

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council Summary of April 18, 2015 Meeting

Present at the April 18, 2015 meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Organization</u>
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	KCOYSY	KCHEART
Kent Dickinson (Treasurer)	KOWEW	MARS
Mike Bellinger (Member at Large)	KOUAA	Jackson County ARES
John Eberenz	NORES	Blue Springs ARC
Ron Rodvelt	NORL	Northland ARES
Richard Fretwell	WOKRF	Jackson County ARES
Deb Kaiser	WODLK	KC North ARES
Keith Kaiser	WAOTJT	Northland ARES
Dennis Carpenter	KAOSXY	Northland ARES
Joe Krout	WOPWJ	WyCo ARES/RACES
Forrest Creason	KDORSX	Cass County ARES
Brain Pintenich	KDOBNQ	MRC-KC
Harriet Pintenich	KDOBNP	MRC-KC
Rich Britain	N0ENO	SATERN
Don Nutt	N6TDM	Cass County ARES
Debra Nutt	-----	Cass County ARES
Katherine Parker	KD0ETX	Independence EM
Dante Gliniecki	KD0QFI	Independence EM
Dave Stickel	KD0GDX	Cass County ARES
Kevin Scroghan	KD0KDJ	Bates County Red Cross
Paul Watts	KC0DDZ	Raytown ARC
Randy Schulze	KD0HKO	Raytown ARC
Rick Smith	K0KEX	Northland ARES
Jodie Rouse	KD0LDE	Cape Girardeau ARES
Howard Wisdom	KD0TLR	Cass County ARES

President Matt May called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were done. He gave a special thank you to the Ararat Shrine for allowing us the use of their restaurant.

The group reviewed the meeting minutes from February 14, 2015. 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. – 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.

3. Explore a relationship with the Boy Scouts of America Northstar District. – Keith Kaiser is working on a proposal with the Heart of America Council to set up a radio scouting committee. This is in the development phase.
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. There was a suggestion made to include a map with the frequencies per county. Brian will work on this, but will need input from all the groups to make this happen.

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. – Brian shared that we need a process for validation of credentials. The resource typing document is the template for organizations to use. Brian shared how it was done in Johnson County with a review board. Matt stated he would get a small group together and bring back a proposal to the MECC on how this can work regionally.
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.
7. Enhancements of relationships between MECC, ARES, and RACES groups with emergency management, extending to the regional level. - Ongoing

Education

Technician Classes 2015

June 13th and 20th – Greater KC Chapter American Red Cross

November 7th and 14th – Johnson County EOC

HAM 101 Class

March 7th – Dennis Carpenter reported that the class held in Smithville at the Fire Station went very well. They had 70 participants with 16 different speakers. They also did a radio net that allowed the new HAMs the experience of responding to a net.

April 18th - This class was given at the HAM Bash 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.

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.

NIMS, EMCOMM, IS-802, Professional Development Series –

The IS-802 is back, but at this point, the resource typing document will not be changed.

www.fema.gov

www.arrl.org

REPORTS

MEMC Report

Dante reported there was a lot of discussion regarding funding for the region. Kansas City is not a designated UASI city this year, but the region will receive funding from both Kansas and Missouri. Each jurisdiction can also apply for other funds such as the EMPG grant, which the SET Exercise supports every year.

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 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.

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

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

Regional PIO

No report from Jim. There is an article in the Johnson County magazine “Best of Times” about amateur radio.

Membership Secretary

Nothing further to report.

Boy Scouts

This has already been discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Bellinger - Mike asked about the police department using trackers on Alzheimer’s patients and asking amateur radio operators to help locate them. Paul Watts stated that he has received training from Raytown PD for this. Everyone was interested in this, so Don Nutt will investigate with contacts he has and report back on the RDF relationship with PD.

There will be a special event station set up at the Liberty Memorial May 9-10, 2015 under the call sign WW1USA.

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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| June 13, 2015 | GKC American Red Cross, 211 W. Armour, KCMO |
| 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 get a group together regarding the regional credentialing process.
3. Matt will confirm the KCMO meeting locations.

Current Officers:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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