

## Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of October 12, 2013 Meeting

Present at the October 12, 2013 meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Matt May (President)	KC4WCG	Johnson County EM & ARES
Carolyn Wells (Secretary)	N0CJ	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Larry Widener (Membership Sec)	KA0YJE	American Red Cross KCMO
Mike Bellinger (Member at Large)	K0UAA	Jackson County ARES
Glen Dikes	KD0GIE	Wyandotte County RACES
Ron Rodvelt	N0RL	Northland ARES
Richard Fretwell	W0KRF	Jackson County ARES
Jim Bair	N0AJI	Jackson County ARES
Bill Gery	KA2FNK	Johnson County ECS
Herb Fiddick	NZ0F	Kansas RACES and SEC
Dennis Carpenter	KA0SXY	Northland ARES
Keith Kaiser	WA0TJT	Northland ARES
Deb Kaiser	W0DLK	Northland ARES
John Eberenz	N0RES	Jackson County ARES
Steve Hoeger	KC0YSY	KCHEART
John Capra	KD0EVM	Jackson County ARES
Kent Dickinson	K0WEW	Region 7 Army MARS
Dave Stickle	KD0GOX	KCHEART
Warren Okeson	KD0PAO	Heart to Heart
Susan Backs	KC0JCR	Leavenworth County ARES
Dick Quinlan	KA0OJR	Leavenworth County ARES
Joe Krout	W0PWJ	Wyandotte County RACES
Jerry Chamberlain	WA0JRT	Jackson County ARES
Rich Britain	N0ENO	SATERN ARES
Tana Welch	KD0QWL	Blue Springs ARC
Carolyn Wells	N0CJ	KCHEART
Matt May	KC4WCG	Johnson County EM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **MECC Goals 2013**

##### **Active:**

1. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing for communications volunteers. – Still in progress
2. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC member organization contacts. – The contact list was passed around.
3. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization. – In progress
4. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics. – Not yet started
5. Develop a demonstration workshop for Emergency managers to educate them regarding the capabilities of amateur radio operators. – We will do this after one of the MECC monthly meetings.

**Monitoring:**

1. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training – There are new boards being developed that will be rolled out shortly in the region.
2. Participation in notification systems. – City Watch training is available at MARC. Groups can get access to the system by contacting Carolyn Wells.
3. Education of new HAMs.
4. Development of a frequency coordination template.
5. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, and RACES groups with emergency management, extending to the regional level.

**Elections**

It is time to form a nominations committee to get a slate of officers to be voted on at the December MECC meeting. If anyone is interested in heading that committee, please let Matt know.

**Communication Plans**

As part of the improvement plan, which the group went over in the meeting, a regional communication plan will be developed. Please bring your ideas and any group or jurisdictional communication plan to the next meeting.

**Training**

There are still trainings that need to be developed. The group needs to decide what trainings can be done and how that will get accomplished. This will be another topic for discussion in December.

**Digital Modes**

Based on what was presented in the AAR session, we need to form a workgroup to work on putting together procedures, training, exercises, etc. on digital modes. Jim Bair agreed to chair this group.

**Education**

Technician Classes 2013

November 2 and 9 at National Weather Service Training Center

General Class

None at this time

NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-802, Professional Development Series

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

[www.arri.org](http://www.arri.org)

**The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing the MECC SET 2013 After Action/Improvement Plan.**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Weather Service Training Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ  
Secretary

## **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. [LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net](mailto:LarrysList@list.k0jpr.net)
7. <http://list.k0jpr.net/mailman/listinfo/larryslist>
8. [www.kcHamRadio.com](http://www.kcHamRadio.com)
9. [www.marc.org/emergency](http://www.marc.org/emergency)