

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of October 13, 2012 Meeting After Action Conference for the MECC SET Exercise October 6, 2012

Present at the October 13, 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
Richard Fretwell	K0KRF	Jackson County ARES
Rick Smith	KC0KEX	Northland ARES
Dick Quinlan	KA00JA	Leavenworth County ARES
Joel Stanley	WU8Y	
Bill Gery	KA2FNK	Johnson County ECS/ARES
Stan Swaggart	KC0ZLC	Cass County EMA
John Lyon	N0TXO	Jackson County ARES
Wayne Bingham	KC0ZUN	Independence/EJC ECS
Larry Eker	WA0YQM	Wyandotte County EM
Tom Griswold	KT0MG	Johnson County ARES/ECS
Jim Laning	N0WUU	Johnson County ARES/ECS
Robert Shaumeyer	KC0TZX	Johnson County ARES/ECS/KCHEART

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

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from August 11, 2012. They were unanimously approved.

After Action Report/Improvement Plan Conference for the MECC SET Exercise 2012

Matt reviewed the Exercise scenario and objectives with the group. The list of all the participating jurisdictions, amateur radio groups, and hospitals was presented to the group for verification. There were no additions or corrections. The statistics for the exercise were shared as follows: 108 players, 25 controller/evaluators, 2 facilitators, and no observers (other than the media). There were 34 shelter facilities evaluated, 9 alternate care sites, and 22 hospitals participating.

The major strengths and areas for improvement were then shared with the group. These were identified from the Controller/Evaluator debriefing done right after the exercise as well as the Exercise Evaluation Guides and Participant Feedback Forms. Those present were in agreement with the elements that were identified by the Exercise Director and Senior Controller. There were also some exercise design elements that were noted and will be considered in planning next year's exercise.

The Improvement Plan matrix was then reviewed in detail. The primary responsible agency, the agency POC, the start date and the completion date were filled in and will be sent out with the updated draft of the AAR/IP. It was stressed by Matt May that the follow up steps (outlined below) were imperative to be completed in the next 30 days so that the jurisdictions could get credit for having completed the exercise. Those present agreed with the recommendations and corrective actions included in the IP matrix and with the 30 day timeline for exercise completion.

The next steps were identified as follows:

- Revise the ExPlan with jurisdiction-specific information
- Revise the AAR/IP with jurisdiction-specific information
- Create list of participants with their name, call sign, email address in a spreadsheet and **send to Matt at mmay@jocogov.org**. This is for the Certificate of Participation that will be handed out to each participant.
- Rewrite the facility evaluation forms into electronic format (file name should be the facility name with the date, i.e. argentine 100612)
- Send the ExPlan and AAR/IP to Steve Adukaitis at sadukaitis@marc.org

The above steps must be done in conjunction with the local emergency manager and turned into Steve Adukaitis by November 15, 2012. Copy to Matt May at mmay@jocogov.org

Next year's date is October 5, 2013. The planning meetings will be the second Thursday of the month just before the MECC Saturday meetings. They are tentatively planned for the Wyandotte County EOC.

Jurisdiction-specific books were handed out with copies of all the materials that were turned in after the exercise. Carolyn and Matt have the originals in a large binder and will keep them.

NEW BUISNESS

Education

Technician Classes 2012

November 3rd and 10th at the NWS Training Center by KCI

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training

October 23-25, 2012 at MARC

Jackson County ARES

Once per quarter there is a "emergency" session on the Jackson County ARES net This one upcoming (Oct 24th) will be on how to use alternate power, improvise antennas, etc in case of emergency. The net is held on the 146.970 repeater at 2030 hours.

MEMC Report

Matt did an update from the MEMC meeting. There was a question regarding the Dept. of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications class that is being done at Dayton...would it be possible to bring that to the Kansas City region? Matt will work through MEMC to see if it is possible. The training calendar for next year is set, but we may be able to work it out. Further information on this will be sent out via the Yahoo group.

KCHEART

There will be a meeting scheduled before the end of the year. There has been a great deal of progress made on the UHF frequency to be used by the hospitals. The KCVA amateur radio group has put up a UHF repeater on top of the Kansas City VA Hospital. The frequency is 443.500 MHz with a tone of 151.4 and it was used during the MECC SET Exercise. It has great range, even reaching as far as Sedalia when conditions are good. A commercial grade antenna will be installed next weekend which should stabilize the coverage. Jerry, NF9L, the repeater trustee, is working with the amateur radio group in Warrensburg, WAARCI, which is the trustee of the 146.880 repeater to link with the VA repeater. They have tentatively agreed to a trial period to test this link and insure there is no interference with their own operations. Details are still being worked out, but this would give KCHEART a significant footprint covering the Region A facilities in Missouri.

Nominations Committee

Brian Short will head up the elections committee for the MECC. Members will include Rick Smith, Dick Quinlan, and Larry Widener. They will present their recommendations at the meeting in December. Contact any of these folks if you are interested in serving.

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.info
7. <http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist>
8. www.kcHamRadio.com
9. www.marc.org

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8 with the location still to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ
Secretary