

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of February 14, 2015 Meeting

Present at the February 14, 2015 meeting were:

| Name | Call Sign | Organization |
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| Matt May (President) | KC4WCG | Wyandotte County EM |
| Brian Short (Vice President) | KCOBS | Johnson County ARES |
| Carolyn Wells (Secretary) | NOCJ | RHSCC Hospital Committee |
| Mike Bellinger (Member at Large) | KOUAA | Jackson County ARES |
| Steve Hoeger (Membership Sec) | KCOYSY | KCHEART |
| John Eberenz | NORES | Blue Springs ARC |
| Richard Fretwell | WOKRF | Jackson County ARES |
| Dennis Carpenter | KAOSXY | Northland ARES |
| Terri Roller | None | MRCKC |
| Paul Watts | KC0DDZ | Raytown ARC |
| Dave Stickel | KD0GDY | KCHEART |
| Hawk Thorney | None | MRCKC |

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

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from December 13, 2014. There was a correction made to the call sign for Mike Bellinger on page 3. They were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

MECC Goals 2014

Active:

1. Development of a list of capabilities for each MECC member organization. – In progress. We need numbers according to resource typing to compile a regional list. This goal will stay active for this year.
2. Seminar for HAMs on emergency management topics. – Several topics were discussed such as the Interoperability Plan and the Regional Coordination Guide. Matt will work with the group to determine which topics to present. This goal will stay active this year.
3. Explore a relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. – This was expanded to include boy scouts troops from other districts.
4. Development of a regional communications plan. – In progress

Monitoring:

1. Development of a secondary and tertiary list of MECC member organization contacts.
2. Play a part in credentialing and resource typing for communications volunteers.
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
5. Education of new HAMs.
6. Development of a frequency coordination template. – Dennis brought up a few things that needed to be added such as an explanation of what the template is and how it is to be used. Brian will add this and the group can review it for content. It can be found on the yahoo group.
7. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, and RACES groups with emergency management, extending to the regional level.

Education

Technician Classes 2015

April 4th and 11th at Wyandotte County EOC
(2 more classes TBD)

Extra Class in Topeka – No report on how it went.

HAM 101 Class – Dennis Carpenter

March 7th at the Smithville Fire Station – Northland ARES is partnering with NZOF to put on this class. It will be from 0800-1300 and include Dan from Associated Radio and the EM for Platte County. The address is 341 Park Drive, Smithville, MO. Dennis passed around handouts of radio nets and a repeater list for everyone to review and edit. These will be handed out at the class.

A truncated version of the class will be given at the HAM Bash April 18, 2015 at the Ararat Shrine Temple.

There is still some interest in doing the HazMat for HAM's/Damage Assessment Classes. Richard will see about setting up a few more classes in July or August.

Digital Nets

PSK Digital – Wednesday nights at 2030 on 146.970 MHz

Digital – Sunday nights at 2000 on 147.330 MHz

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.

NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-802, Professional Development Series

www.fema.gov

www.arrl.org

REPORTS

MEMC Report

Matt reported the different sub-committees are developing their work plans at this time.

KCHEART

The Transfer of Equipment (TOE) for the Signal Links is out to the hospitals and several 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 contract for the videos has been signed with the production company. Matt will work with them to schedule the shooting of the videos. 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.

We still need a Yaesu FT-897 expert. The suggestion was made to contact Bill Hulse, W5NI, to do this. Matt will contact him.

Exercises

Hospital Spring Exercise – June 18, 2015 from 0900-1100. This will be a HazMat scenario. Not sure if there will be a specific role for amateur radio, but the hospital committee always tries to at least get a notification inject in for the operators.

MECC SET 2015

This is scheduled for October 3, 2015. Matt and Carolyn will get the planning committee together March 12, 2015 at 1800 at the Wyandotte county EOC.

Volunteer Reception Center Exercise

March 14, 2015 0900-1100 Church of the Resurrection in Overland Park – This is being put on by the VOAD. There is a planning meeting 2/18 at Salvation Army.

American Red Cross will be doing a full scale damage assessment/sheltering exercise in April. There was no further information on that exercise.

Regional PIO

No report

Membership Secretary

Steve Hoeger said to let him know if there are any updates.

Boy Scouts

Keith was not at the meeting, so no report.

Kansas RACES

Matt reported that Jim Tuggle is no longer the KS state RACES officer. No one is currently in that position. The state is changing the plan to state that RACES officers must have a general license and at least be a level 3 type. In the state system, need to be sure the name entered matches exactly with the driver's license.

NEW BUSINESS:

Skywarn – Matt had contacted John Seals about coming to the meeting. Matt will reach out to him again.

Medical Reserve Corp of Kansas City (MRCKC)

Terri Roller presented information about MRCKC and some of the events they will be supporting this year. They do first aid stations at many of the events such as marathons, bike rides, walks, etc. and would like to partner with the amateur radio groups to support them. They would like to set up an MOU with this group to help provide communications during events. Matt and Carolyn will work with them to accomplish this task. Terri's contact information is as follows:

Terri Roller, MRCKC Coordinator

816-701-8242 (office)

402-650-2842 (cell)

troller@marc.org

ID Cards for KCHEART – Matt was asked about the ID cards. The issue is there are lots of pictures with no call signs to go with them. Matt will work on uploading these pictures to a site so they can be identified. We are also working on scheduling a KCHEART meeting in the next few months.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

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| April 18, 2015 | The date was moved so the meeting can be held at the HAM Bash. Also note the time change to 1300. |
| June 13, 2015 | Wyandotte County EOC |
| August 8, 2015 | Johnson County EOC (Matt will confirm) |
| October 10, 2015 | American Red Cross |
| December 12, 2015 | KCMO EOC (Matt will confirm) |

Officers for 2015

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| Membership Secretary | Steve Hoeger KC0YSY | kc0ysy@gmail.com |
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| Treasurer | Kent Dickinson W0WEW | skentd@gmail.com |

Action Items:

1. Steve Hoeger will send a letter to the served agencies to update their information on the membership list.
2. Carolyn will set up City Watch training.
3. Matt will confirm several of the meeting locations.
4. Matt and Carolyn will work on the MOU with MRCKC.
5. Matt will upload the KCHEART pictures to a website so they can be identified.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Wells, NOCJ
Secretary