

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of October 10, 2015 Meeting

Present at the October 10, 2015 meeting were:

Name	Call Sign	Organization
Matt May (President)	KC4WCG	Wyandotte County EM
Carolyn Wells (Secretary)	N0CJ	KCHEART
Steve Hoeger (Membership Sec.)	KCOYSY	KCHEART
Mike Bellinger (Member at Large)	KOUAA	Jackson County ARES
Richard Fretwell	W0KRF	Jackson County ARES
Deb Kaiser	W0DLK	KC North ARES
Keith Kaiser	WA0TJT	Northland ARES
Forrest Creason	KDORSX	Cass County ARES
John Bauerly	NW0I	Johnson County ECS
Gary Sykes	KCOVYP	Kansas TAG ARC
Larry Widener	KA0YJE	Jackson County ARES
Joe Krout	WOPWJ	Wyandotte County RACES
Larry Eker	WA0YQM	Wyandotte County RACES

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

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from August 8, 2015. They were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

MECC Goals 2015 – There were no comments on the goals.

Active:

1. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization. –
 - a. Want to have at least one main contact liaison for each group.
 - b. Each jurisdiction will organize their levels and designate those who fall into each level and provide the list to MECC.
 - c. The capabilities for each level are documented in the MECC yahoo group.
 - d. The Review Board will be at the county level.
 - e. Steve will mock up a form to include members and levels and deployable assets for each group.
2. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics. – Nothing to report at this time.

Monitoring:

1. 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.
2. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC membership organization contacts. – no new discussions.
3. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing system for communications volunteers. – See discussion under Old Business above.
4. WebEOC partnership use arrangements and training.
5. Participation in notification systems – City Watch training is available through MARC. Contact Carolyn and she will facilitate with MARC.
 - a. Can set up separate lists for text, calls or both per Brian.

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

MECC SET 2015

The After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR-IP) was discussed with the group. There were 109 participants, 7 jurisdictions, 8 agencies, and 13 hospitals involved in the SET. There was about a 75% return rate on the on-line participant feedback forms.

The draft regional AAR-IP was presented to the group. With just a few minor changes in the document, the AAR-IP was approved by the group. Carolyn will make the changes to the AAR-IP, update the other documents with the actual participants, and send these out to the planning team so they can include the local jurisdiction information. The regional finals will also be posted in the yahoo groups for MECC.

The next steps for the local jurisdictions and the planning team are:

1. Update the local jurisdiction's AAR-IP and ExPlan.
2. Send the updated documents to Matt and Carolyn.
3. Deadline is October 31, 2015
4. Matt will make sure the Kansas counties documents are submitted to the KS state exercise coordinator. Each KS county EM will need to submit their documents via the KETS system. Carolyn will make sure the MO jurisdictional documents are sent to MARC for submission to the MO state exercise coordinator.

Education

Technician Classes 2015

Hamclass.org: November 7th and 14th – Shawnee, KS Justice Center – more info on hamclass.org.

General Class

Norma Libby: October 24-26 – Independence Fire Station 1, Spring Street and Independence Ave - contact: normalibby@sbcglobal.net

HAM 101 Class

None scheduled at this time. Matt will reach out to Herb Fiddick.

FEMA Classes: Online at <https://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

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. There was some discussion about doing a "Digital 101" class. This needs further investigation.

Rick Smith conducts a digital net on the 147.33 repeater at 8pm every Sunday.

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 updated –

- Matt May is the newly elected Vice-Chair for MEMC
- There is a lot of work going on around the THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment) and the SPR (State Preparedness Report) for both states.
- The next meeting is November 12, 2015 at MARC at 1300 in the Boardroom.

KCHEART

- Videos are in process –They are in the final editing stage. As soon as they are done, the next meeting for KCHEART will be scheduled.
- Deployment of Signalinks: These will be handed out at the next meeting
- Credentials will also be handed out at the next meeting.
- Antennas – Because of the design flaw in the current Diamond antennas that support VHF/UHF communications for the hospitals, Carolyn will be writing a letter to each hospital encouraging them to replace the antennas. Matt would like to put together an installation team to help with the installation of these antennas.

Regional PIO

- No report

Please send any other group activities to Jim at n0aji@aol.com and he will be sure it is sent to the media.

Membership Secretary

- Nothing to report.

Boy Scouts

BSA NorthStar District and Radio Scouting: – Keith Kaiser reported:

- Keith could use help the weekend of October 17-18, 2015 out at Camp Nash to help conduct nets. Please contact Keith if you can help.

Treasurer's Report

- Kent Dickinson not in attendance. No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Nomination Workgroup – Elections will be coming up in December, so there needs to be a nominating committee to come up with candidates. This can include verification that the current officers are willing to serve another year. Larry Widener, Larry Eker, and Joe Krout will serve on that committee. Larry Eker will present the slate at the December meeting for voting.

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/emergenc

Upcoming Meetings:

December 12, 2015 - KCMO EOC (Confirmed) located at 635 Woodland in the Century Towers building. Specific directions for entry into the EOC will be sent with the agenda.

February 13, 2016 – Location TBD

April 9, 2016 – Location TBD

Action Items:

1. Matt and Carolyn will work on the final documents for the MECC SET 2015 and get them submitted to the respective states.
2. The Election Nomination Committee will talk with current officers and come up with an election slate for the next meeting.

Current Officers:

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Respectfully Submitted,
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