

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of June 9, 2012 Meeting

Present at the June 9, 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)	KC0BS	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
Tom Griswold	KT0MG	Johnson County ARES
Alan Altis	KC0SET	Northland Emergency Response
Richard Fretwell	K0KRF	Jackson County ARES
Ed Menard	KD7QOR	Leavenworth ARES
Warren Okeson	KD0PAO	Johnson County ARES
Ron Rodvelt	KC0QIG	Northland ARES/MO Army MARS
Dennis Carpenter	KA0SXY	Northland ARES
Robert McConchie	KD0GAO	Independence RACES
Sandy Rust	KD0BZI	Wyandotte County RACES
Ed Rust	KD0BZK	Wyandotte County RACES
Joe Krout	W0PWJ	Wyandotte County RACES

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

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from April 14, 2012. They were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Goals

Matt reviewed the 2012 MECC Goals with the group. We have made progress on all of the goals except the goal 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.

Ad Hoc Workgroup on Digi Frequencies

James Bair reported the group has come up with the simplex frequencies to be used for digi in the metro area. They divided the metro into 2 zones. The North zone (north of the Missouri and Kansas rivers) will use 145.750 and the South zone (south of the rivers) will use 145.710 with the coordination frequency of 145.730 for 2 meters. These would be frequencies available for all digital modes. The current national APRS frequency will remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS

Kansas RACES Program

Kansas is in the process of revitalizing their RACES program and they are in the process of rewriting the state plan. Once it is done it will be sent out to each county and will include a template to write a county level plan. Matt also stated the State of Kansas Communication Annex Plan includes both ARES and RACES as support groups for communications in the state.

Regional Frequencies Template

Brian went over the current template for the frequencies in the metro area. Some of the data is inaccurate and needs to be corrected. Several corrections were made, but the group was not able to correctly identify all of the repeaters listed. It was suggested to put a comment section at the end of the template to describe the location of the repeater. Brian will do this. The group was asked to take the template back to their own groups and review it for any inaccuracies. Once Brian has made appropriate changes to the current spreadsheet, it will be posted on the yahoo website. Please review and provide Brian any corrections by email.

MECC SET – October 6, 2012

The summary from the MECC SET Intermediate 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 will draft the ExPlan and Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEG's) within the next 30 days and send them out to the planning group for review. Each jurisdiction has an official representative that will be responsible for distributing the drafts out to their own group. These official representatives will also be looking for individuals to be controllers and evaluators. Carolyn and Matt will be glad to help draft any jurisdiction-specific objectives and tasks.

The next meeting, which will be the Final Planning Conference, will be held on August 11 at the Unified Government of Wyandotte County EOC at 1800.

EDUCATION

Technician Classes 2012

August 18th and 25th at the Johnson County EOC

General Class

25-30 people in the class that was held in Olathe with about 75% passing the exam.

NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-704, PDS (Professional Development Series)

www.fema.gov

www.arrl.org

MEMC Report

Matt read the paragraph in the Kansas City Regional Coordination Guide that pertains to amateur radio. We are specifically listed as a resource for communications in the ESF2 appendix of the RCG.

Matt also went over the handout regarding the Commercial Mobile Alerting System (CMAS) that will shortly be activated around the country. If you would like further information, please go to the www.preparemetrokc.org website.

KCHEART

The first few videos have been shot and are now in post-production. There are a few parts that need to be re-shot and then they should be available via You-Tube soon.

KC HEART participated informally in the regional exercise held on April 25, 2012. This exercise was a lead-up to the All Star Game. The hospitals participated by receiving casualties from an incident at Kauffman Stadium. Bill Gerle ran an informal net from Liberty Hospital to see who was on the air. As it turned out, there were about 18 stations on the air. Next time, it will be more formal with designated net control and traffic to pass. The next exercise will be in the third week in September.

The badges for KCHEART are still in the works. We are waiting on the company who makes the badges to finalize the format so they can be printed. Matt will let everyone know when they are ready.

Exercises

Amber Waves is a National Level Exercise that is scheduled for September 24-27, 2012. More details will be shared at upcoming meetings. Carolyn will be sitting on the exercise committee and will try to include amateur radio in the exercise. The hospitals will only be participating one day, not sure which day that will be. In preparation for that exercise, Jim Bair suggested taking the FEMA course IS-301 which is "Response to Radiological Incidents."

Web Sites

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

1. www.mecckc.org
2. www.hamclass.org
3. <https://ks.train.org>
4. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MECC_KC/
5. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kcheart/>
6. LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net
7. <http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist>
8. www.kcHamRadio.com
9. www.marc.org

OTHER BUSINESS

CERT Rodeo

The CERT Rodeo is scheduled for October 13, 2012. The CERT Rodeo will be held in the same location as the October 13 meeting of the MECC (CJC Training Center). Robert McConchie is helping organize this effort and would like help with some education. He is hoping to provide some hands-on education for the CERT members regarding radio communications. If anyone has suggestions or can help provide education, please contact Robert at rmconchie@indepmoep.org or 816-806-9559.

Upcoming Dates:

August 11, 2012 – MECC Meeting at Kearny Fire Protection District 201 E. 6th Street, Kearny, MO 64060

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ
Secretary

