

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of June 14, 2014 Meeting

Present at the June 14, 2014 meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Carolyn Wells (Secretary)	NOCJ	RHSCC Hospital Committee
Steve Hoeger (Membership Sec.)	KCOYSY	KCHEART
Richard Fretwell	WOKRF	Jackson County ARES
Dick Quinlan	KA0DJR	Leavenworth County ARES
Tom Griswold	KT0MG	Johnson County RACES/ARES
Kent Dickinson	K0WEW	Army MARS
Larry Eker	WA0YQM	Wyandotte County RACES/EM
Katie Hoeger	KT0KNH	KCHEART
Ed Menard	KD7QOR	KCHEART
Glen Dikes	KD0GIE	Wyandotte County RACES
Terry Constant	W0TLC	Johnson County ARES
Joe Krout	W0PWJ	Wyandotte county RACES

Secretary Carolyn Wells called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were done.

OLD BUSINESS

MECC Goals 2014 – Carolyn verified with the group the goals for 2014.

Active:

1. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC member organization contacts. – Steve has been working on this list.
2. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization. – In progress, Steve Hoeger will work on a form to list the resources we want to capture.
3. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics. – Not yet started
4. 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.
5. Development of a regional communications plan. Completed and posted on the Yahoo groups site. If there are updates, please let Brian know.

Monitoring:

1. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing for communications volunteers.
2. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training.
3. Participation in notification systems. – City Watch is available in the region if a group has no other access to a notification system. Contact Carolyn Wells.
4. Education of new HAMs.
5. Development of a frequency coordination template. – Brian has developed one for JoCo ARES. Brian is happy to share the CHIRP templates for programming
6. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, RACES groups, and the served agencies with emergency management, extending to the regional level.

Credentialing - Resource Typing

Carolyn presented the “State of Kansas RACES Credentialing and Resource Typing (REVISED)” document that Matt sent and stated was finalized with the state RACES officer on June 13, 2014. This document

will be posted to the Yahoo Groups. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the changes to Levels III, II, and I. Most of the changes have to do with the changes that have occurred in the Professional Development Series. The other major change is in regards to the requirements for net control. With the understanding that the title of the document would be changed for the MECC, the document was unanimously voted in by the voting members present, with one dissenting voice from a non-voting member.

Brian was not present to talk about the process for assigning typing levels for radio operators. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Regional Communications/Frequency Plan

This was reviewed and a few changes made. It can be found on the yahoo site under the Comm Plans & Radio Templates folder.

Education

Technician Classes

September 13 & 20, 2014 at NWS Training Center

January 10 & 17, 2014 at Johnson County EOC

NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-802, Professional Development Series

There have also been some changes in the Professional Development Series and the Resource Typing group made the changes.

www.fema.gov/emi and www.arrl.org

HazMat for HAMs/Damage Assessment Classes

These are two separate classes that will be taught on the same day. The HazMat for HAMs class will be from 0800-1000 and the Damage Assessment class will be from 1000-1200. They will be presented on the following dates and locations:

June 21 – Johnson County EOC

July 26 – American Red Cross KC Chapter

August 9 – NWS Training Center (near KCI)

REPORTS

MEMC Report

Mike O'Neal and Jennifer Fales were presented with the Community Preparedness reward because of their work on the CERT Rodeo in a Box project.

Matt May did a presentation on the current state of WebEOC in the metro region.

There was a presentation on the Mass Fatality Plan and KCRMORG.

KCHEART

Matt finally got the raw files of the videos that were shot almost a year and a half ago. There may be some regional ASPR funds that can be used to finish this project. Matt will work with Dan Manley to see what can be done to complete the videos. There is a company that is currently under contract to MARC that may be able to help.

Signalinks has been purchased for all of the regional hospitals. We now have the equipment (courtesy of regional ASPR funds) and will be putting these in place as soon as we have the protocols and

equipment documents in place. Please check with your hospital contacts to make sure they have access to a computer for the FLDigi software.

Exercises

CAPSTONE 2014

This is a National Level Exercise (NLE) between 8 states. The scenario will be an earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The exercise will take place during the week of June 16-20, 2014. There is a planning team for the Kansas City region that will share details of the exercise and the possible involvement of amateur radio. The EOC's will be playing on days 1 and 4, and the hospitals on day 3.

There will be an amateur radio component on Day 1 that will be evaluating HF capabilities. This test will use the normal designated PRIMARY frequency of 3.963 MHz LSB or on the SECONDARY frequency of 7.263 MHz LSB and is scheduled to be conducted between approximately 0900 and 1000. This will be under the control of SEMA.

On Day 2, there will be a HEAR radio test at 1000 followed by the KCHEART net at 1030. This will be conducted by the Regional Healthcare Coordination Center and will be a directed net on the VA repeater 443.500 MHz in the metro region and on the Warrensburg repeater 146.88 MHz simultaneously.

Members are encouraged to participate with the Emergency Management Agencies and the hospitals as they can.

Regional PIO

No report.

Membership Secretary

Steve passed around the sheets with all of the groups listed. There are some groups which are not engaged in the MECC that we would like to invite. Steve is working on a letter to send out to the served agencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

MECC SET 2014

The date will be October 4, 2014. The planning team met on June 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyandotte County EOC. We will be doing the same scenario as last year with some modifications. Groups were encouraged to look at their Improvement Plan from last year and see what improvements need to be evaluated this year. The group is currently working on the MSEL for the exercise from each jurisdiction. The next meeting will be on July 10, 2014 at the WyCo EOC.

Other Business

Skywarn – Tom and Steve have both talked with Eric Cook and John Beals and there is no good explanation of why Skywarn has not come up for the severe weather warnings. Both have been invited to attend our meetings. Terry shared that they are working on a link between the 300 watt transceiver in Lee's Summit with an antenna situated on the roof of the Johnson County Courthouse. They are working with Brian Jeffers to get this accomplished.

Larry Eker reported Wyandotte County will be switching over to digital to be a part of the MARS network in the region on June 22, 2014

Field Day Events

Platte County Radio Club will be operating a 5F station out of the NRAD station.
Raytown Radio Club will be at the WWI museum in downtown Kansas City.
Blue Springs Radio Club will be operating out of the parking lot at St. Mary's Hospital.
Heart of America Radio Club will be at the Red Cross HQ.
Johnson County Radio Club will be at Shawnee Mission Park and will be operating 4F.
Santa Fe Trail Radio Club will be at the Ensor Museum.
Wyandotte County RACES will be at Shelter House #10 at Wyandotte County Lake.
Leavenworth ARES will be at VA Park in Leavenworth.

Web Sites

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

1. kcmecc.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/emergency

Next Meeting

August 9 at 1000 at the Platte County Resource Center on Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO.

Future Meetings

October 11, 2014 – Johnson County EOC

December 13, 2014 - TBD

Action Items:

1. Brian will make the changes to the regional template and put in on the yahoo group.
2. Steve will work on the form for regional resources.
3. Matt will make the changes to the resource typing document for MECC and post on the yahoo group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ
Secretary