

## **Public Safety Collaborative**

### MINUTES

October 17, 2006

9:00 a.m.

#### **Conducting:**

Ryan Nicholls

#### **Location:**

Springfield/Greene County Emergency Operations Center

1. Call to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes from July 20, 2006.
4. Ron Hearst:

Mr. Hearst reviewed over the Advanced Flood Warning System (AFWS) grant project. The project is designed to setup 15 flood analysis points throughout the county. These points will monitor flood depth of designated creek beds placed near common flooded roadways on City, County, and State roads. This data will be accessible, real-time, on the Internet. Total costs to be submitted this year will be just over \$60,000. Submission date is October 31, 2006. Primary benefits include public safety and research data collection.

#### **I. Old Business**

##### A. Tax Initiatives 2007

- Law Enforcement

Dave reported that the County is about to begin a citizen survey to determine what they are willing to support next year. Also working on instituting an advocacy group to help educate the public on the importance of the Law Enforcement Tax.

- 911

Dave reported that the tax is scheduled for April. Commission is meeting with the Council in November.

For next year funds, it is estimated that the city of Springfield will supplement 911 with \$1.5 million, with additional support from Greene County and Republic.

State legislation would be a very time-consuming process, increasing the importance for passage of the tax next year.

#### B. Crime Lab

Evelyn reported that the City Management office is working with City Council and the Governor's office on a plan for the Crime Lab. Details of the plan are to be released soon. RFPs are to be put out very soon.

#### C. Communications

- Rebanding of 800 TRS

Don reported that negotiations with Nextel have begun. Letters expected to go out within a week to all agencies, requesting a point of contact with CU for the rebanding process. It is anticipated to begin reprogramming the first of 2007.

- Fire Mutual Aid Channel

Roger reported that the channel is completed and working well. It is designed to assist in communicating with neighboring Cities and Counties. Several incidents in the past have demonstrated a great need for this interoperability. The channel has been reached from Highway 14 in Christian County. Expanding this capability to other towers for extended reach is an option for the future but dependent on finances.

#### D. EOC Enhancement Plan

Ryan reported that the plan is moving along. A small amount of finances have been secured with the Missouri Hospital Association (MHA) to complete Phase I. This agreement with MHA also implements the first steps of creating a regional coordination center to support response efforts throughout Region D.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) will be established on the first floor of the OEM building. Springfield Public Information Office is helping in the planning and establishment of this room.

Dave mentioned the opportunity for future planning and growth of OEM into the old terminal Airport once the new one is completed. Planning is in process with Ryan, Bob Cumley, and Gary Cyr.

#### E. City/County Storm Watch

Skywarn improvements currently underway by the National Weather Service.

#### F. NIMS

Ryan asked for any questions regarding NIMS training. No questions presented.

### II. New Business

#### A. Multi-agency Communications Plan

Ryan discussed the outline of the Springfield-Greene County Multi-agency Communications Plan. This plan was created in response to NIMS compliance and past After-Action Reports addressing communications deficiencies found. Discussion followed regarding 911's role in receiving citizen reports of storm watch or storm damage.

Discussion followed on how to make the plan official and how to ensure compliance. It was recommended that the plan should be signed off by the policy-makers of the jurisdictions that participate in the 800 TRS. Evelyn recommended discussing the details of the plan over a council luncheon, so that they sign off on a plan that is fully understood. This would also strongly encourage compliance with agencies.

#### B. Regional Update

- Homeland Security Response Teams

HSRTs are in the process of concluding this year's funds.

- Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees

Region D received just under \$1.7 million. This money must be applied towards agro-terrorism, volunteer management, interoperability, and mass care. Subcommittees for these areas have met and projects being discussed are all regional focused.

- Regional Incident Management Teams

These teams, IMTs, are currently being trained in the region and are designed to help smaller communities manage large-scale disaster scenes.

- C. Special recognition of the Springfield Schools attendance. Greg reported that they doing NIMS training. Harold discussed how the school participation in public safety initiatives is being discussed at the State level. Governor's office working to increase integration of school system into public safety community.
- D. Don reported on State Interoperability Executive Committee that has submitted a State-wide Communications Plan to the Governor. The plan went through the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

**III. Next Meeting**

January 16, 2007

Attendance

Roger Brogue	City Utilities
Don Kocian	City Utilities
Jenny Fillmer Edwards	Greene County
Dave Coonrod	Greene County
Lyn Hollandworth	Republic EM
Richard Griffin	St. John's EMS
Sonny Saxton	St. John's EMS
Harold Bengsch	Greene County
Evelyn Honea	City Manger's Office
Greg Hall	Springfield Public Schools
Shawn Eakins	Fair Grove PD
Becky Jungmann	911
Capt. Randy Gibson	Sheriff
Ryan Nicholls	OEM