for access to this system. This goal will continue to be monitored.
- 3. Education of new HAMs.
  - a. Classes continue all over the metro at various levels. There are many "Get On The Air" type classes as well as weekly nets that provide education. This goal will continue to be monitored.

**New Goals:**

- 1. Develop a demonstration workshop for Emergency Managers to educate them regarding the capabilities of amateur radio operators. Matt stated he would be able to act as a liaison to the Emergency Managers group, but we still need someone to provide leadership. Please contact Matt if you are interested in this.

**Credentialing**

Several of the groups in the metro region have begun the process to adopt the resource typing document. Johnson County has worked out a system between ARES and RACES to approve operators at

the various levels. All the files relating to this process can be found in the Files section of the MECC Yahoo Groups site.

Matt discussed the regional badging system status and the policies that govern the use of the badging system. There are two systems, the state of Kansas system and KCTEAM regional system. Both systems are operational and being populated. The KCTEAM policy is being finalized and Carolyn and Matt have drafted the Amateur Radio Operator addendum to that policy. Nothing has been approved yet because the MEMC needs to form a workgroup to address ALL the volunteer groups that may need to use the KCTEAM system. KCHEART will be the test group for this process. The Amateur Radio Resource Types are in the process of being adopted as qualifications in both systems.

There has been a slight change to the layout of the badges. They will still be on a white background for the volunteer groups, but the 2-dimensional bar code will be replaced by a QR code. The scanning system will be able to read either style so existing cards do NOT need to be replaced but will be migrated to over time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Kansas RACES Plan Update**

The Kansas RACES Plan has been updated and is in the process of being adopted by Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The credentialing is a little different than what we have in the metro, amateur radio operators will have to be a least a level 3 and have some leadership classes. Any deployment of this group will come through the County Emergency Management agency.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Technician Classes 2013**

Platte County ARC will be starting classes January 7 that will run once a week for 8 weeks.  
Contact Bob Wilson, NTOA for more information.  
Hamclass.org - February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at CJC

#### **NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-704**

IS-802 has now been added to the catalog to replace IS-704. It is much more applicable for communications.  
IS-288, The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management, is part of Level II and the Professional Development Series. It was off line for about 6 months but is back on line.

#### **Others**

Douglas County KS is holding their annual Weather Symposium at KU at the Kansas Union on March 9, 2013 from 0800-1600.  
Harriet and Brian stated that they are teaching IS-22 and IS-100 at MARC on January 26, 2013.

### **MEMC Report**

Just as a reminder, Safety City will now become PrepareMetro KC and it will be presented in a different way. It will be taken to smaller venues such as Grandview Founder Days, KC Zoo, and T-Bones Heroes Days. Mike O'Neal from Platte County is the point person for this.

## **KCHEART**

The first few videos have been shot, but they need to be redone. Carolyn and Matt are working with Richard Boyd to get this done.

KCHEART met on November 17, 2012 at CJC. We are still working to match up hospitals with HAM captains. A new UHF repeater has been installed on top of VA Hospital. The frequency is 443.500 MHz with a tone of 151.4 Hz. This will be the primary frequency for the KCHEART group and the hospitals will be holding monthly nets using this frequency.

## **Exercises**

Planning will begin for the MECC SET on October 5, 2013. We will probably meet on the Thursday before the MECC meetings. Matt and Carolyn will be in contact with the planning group to set up meetings. They will most likely be held at the Wyandotte County EOC as they have been in the past.

The next regional exercise will be a mass prophylaxis exercise being planned by the regional health departments. The hospitals will also be participating. The CDC will be sending in a practice Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) pack to be broken down and distributed to various sites in the metro. There will more than likely be an amateur radio component to this exercise to support the health departments at their various Point of Dispensing sites. The exercise is scheduled for April 8-11, 2013.

## **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. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC\\_KC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC_KC/)
4. [www.kcHamRadio.com](http://www.kcHamRadio.com)
5. [www.marc.org/emergency](http://www.marc.org/emergency)
6. <https://ks.train.org>
7. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kcheart/>
8. [LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net](mailto:LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net)
9. <http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist>

Matt stated he would check on the master MECC membership addresses to make sure they are correct.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Election of New Officers:** Existing officer were reelected in their current positions: Matt May, President; Brian Short, Vice President; Larry Widener, Membership Secretary; Carolyn Wells, Secretary, Mike Bellinger, Member at Large; Kent Dickinson, Treasurer

**Next Meeting: February 9, 2013 at the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District Training Center**

## **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

April 13, 2013  
June 8, 2013  
August 10, 2013  
October 12, 2013  
December 14, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Wells, NOCJ  
Secretary