

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of October 11, 2014 Meeting

Present at the October 11, 2014 meeting were:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Call Sign</u> | <u>Organization</u> |
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| Matt May (President) | KC4WCG | Johnson County EM |
| Brian Short (Vice President) | KCOBS | Johnson County ARES |
| Carolyn Wells (Secretary) | NOCJ | RHSCC Hospital Committee |
| Dick Quinlan | KA0DJR | Leavenworth County ARES |
| Ed Robarge | W0LVG | Leavenworth County ARES |
| Dennis Carpenter | KA0SXY | Northland ARES |
| Ron Rodvelt | KCOQIG | Northland ARES |
| Keith Kaiser | WA0TJT | Northland ARES/Northstar District |
| Deb Kaiser | W0DLK | Northland ARES |
| Forrest Creason | KD0RSX | Cass County ARES |
| Mike Bellinger | KOUAA | Jackson County ARES |
| Glen Dikes | KDOGIE | Wyandotte County RACES |
| Jim Tuggle | KCONYK | Kansas RACES |
| Harriet Pintenich | KD0BNP | KCHEART, JoCo ARES, ECS |
| Brian Pintenich | KD0BNQ | KCHEART, JoCo ARES, ECS |
| Steve Hoeger | KCOYSY | KCHEART |
| Eddy Paul | KY0F | KCHEART |
| Susan Backs | KCOJCR | KCHEART |
| Dave Stickel | KD0GDX | KCHEART, Cass Co. ARES |
| Kent Dickinson | KOWEW | MARS |
| Dennis Smeltzer | KCOQBU | Johnson County ECS |
| Richard Fretwell | W0KRF | Jackson County ARES |
| Mike Asselta | KD0CDA | Johnson County ECS, ARES |
| Gary Sykes | KCOVYP | Santa Fe Trail ARC |
| Bill ? | ??? | Jackson County ARES |

President Matt May called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were done.

MECC SET 2014

There was a general overview given on the MECC SET Exercise held October 4, 2014 by Carolyn Wells, Exercise Director. The exercise was scheduled from 0800-1400, however some jurisdictions finished early and everyone was done by 1300. This gave plenty of time for the groups to conduct their hotwash, collect the documentation and come to the C/E debriefing.

The AAR/IP draft was reviewed by the group and changes made to the document. Carolyn will finish making the changes and get the updated draft out to the local groups so they can do their own AAR/IP. Carolyn and Matt would like the local AAR/IP documents by October 31, 2014 so they can be sent in to the various states agencies for credit.

When the AAR/IP portion of the meeting was completed, Matt moved to the MECC meeting. Those who did not wish to stay for the MECC meeting were excused. There were separate sign-in sheets for the AAR/IP meeting and the MECC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MECC Goals 2014 – Matt 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, need to work on this.
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.

Monitoring:

1. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing for communications volunteers.
2. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training. – Matt gave an explanation of the amateur radio boards used by Johnson County in WebEOC. He and Michael talked about the current state of WebEOC for Missouri.
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. – Need to reach out to Skywarn and invite them to the meetings.
7. Development of a regional communications plan. Completed and posted on the Yahoo groups site. If there are updates, please let Brian know.

Credentialing - Resource Typing

Matt discussed the information about credentialing. The software used for this is from Salamander. It is not currently statewide in Missouri, but regions A, H, D, and C have all chosen to use this (Kansas City area, St. Joseph area, Springfield area, and St. Louis area). All data has now been merged into the national server. Thus work can now proceed on getting local hams credentialed in the KC system. KCTEAM has this responsibility.

The state of Kansas has been asked to adopt the regional typing standards which should not be a problem.

Education

Technician Classes

HAM 101 class will be given at the Southside Radio Club Hamfest October 18, 2014
January 10 & 17, 2015 at NWS Training Center, 7220 NW 101st Street, KCMO
January 10 – February 28, 2015 there will be a weekly Technician Class and a CW Class sponsored by the Santa Fe Trail ARC, location TBD.

NIMS, EMCOMM, Professional Development Series

IS-802 class is back

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

This was a well-received class and it has been identified there is still a need for the class. The MECC leadership will work with Richard Fretwell and Gary Thurman to schedule more classes and develop a train-the-trainer class as well.

REPORTS

MEMC Report

No report

KCHEART

We have found some funding to complete the videos. There will be ten videos of 10 minutes each that will be shot in HD. There will also be a CD for each facility with all the videos for training.

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.

As an FYI, the back-up repeater for KCHEART is at KUMC, 442.325 MHz with a 151.4 tone. There was a suggestion that stations check in on this repeater during the monthly KCHEART net. Matt and Carolyn will look into this.

Exercises

There are currently no known exercises in the region.

Regional PIO

No report. Matt will reach out to Jim Bair and see if he is still able to serve in this capacity.

Membership Secretary

No report. Send any changes to Steve Hoeger at kc0ysy@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections will be coming up in December. The slate will be set for presentation at the October meeting. The nominations committee will be appointed by the current President.

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

The next meeting will be December 13 at 1000 at a location still to be determined. Richard will check with the American Red Cross and see if they meeting can be held at their location.

Future Meetings

KCSCOUT is not available for meetings at this time. We may be able to meet there later next year.
February 14, 2015 – No location as of yet

Action Items:

1. Matt will reach out to Jim Bair regarding his continued participation at the regional PIO.
2. Matt and Carolyn will look into adding the KU repeater to the monthly KCHEART net.
3. Brian will work on the accreditation process for credentialing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ
Secretary