

Public Safety Collaborative

MINUTES

July 24, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Conducting:

Ryan Nicholls

Location:

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management

1. Call to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approval of minutes from April 17, 2007.

I. Old Business

A. Tax Initiatives 2007

- Law Enforcement

Coonrod: The Commissioners have been discussing ways to handle the LE challenge. With the DRAC completing their report, the Commission is now ready to organize a Safety and Justice Roundtable. It will comprise of 15-20 people that will represent different concerns related to public safety, law enforcement and criminal justice. There is a meeting on Tuesday, July 31st with the city of Springfield to discuss this initiative. This roundtable will have a mission statement that will look at systemic problems from the jail, to courts, to front-line personnel in the County and all area municipalities.

A video was just completed related to these issues. It will be shown at the Tuesday meeting. It is a 4 – 5 minutes video that shows what happens when a call comes into 911, to send out LE to respond, to the court's role, to the Prosecutor's role, etc.

B. Crime Lab

Crime lab work begun right after the announcement from the Governor. Should be completed by next fall.

C. Communications

The rebanding process will begin shortly. Only 8% of people at the federal level are as far along as Greene County. Reprogramming will start tomorrow with CU personnel.

CU will be contacting agencies. CU will be contacting POCs given previously to make sure that they are the same. It is intended to work with each organization and minimize impact on personnel time. 90% of Greene County expected to be completed in 3 months and have the entire system completed in 6 months, when radios will start to be shut off.

All spare radios and uninstalled radios need to be reprogrammed also.

The radio system has a "Failsoft" failure mode. During the Ice Storm, this mode was used for approximately 30 seconds. Future exercises may want to consider a Failsoft component so that responders are familiar with it and its capabilities. All talkgroups collapse down into just a few teams i.e. All SPD channels are on one channel, all rural fire are on one channel, etc. To exercise this would be challenging due to the interference of on-going daily operations.

D. NIMS

Handout of current NIMSCAST distributed. 2007 NIMSCAST covered in detail through many of the specific questions. All agencies not under OEM jurisdiction encouraged to complete NIMSCAST by September 15th deadline.

II. New Business

A. New Madrid Earthquake Exercise Report

Greene County EOC had about 75 participants in the exercise. Final report is being finalized. Comments and suggestions noted by others are encouraged to be passed along to the Office of Emergency Management.

B. Regional Update

- Homeland Security Response Teams

Greene County has received approximately \$90,000 in WMD funds for the team and the bomb squad. All members encouraged to participate by attending monthly WMD meeting the second Wednesday of every month.

The State is moving towards a component perspective, focusing less on local teams. July 30 the Greene County team will be meeting to discuss funds and exercises.

- Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees

Every discipline is represented on the RHSOC and everyone is encouraged to contact their representative with any needs or concerns that they may have regarding Homeland Security funds.

C. DRAC Report

The committee organized to review the Ice Storm response has completed their report. Communications was a big issue, with a lot of suggestions from the public of how to communicate with them. A Joint Information Center (JIC) is a information distribution system for the media. A regional Joint Information System is being coordinated by Jacki McReynolds for all 18 counties in Region D.

Area municipalities needing PIO support would need to work through OEM, which can then be passed along to the Joint Information System.

III. Next Meeting

October

Attendance

JR Webb	911
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic Fire/OEM
Jerry	Strafford Fire
Steve Runnels	NWS
Chuck Cowan	Airport Fire
Don Kocian	CU
Roger Brogue	CU
Bill Deal	CU
Jenny Edwards	Greene County PIO
Harold Bengsch	Greene County Commission
Capt. Gibson	Greene County Sheriff Department
Tom McClain	Willard Police
Leland McMasters	Rogersville Police
Richard Griffin	St. Johns EMS
David Coonrod	Greene County Commission
David Nokes	Springfield Schools
Steve Meyer	Springfield Public Works
Jason Bisby	Springfield Police