

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of June 13, 2015 Meeting

Present at the June 13, 2015 meeting were:

| Name | Call Sign | Organization |
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| Matt May (President) | KC4WCG | Johnson County EM & ARES |
| Brian Short (Vice President) | KCOBS | Johnson County ARES |
| Carolyn Wells (Secretary) | NOCJ | RHSCC Hospital Committee |
| Steve Hoeger (Membership Sec.) | KCOYSY | KCHEART |
| Kent Dickinson (Treasurer) | KOWEW | MARS |
| Mike Bellinger (Member at Large) | KOUAA | Jackson County ARES |
| John Eberenz | NORES | Blue Springs ARC |
| Richard Fretwell | WOKRF | Jackson County ARES |
| Deb Kaiser | WODLK | KC North ARES |
| Keith Kaiser | WAOTJT | Northland ARES |
| William Hulse | W5NI | Blue Springs ARC |
| Jim Bair | N0AJI | Jackson County ARES |
| Forrest Creason | KDORSX | Cass County ARES |
| John Bauerly | NW0I | Johnson County ECS |
| Larry Eker | WA0YQM | Wyandotte County RACES/EM |

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 18, 2015. There was one correction to the time the meeting was called to order. They were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

MECC Goals 2015

Active:

1. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization. – Steve Hoeger is working on a form and will send out a request for specific information.
2. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics. – Nothing to report at this time.
3. Explore a relationship with the Boy Scouts of America Northstar District. – Keith Kaiser reported they have set up a radio scouting committee at the Council level. Also, Camp Nash now has an amateur radio on site for the summer.
4. Development of a regional communications plan. – The current version of the plan is located on the MECC yahoo group site. Please send any updates or corrections to Brian so he can make the changes on the plan. We will move this goal to monitoring.

Monitoring:

1. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC membership organization contacts. – Steve will send out emails to verify the participating organizations.
2. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing system for communications volunteers. – See new business.
3. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training. – Matt gave an update on the state of WebEOC in both Missouri and Kansas.
4. Participation in notification systems – City Watch training is available through MARC. Contact Carolyn and she will facilitate with MARC.

5. Education of new HAMs. - Ongoing
6. Development of a frequency coordination template. – This has been recently updated and is available on the yahoo groups site.
7. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, and RACES groups with emergency management, extending to the regional level. - Ongoing

Education

Technician Classes 2015

Hamclass.org: November 7th and 14th – Johnson County EOC,

Extra Class

Norma Libby: August 28, 29, &30 – Independence Fire Station 1, normalibby@sbcglobal.net

HAM 101 Class

Herb, NZOF, is willing to conduct another class. Anyone who is willing to host the class, please contact Herb. The suggestion was made to do this one in the south part of the metro. Everyone will check with their groups.

Herb also wanted to know if there was any interest in a class on how to organize and manage special events. Matt will set up a meeting to discuss this topic after the next MECC meeting in August.

FEMA Classes

IS 100 & 700 training classes will be held June 20 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Smithville Fire Station, 341 Park. The class will be held by Deputy Michael O'Neal. All are welcome.

Richard Fretwell is willing to do more HazMat for HAM's/Damage Assessment Classes if there is interest. If your group is interested, please contact Richard at rfretwell@sbcglobal.net.

Jim Bair and Rick Smith are doing weekly classes on FL Digi via Google Plus video conferencing. Up to 9 people can be on the video conference/session. It is being done on Thursday nights at 2000. Currently they are doing ICS forms that might be used by operators during a disaster.

Jim Bair stated the ARES Manual has been revised and is now available.

NIMS, EMCOMM, Professional Development Series (PDS) –

The PDS is the backbone of the higher levels of the amateur radio operator resource typing classifications. The two links below will give you access to all the classes you need.

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

www.arrl.org/courses-training

REPORTS

MEMC Report

Matt reported there was a presentation from the Joplin/Jasper county Emergency Manager at the last meeting. If anyone is interested, Matt has the handouts from the presentation detailing the damage, the processes for recovery, etc. There was also a discussion about CERT funding which has been reduced.

KCHEART

The Transfer of Equipment (TOE) for the Signal Links is out to the hospitals and some have been returned. Matt will distribute them to the hospitals that have returned the TOE. Matt will also send out the list of the hospitals that have returned the TOE to the group.

The videos have been shot and are currently in post-production. The plan is for 10 videos, approximately 10 minutes in length. A compilation of the videos will be put on a DVD and given to each hospital.

The plan is to have a July KCHEART meeting in a central location. Matt hopes to have the credentials completed and ready to hand out at the meeting. We are waiting to set a date until the videos are completed.

Exercises

Regional Hospital Exercise

The hospital will conduct a regional exercise on June 18, 2015 from 0900-1100. This will be a HazMat exercise. Each hospital has the option to include activation of KCHEART. Steve will have specific tasks for those participating operators at each hospital. Check with your local hospital to see if they are participating.

MECC SET 2015

This is scheduled for October 3, 2015. The planning committee has met once and decided on the scenario. It will be a winter weather event. This will allow those HAMs that are not a mobile to participate if they wish. Below is a list of dates for the meetings: (if needed, more will be added)

May 21 – Planning meeting at WyCo EOC from 1800-2000

July 16 – Intermediate Planning Conference at WyCo EOC from 1800-2000

August 20 – MSEL planning meeting (if needed)

September 17 – Final Planning Conference at WyCo EOC from 1800-2000

September 29 – Controller/Evaluator Training at Don Chisholm Center from 1800-2000

October 3 – MECC SET and Hotwash at the Don Chisholm Center at 1500

October 10 – MECC SET After Action Conference from 1000-1200 at GKC ARC

Kent stated that he is not sure if he will have the authority to commit Army MARS to this exercise due to some changes at the national level regarding MARS. The Navy/Marine Corps MARS group is shutting down and those members will be able to go to Army or Air Force MARS.

Regional PIO

Jim is gathering information about Field Day locations throughout the metro and he will send the information to the local media. Matt stated that 100 bonus points are given for any group that has issued a press release. By sending Jim this information, you will accomplish this task. Send any information to him at n0ajji@aol.com. Please send any other group activities to Jim and he will be sure it is sent to the media.

Membership Secretary

Nothing to report.

Boy Scouts

Matt brought up the possibility of doing a Search and Rescue exercise out at Camp Nash. He is currently working on the logistics and feasibility of this exercise with the Camp leadership. Please take this to your radio groups and we will discuss the interest next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$8.51 as reported by Kent Dickinson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Credentialing – There was discussion regarding how the regional credentialing process would work. Matt read a list of names that he has suggested be a part of this committee. Each group will take those names back and discuss to see if that person will be the representative. This will give each county 2 representatives. Brian Short will be the facilitator for the group and will only vote in case of a tie. The proposed process was also reviewed.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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| August 8, 2015 | Johnson County EOC |
| October 10, 2015 | American Red Cross |
| December 12, 2015 | KCMO EOC (Matt will confirm) |

Action Items:

1. Steve Hoeger will send a letter to the served agencies to update their information on the membership list.
2. Matt will set up the meeting regarding credentialing after the August 8 meeting.
3. Matt will confirm the KCMO meeting location.

Current Officers:

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Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Wells, NOCJ, Secretary