

Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2005  
Springfield, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Dan Whisler.
2. The minutes from the December 8, 2004 meeting were approved.
3. Communications Committee: The Committee is finalizing the survey. The surveys will be sent out to each jurisdiction and they will be assisting them in filling out the forms. Al Campbell should be getting the form out by tomorrow.
4. Scene Accountability System: Mitch handed out fact sheets. The fact sheets describe the two proposed options for the implementation of the wrist bands.

Option 1 – Local Event Protocol - color codes based on patient status.

Option 2 – Extended Event Protocol - color codes identify team members.

Mitch explained the two protocols and after considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Extended Event Option was the option that would be better suited for the teams. A vote was held and the Extended Event Protocol was adopted.

The fact was brought up that there would still have to be a tracking system for accounting for the responders. It was agreed that once the responder arrives at staging and presents his credentials, a wristband would be issued allowing access to the site. When they prepare to leave, they would check out and the wristband would be removed.

Mitch will continue to work on refining the protocols and to come up with alternative ways that they could be used.

5. Draft letter to Governor Blunt: Joye drafted the letter to be submitted to Governor Blunt. Chris read the letter to the group. The letter is in support of continuing the First Responder's Committee. The letter was reviewed and it was accepted as is.

Joye will forward the letter to Governor Blunt.

Jimmy Sebree will seek support for the letter from the Missouri Fire Chief's Association.

Dan Whisler stated the fact that we as a group need to submit names to represent our region on boards, commissions, etc., specifically the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC).

Joye stated that he emailed the website which lists all the State Boards and Commission to everyone in the group. Joye stated that the Governor will probably not do away with many boards, but will be making replacements as the openings come up.

Joye will check with Bob Dopp to see which openings are coming up for reappointment.

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Dan asked if there was anybody who would be available to participate on a board. Joye mentioned that the MERC has not been very active lately. Dan nominated Joye to represent our region on the MERC. The group approved the nomination.

Joye will draft the letter of nomination.

6. National Incident Management System: Victor discussed the NIMS Implementation Plan being developed for Greene County. It was agreed that we should go ahead and work on implementation as a region. The team members will need to continue reviewing the plan and bring up the topic at a future meeting.

Victor will continue to work on the plan and present it to the group at the next meeting.

7. Titan Exercise: Victor discussed several frustrations with Titan. Among the issues were:
  - Exercise Evaluation Guides: Titan sent us the evaluation guides and asked for us to review them and let them know by this Friday what changes need to be made. The tasks were taken straight out of the HSEEP without regard to the exercise objectives.
  - Exercise Materials: Titan is sending out cookie cutter templates exercise materials.
  - Communications: Titan is not communicating with the various regional planning teams.

Bill Gillette stated that we should express our concerns to SEMA as a region and let them know our displeasure with the process.

Victor will send Titan an email and cc: A.J. Lehman from SEMA.

CPT Zimmerman stated that the other regions are echoing the same sentiment.

Dan stated that we should look into asking the new Director of SEMA to attend one of our meetings. Joye stated that about two years ago we invited Jerry Uhlmann, the SEMA Director, to our meeting and we had a presentation for him along with a good discussion.

Candy will invite the SEMA director to attend a SMESO / WMD Planning Committee Meetings to be held in April at Neosho.

8. Other old business: None.
  9. Organization updates:
    - a. Health Department: Linda stated that the Health Dept. recently worked with the Hazmat team at three office buildings to which threatening letters with a glittery substance had been sent. Several concerns that came up were in the way the situation was handled, specifically, responders on scene waited several hours before making any notifications, the Hazmat team was called directly and not through the ECC, the police, fire chiefs were not notified, etc.
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b. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: CPT Zimmerman stated that the CST will come to assist with any response anytime. Their response time to Springfield is within three hours. They can also assist over the phone to answer questions, etc. Finally, they can do training on any equipment the teams have, either familiarization, ongoing or anything else that may be helpful.

c. Hazmat Teams:

i. Joplin: They responded to Lockwood in Dade County for a Hazmat spill. The spill was from an OTR truck carrying some type of slurry. The spill was close to the watershed and there was some confusion as to what that boundary was. Springfield is responsible for response within the watershed.

Both teams responded. Joye asked if City Utilities had been notified. Mitch stated that they had been contacted. Jim stated that they worked with the Incident Commander and functioned as an overhead team.

Jim stated that they will continue to work on developing the overhead team concept along with the advanced party deployment, etc.

Dade County will be putting in a new 911 center by next month. They will need to have the most current notification lists including for the watershed.

ii. Logan-Rogersville: No representative available.

iii. Nevada: Continuing to work with Titan on exercise in February.

iv. Neosho: Greg is working on contacting the Wal-Mart IT Center to discuss the response to their facility. Last he has heard is that it is Wal-Mart's facility and they will handle their own response.

Truck and trailer are paid for, should be coming in soon.

v. Branson-Taney: Continuing to work with Titan on exercise.

vi. Springfield: Hazmat ID has been ordered, it should be on its way. EMS is getting two vehicles.

We have been working with the MHA and local hospitals to put a plan together. They will be hiring two planners that will be working out of the OEM. Also, we are getting amateur radio equipment for the hospitals to enhance their communications capabilities.

d. Law Enforcement: No representative available.

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- e. Emergency Medical Services: No representative available.
  - f. DNR: No new issues to discuss.
10. Other new business: Candy stated that the SEMA Spring Conference is coming up soon. Flyers are available
- 11. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in Springfield at the Springfield Fire Station 8 on S. Scenic Avenue.**
12. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Argilagos  
WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
January 12, 2004

Juan Gallego	7 <sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, MOARNG
Scott Zimmerman	7 <sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, MOARNG
Patty Head	Bolivar Fire Department
Carl Sparks	Branson Fire Department
Gary Trulson	Joplin Fire Department
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire Department
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire Department
Bill Gillette	Nevada Fire Department
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Department
John Trent	Nixa Fire Department
Theron Becker	Polk County Health Department
Dave Bagge	State Dept of Health and Senior Services
Wendell Hall	State Dept of Natural Resources
Candy Adams	State Emergency Management Agency
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Jaci McReynolds	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Linda DeGraffenreid	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Dennis Kimrey	Vernon County Emergency Management

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Meeting Minutes  
February 09, 2005  
Springfield, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Dan Whisler.
2. The minutes from the January 12, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. Communications Committee: The committee met this morning and finalized the survey. There is a lot of confusion over what technology is what so team members will go out to all the counties to help gather the information.

Greene County is working on interconnectivity with VHF. MSHP is considering putting a tower between Springfield and Joplin. Jasper County has purchased about 150 radios that were purchased with grant money. They will also be replacing about 10 repeaters. Christian County is working on replacing some repeaters. Dallas County has about five agencies that have also received new radios.

4. Scene Accountability System: Mitch is still working on formalizing a plan for the use of the wristbands. We are continuing with the Extended Events Protocols.
5. Letter to Gov. Blunt: Joye forwarded the letter to the Co-chairs. Letter was approved and mailed to the Governor.

Dan stated that the SEMA Director and several representatives would be attending our April meeting in Neasho.

Joye stated that we are also working on a presentation series after the Commissioners meeting on April 6. It will be at the College of the Ozarks, in the Keeter Center.

6. Titan Corp: Victor sent an email to AJ at SEMA stating our displeasure with Titan Corp.

Exercise dates are as follows:

- Neosho tabletop 2/10
- Nevada tabletop 2/15
- Joplin full-scale 2/17
- Branson-Taney functional 3/5
- Greene County full-scale 3/24

Titan has discouraged outside observers at the exercises. Victor spoke with AJ and he stated that there is no problem if we want to observe exercises within our own region. Victor stated that observers for all exercises should be coordinated the local Emergency Management Office or the Exercise POC for the specific exercise.

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Victor also verified with Titan Corp. that they will be responsible for putting together the official after action report for SEMA. Titan will collect the all the evaluations and they will put together the report. Mitch stated that he had the same discussion with Titan Corp. and he also told them that they would be responsible for doing the official report.

If possible, feedback from the exercise should be available for discussion at the April meeting and recommendations will be made to the SEMA Director in reference to future exercises.

7. NIMS: The Draft NIMS Implementation Plan for Greene County was emailed to the teams. ICS courses have been scheduled in Springfield through SEMA. The NIMS course (IS-700) can be taken online at the FEMA website.
8. Other old business: None.
9. New Business:

#### **ICS Overhead Teams / Incident Management Teams:**

Dan stated that we need to start looking at the feasibility of putting a team together. The team should function with the HSRT teams and for the region as a whole to help with ICS during an incident. He has the protocols being used for IMT's in Illinois.

Joye stated that in Battlefield, after the tornados, there was no ICS. We are in the process of establishing agreements with surrounding communities and we can use this to open the door for IMT. Greg asked about what type of IMT's would be established and stated that any IMT would need to be familiar with an area and the particulars of that locality. Dan mentioned that IMT would NOT replace the local ICS, an IMT would augment and advise the ICS. Jimmy asked if this would be beyond WMD. Yes, it will be for any large scale incident. Chris stated that to make this work, it would have to involve all agencies, EMA, EMS, fire, law enforcement, etc. The positions should be filled at least three deep. Jimmy stated that Region A fills the positions three deep and it works well.

Mike stated that he had spoken to Dave Compton about the Pierce City tornados and Dave stated that an IMT would have been very useful then. Mitch stated that in Carl Junction, no ICS had been established either.

Dan stated that we need to work on getting buy in from the region. Chris stated that we should also include areas that do not have HSRT's. Joys stated that we should also include public works and technical advisors.

It was agreed that we should pursue establishing an IMT. We will continue to work on this and follow up on the April meeting.

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Jimmy will gather information on other protocols for IMT's. Joye stated that the issue will be brought up at the next SMESO meeting.

**Activation of HSRT:**

HSRT's / FRRT's get activated through the local emergency communications center (E911). The authorization needs to come from SEMA in order to be reimbursed for their deployment.

Joye stated that recently SEMA inadvertently called Logan-Rogersville direct in response to a recent incident.

Joye will send out SEMA's notification list and verify them with Candy. Candy will also check with the SEMA duty officer to ensure that all the contacts are up to date.

**Mutual Aid Legislation:**

A misprint in the copies distributed occurred. The correction should state:

“requested agency will be responsible for workman's comp”

10. Organization updates:

- a. Health Department: Kendra stated that they are working with OEM on updating their sections of the LEOP. The suspicious powder protocol is close to completion. The Health Dept. is lead agency during a suspicious powder incident. Kendra and Linda are both signed up to attend the Hazmat courses.

- b. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: No representative available.

- c. Hazmat Teams:

Joplin: Their full-scale exercise is next week. They are still waiting on their Hazmat ID.

- i. Logan-Rogersville: Shawn stated that their new hazmat truck should arrive by Friday. It is a 42 ft, fifth wheel. They are going to conduct in-service on the Hazmat ID.

- ii. Nevada: No representative available.

Neosho: Greg stated that the truck and trailer still have not arrived. The trailer is a 28 ft trailer. They have the tent, it currently is in storage. Their Titan exercise is tomorrow.

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- iii. Branson-Taney: They are working on the EMS trailer, getting supplies, etc. The recent tabletop exercise in Branson went very well. They simulated a canister of agent in a motel.
- iv. Springfield: Dan stated that they are still working on the bomb dog. They are getting a new light and generator on the truck. They are also getting more suits.
- d. Law Enforcement: They are swapping out camera equipment for night vision goggles. It seems that the camera equipment highlights the officers in the dark.
- e. Emergency Medical Services: Information from the Region 6 Meeting:
  - DHSS is purchasing suits for EMS. Most outlying agencies have no idea what to do with them. Also MEMSA is conducting WMD Awareness training. None in Region D.
- f. DNR: No representative available.
- g. Missouri Hospital Association: Brad stated that they are distributing decon equipment to hospitals. The hospitals should be able to conduct decon for about 5-10 people per hour and have sufficient PPE for hospital staff.

**11. The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Neosho at the Neosho Municipal Auditorium at 109 Main Street.**

12. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Argilagos  
WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
February 9, 2005

Mike Dawson	CoxHealth EMS
Al Campbell	Dallas County 911
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire Department
W. Shane Vaughan	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Brad Strecker	Missouri Hospital Association
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire Department
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Department
Jake Archer	Ozark Fire Prot. District
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Linda DeGraffenreid	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Michael Hughes	St. John's EMS
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County Ambulance District

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Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2005  
Neosho, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chris Berndt.
2. Welcome and Introduction of Ron Reynolds, SEMA Director. Chris introduced Ron Reynolds, SEMA Director.

Ron thanked the group for inviting him to the meeting. He stated that with the new Governor and with the staff changes, SEMA was currently going through a transition.

Ron discussed the contract for the exercises. He stated that the current contract was for three years, and that there will continue to be a contract due to manpower constraints. He went on to say that Titan might not be the contract holder and that the contract terms would be scrutinized to ensure that they meet the State's needs.

Chris asked about the future of the HSRT's.

Ron replied that the teams will stay in place and continue to be a critical part of the State's response capability. He stated that the teams will most likely be enhanced, but that the funds will be distributed differently in the future.

3. The minutes from the February 9, 2005 meeting were approved.
4. Communications Committee: Al stated that the committee was still working on gathering information from the region. The Communications Committee will be meeting after the WMD meeting.

MODOT has received ACU 1000s. They are working on establishing point to point communications between districts. They have just started talks on how to deploy and use them.

Dallas County now has a cross-band repeater similar to the one in Greene County. Dade, Hickory and Christian Counties are in the process of buying new radios and replacing their repeaters.

There will be a meeting this Friday in reference to interconnectivity between Joplin and Springfield. JR from Greene County ECC is working this issue.

We will be discussing the placement of a repeater on the Republic tower. This will expand our 6 meter communications ability to throughout the Southwest Missouri and all the way up to Jefferson City.

5. Scene Accountability System: **Issue tabled until the next meeting.**
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6. Letter to Gov. Blunt / Boards and Commissions: We have not received a response from the Governor's office in reference to the letter we sent. A copy of the letter was delivered to Jim Wakeman last week and Ron Reynolds looked at the letter yesterday. Both concurred with the content of the letter.

State board and commission nominations need to be submitted through your local Representative or Senator. There are not many openings currently available.

7. Titan Corporation (WMD Exercise): Joye stated that he had met with Gary Trulson from Joplin Fire back on March 25 in reference to concerns about the Titan contract. Jointly, they have put an evaluation form to solicit input from all the teams. The feedback will be compiled and submitted to SEMA.

Gary stated that the evaluation was going to assess the process and the vendor. They are looking for realistic, objective input from the exercise process. Joye passed out copies of SEMA's request for proposal to be used as reference.

This is being done because many contractual items were not met. Similar concerns have been voiced throughout the state. This contract is a three year contract, but SEMA has a thirty day cancellation clause.

Joye will email the evaluations to all the teams. Feedback should be returned by April 29 in order to compile the data and to prepare the report.

8. NIMS: The NIMSCAST assessment will be due by September 2005. Full NIMS compliance will be due by September 2006.

What size jurisdiction is responsible for NIMS compliance? After some discussion, it was decided that the county level was the most reasonable. Candy stated that SEMA be making a decision by next week. Joye stated that if the responsibility was at the county level, the Commissioners will have to sign off. Even though, all the districts and jurisdictions within the county would still have to be compliant.

Chris NIMS is a good thing that can definitely help us. It's what we make of it. Dave stated that the main concern is that the "NIMS police" will come several years down the road in the way of auditors.

NIMS Train the Trainer will be conducted in Nixa.

9. Dade County Hazmat Response: Joye stated that Mr. Kitsmiller, the Emergency Manager from Dade County, had expressed concerns over the Hazmat response to his county. His concerns centered on who he would call for response in the watershed area.

Dade County is in Joplin's area of responsibility, but, due to an agreement with City Utilities, Springfield also responds to the watershed area. The confusion is in where the boundaries are and where the overlap is.

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Jim stated that he doesn't know of any problems with responding to Dade County. They rolled recently on a call and notified Springfield of the spill. Bill also stated that they had an agreement with City Utilities to respond, and would do so if called.

Jim stated that any time there is a spill in Dade County, call Joplin. They can respond and sort the details later.

Bill stated that he would research the specifics of the agreement and get back to the group at the next meeting.

Joye stated that he would draft a formal letter once the specifics were spelled out.

Chris stated that the map needed to be redrawn. Neosho was not part of the original map. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for next month.

10. ICS Overhead Teams: Chris stated that he brought the issue with the SMESO group. He stated that the need is beyond just WMD. The May 4<sup>th</sup> tornado was an excellent example of this.

Joye stated that Dan Whisler made an excellent presentation about overhead teams at the Keeter Center during the recent conference. The elected officials present exhibited a definite interest in the concept.

Chris asked if this issue should stay within the WMD Planning Committee or if it should be turned over to the SMESO group. After discussion, it was decided to keep it within the WMD Planning Committee at least for now until the concept was better developed.

Joye stated that we should start looking into the functional areas and training for the teams. It was agreed to start this during the next meeting.

Candy asked if we should assign a sub-committee to address this issue. It was agreed. Jimmy Sebree, Theron Becker and Jim Perkins volunteered to start working on the Overhead Management Team Committee.

Joye stated that the teams would augment and not take over an incident. Gary questioned the rationale for having an IMT versus developing local capabilities. Dave stated that having a regional IMT would give him a resource that he would not have available in a small community or county.

11. Activation of Teams by SEMA: Joye discussed activation of the HSRTs. Back in January of 2005, SEMA did not have the procedures in their duty book. He worked with Tom Mohr to have the procedures included. The next issue is for SEMA to conduct training for the duty officers.

Dave stated that it would probably be helpful for the committee to put together an information paper describing the why, what and how of requesting a team. This would

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be helpful for counties that do not have a team and are unaware or unsure as to what they can do.

Joye stated that if SB210 passes, local emergency managers would be responsible for overseeing mutual aid to or from their jurisdiction.

It was agreed that this issue needs to be looked into further and that the issue would be carried over to the next meeting.

12. Other old business: None.

13. New Business: None.

14. Organization updates:

- a. Health Department: Kendra thanked the WMD Committee for including the Health Department in on the planning and exercises. There will be a bioterrorism conference in June and another SNS exercise is in the works.
- b. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: No representative available.
- c. Hazmat Teams:

Joplin: They have received their Hazmat ID. Smith's Detection will come to Joplin to train the Hazmat Techs on its use. The Hazmat ID was purchased with the standard library. The enhanced library would have been ideal, but it cost substantially more. Even though, its computer can learn new agent definitions. We should find out about how we can share the definition files to expand the libraries throughout the region.

SGT Bill Goodwin is the new point of contact for the Police Department. He is getting involved and asking for equipment.

They have run into problems because both of their trailers are full already. Also, Joplin does not have a mobile command vehicle and they are looking at the options available.

- i. Logan-Rogersville: They are currently working with Webster County on a full-scale exercise for this fall.
  - ii. Nevada: Hazmat technicians have just completed a refresher. They are now working getting the EMS section qualified. Law enforcement is starting to come on board slowly.
  - iii. Neosho: Truck and trailer is in, they are working on the design and layout of the trailer. The law enforcement piece is also starting to come on board.
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- iv. Branson-Taney: They are working on a trailer for EMS. They are also putting together a communications van.

They conducted a command level exercise as well as the Titan exercise. Both went well.

- v. Springfield: Equipment continues to come in. They are working on the Hazmat ID's, bomb truck, bomb dog and truck, fans as well as the Expeditions and generators for EMS.
- d. Law Enforcement: No representative available.
  - e. Emergency Medical Services: No representative available.
  - f. DNR: No representative available.
  - g. EPA: Paul Dougherty introduced himself to the group. He stated that he is working on Regional Contingency Planning and was asked by DNR to look at SW Missouri. He does not plan to "re-invent the wheel", but would like to continue to be a liaison for the group.

**15. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in Joplin at a location to be determined.**

16. Meeting was adjourned.

17. Participants were reminded to go to the Neosho Fire Department to look at the equipment that has been acquired thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

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WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
April 13, 2005

Al Campbell	Dallas County 911
Terry Lane	Dallas County Emergency Management
Paul Dougherty	Environmental Protection Agency
Gary Trulson	Joplin Fire Department
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Bill Gillette	Nevada Fire Department
Gary Roark	Newton County EMA
April Tarrant	Newton County Central Dispatch
Bob Kulp	Newton County Health Dept.
Theron Becker	Polk County Health Dept.
Andy Nimmo	Redings Mills Fire Prot. District
Candace Adams	State Emergency Management Agency
Ron Reynolds	State Emergency Management Agency
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Jaci McReynolds	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Rebecca Ray	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Dennis Kimrey	Vernon County EMA

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Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2005  
Joplin, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Dan Whisler.
2. The minutes from the April 13, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. Communications Committee: Today's Communications Committee meeting was postponed. Joye stated that he has received the list of frequencies for Polk County and that they have been added to the cross-band repeater. He is waiting for Christian County's list. Mitch stated that they had already received that list and that Al Campbell had them.

Joye stated that when he receives them, he would go ahead and add them to the cross-band repeater.

4. Scene Accountability System: Mitch passed out the protocol for scene accountability. He explained the modifications to the protocol and stated that he added a template for the log sheet to facilitate tracking. Dan called for a vote. A vote was conducted and the protocol was approved.

The protocol is available for review at the Office of Emergency Management. Highlights of the protocol are:

- (a) "All persons participating will check in at the command post or staging area to obtain . . . (authorization)".
  - (b) "Host agencies should provide a liaison to assure that check in of personnel is expedient . . .".
  - (c) "Log sheet should be maintained in staging and Command area to allow for the verification of identity".
5. Titan Corporation (WMD Exercise): Joye stated that he had copies of the evaluation summaries from all the teams. These have also been emailed to all the teams. Joye explained how he compiled the data from the teams. After each team reviews the document, let Joye know if any changes need to be made.

Joye asked that once we have completed the evaluation, who do we submit it to? Mitch stated that he has spoken with Gary and with A.J. about the evaluation and that they thought it would be best to come up with a one to two page executive summary of the evaluation.

Mitch stated that A.J. mentioned SEMA's dissatisfaction with Titan. Joye stated that SEMA had a three year contract with SEMA. Unless we follow through with the evaluation, we might see Titan again for two more years.

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Mitch stated that their AAR meeting with Titan has been rescheduled. Titan had contacted them direct to schedule the meeting and they were supposed to have scheduled it through SEMA. Joye stated that Springfield's meeting had also been postponed because Titan had not been able to provide the necessary documents.

Joye stated that we should not attempt to modify Titan's documents. Also, be sure to document the progression of the AAR process with Titan. Keep copies of drafts, etc.

Jim stated that the program was being driven by bureaucrats. The report shows the wrong items. Mitch concurred, stating that issues addressed in the report are invalid. Their report looked like a cut and paste job. Additionally, some of the issues were exactly the same, word for word, as the Neosho evaluation.

Jim asked how do we fix the problem. Joye said that we need to follow through with Titan. When they finish their report, we will identify the deficiencies and address them with SEMA.

Dan asked who will draft the report? Mitch stated that he has been working with Joye and Gary on the Titan evaluation and that they can go ahead and draft the report. Joye concurred. He said once the report is completed and approved by the planning committee, he would send it up to Ron Reynolds at SEMA.

Bill stated that maybe we should look at recommending to SEMA that Titan not be compensated since they did not meet the requirements of the contract. Joye said that it probably is to late for that, but we should definitely look at removing them from consideration for future exercises.

6. NIMS: Joye stated that SEMA has sent out a letter in reference to the NIMSCAST. Affected jurisdictions should have received these by now. Only EMPG jurisdictions will be required to comply. Greene County is coordinating a meeting on June 29 for all jurisdictions within the County. The meeting will last approximately six hours, and will walk through the entire NIMSCAST process. It is intended to be an educational process for all the towns, fire districts, etc. All the information from the meeting will be compiled and rolled up into Greene County's assessment. The deadline for completing the NIMSCAST is September 2005.
7. Dade County Hazmat Response: Bill stated that he researched and did not find any agreement with City Utilities in reference to the watershed. Dan stated that the agreement was approximately 15 years old. CU had requested the agreement and distributed maps of the watershed area in question. Dave Fraley was the point of contact.

Dan stated that this agreement was made when Springfield had the only Hazmat team in Southwest Missouri. Since that is not the case anymore, it was agreed that if there is a spill in Dade County, the Emergency Manager will make two calls. The first call will be to Joplin Fire for the Hazmat team. The second call will be to CU. If CU determines that an additional response is required, they will contact Springfield Fire.

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Mitch stated that this policy should work well. Additionally, whenever the Joplin Hazmat team is called out to an area in Dade County that might be in the watershed, he will go ahead and make a courtesy call to Springfield Fire.

8. ICS Overhead Teams: Jimmy stated that the committee had not met as of yet.

Jimmy stated that he would convene a meeting before the next WMD Committee meeting.

Robert stated that he would be willing to serve on the committee. Dan mentioned that Steve Hoerning has talked to MU in reference to funds for training. Jimmy stated that material already exists for training IMT's.

Joye asked if anyone knew the final resolution of SB210. Jimmy stated that it passed in its entirety. Joye stated that this would impact all emergency managers throughout the State when it comes to mutual aid. Jimmy stated that all jurisdictions were included unless they opt out.

Dan asked if the State or the Fire Chief's Association was going to put out an information letter about SB 210. If they do, we need to get a hold of it.

9. Other old business: None.

10. New Business:

11. Organization updates:

- a. Health Department: The BDS (biohazard detection system) is being installed in the Springfield main post office on Chestnut Expressway. The installation will be complete by June 25. It will screen all the mail going through the facility for anthrax spores. Additional capabilities will be added in the future. The agreement made with USPS is that the Health Department will house the antibiotics for the post office and that the Fire Department will handle decontamination whenever the alarm warns of possible contamination.

The system will help with the determination of threats that are delivered through the mail system. If a mail item is suspected of containing anthrax and it has a post mark from the Chestnut post office, it can most likely be eliminated from suspicion.

- b. Hazmat Teams:

- i. Joplin: Mitch stated that they received their IR equipment and are working on getting it operational. They have also received their seven and one half foot "swamp buggy" fan. The fan is extra-ordinarily large. They will use it to help the NWS redirect storms, etc.
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Jim stated that Bob Dopp contacted him in reference to having STTS conduct two, two day Tanker Truck Emergency Response Course in Joplin at the end of August (24-27). The class can hold up to thirty per participants, and is open to all.

- ii. Nevada: Bill stated that they will be holding their AAR with Titan tomorrow. They are uncertain of the results of the process. Titan has been working off of “boiler-plate” documents.
- iii. Neosho: Greg stated that they are working on arranging their equipment in the trailer. Neosho can now deliver equipment and personnel to a scene.

He has made contact with Richard Maye from Wal-Mart. He will continue to work with him to clarify the response issues for the Wal-Mart facility. Joye stated that Richard also attended the Elected Official’s Conference in May and is now on the email list.

- iv. Logan-Rogersville: Robert stated that they are sending six firefighters to the hazmat tech course in June. They are also working with Webster County to coordinate a hazmat exercise.

They have received their Ludlum Radiation Detector and are working on developing SOP’s for its use. They are also still working with Riskmap to learn all it capabilities, etc.

**Logan-Rogersville will volunteer to host the next WMD meeting.**

- v. Branson-Taney: No representative available.
  - vi. Springfield: Dan stated that they had also received their fan. It is not as large as Joplin’s fan. They have also received new SCBA’s and regulators, Smith’s. They have received authorization for nine more hazmat techs for next year. Joye stated that the tow vehicle for the bomb trailer has been ordered. It requires a premium chassis that has to be special ordered. Dan stated that they were also able to send two firefighters to Louisiana for WMD training.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: Scott mentioned that he really appreciated the cooperation and effort that Southwest Missouri is putting forth. He has been working with many entities throughout the State and that they do not work together as well. Issues that consistently come up throughout the State are unified command and communications. The CST will continue to be available for training and assistance for the teams.
  - d. Law Enforcement: Joye stated that law enforcement is starting to get more involved in hazmat. They are sending six officers through the June tech course.
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They have realized some of the deficiencies in their operating procedures, and are working on issues such as entry and exit of the hot zone.

- e. Emergency Medical Services: No representative available.
- f. DNR: No representative available.
- g. Joplin Health Department: Mac stated that LSU will be offering a Biological Emergency Response Course at the end of June. The course will be conducted at the Joplin EOC and will hold up to thirty participants and will be open to all.

**12. The next meeting will be held on June 22, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in Logan Rogersville Station no. 1.**

13. Meeting was adjourned.

14. Participants were reminded to go to the Joplin Fire Department to look at the equipment that has been acquired thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Argilagos  
WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
May 18, 2005

Patty Head	Bolivar Fire Department
Scott Zimmerman	7 <sup>th</sup> CST
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire Department
Bill Goodwin	Joplin Police Department
Mac McKeough	Joplin Health Department
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Bill Gillette	Nevada Fire Department
Rusty Tinney	Newton County EMA
Jeff Prosser	Newton County Ambulance District
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Protection District
Jon Trent	Nixa Fire Protection District
Tim Bonner	Southern Stone County Fire Prot. District
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM

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Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2005  
Joplin, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chris Berndt.
2. The minutes from the May 18, 2005 meeting were approved.

Chris requested an addition to today's meeting agenda:

The remapping of the response areas for the HSRTs and FRRT in Region D.

3. Communications Committee: Today's Communications Committee meeting was not held.
4. Titan Corporation (WMD Exercise): Gary is working on the report. He is currently in Maryland. Jim will follow up with him when he returns.

Anybody who needs a copy of the surveys can get them from Joye.

5. NIMS: Greene County will be conducting a NIMSCAST meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at the Library Station. All the jurisdictions within the county have been invited to attend. SEMA said that Greene County was the only county conducting such a meeting and they applaud the effort. Chuck May from SEMA will personally attend the meeting.

Joye stated that you need to coordinate how the information for your jurisdiction and sub-jurisdictions get input into the online NIMSCAST. On the FEMA site, anybody can sign in and fill out the assessment, but that assessment will not get rolled up into the correct jurisdiction or the State's overall assessment. SEMA sent out approximately 175 letters to EMPG counties and jurisdictions that will be the primary account holders. Jurisdictions that fall within the EMPG counties will be assigned sub-accounts to sign in with. These accounts will roll up through the county and up to the State.

Chris asked what if jurisdictions show no interest in participating in the process. Joye responded that those jurisdictions would be excluded from any future federal funding until they become NIMS compliant.

6. ICS Overhead Teams: The Incident Management (IMT) Team Committee met prior to this meeting. Jimmy stated that several areas had been considering the concept, but it has fallen by the wayside. The MO Division of Fire Safety has a list of designated training for IMTs. They are working on getting the list. Also, they will attempt to contact Greg Brown from Eureka, MO Fire Department to get information on the program being implemented in his region.

Chris stated that we would need to educate the region as to the functions and capabilities of the IMT. They would not take over a scene, they are there to support the incident commander. Also, these teams can be used for all-hazards, not just for WMD.

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Steve mentioned that they are working on getting information from the St. Louis IMT program. Once they get that information, they will review it and start looking at criteria for positions and functions within the teams.

Jimmy stated that the team members would be selected based on the criteria set forth for the team. Team members must meet the requirements for the function they are to fill on the team.

He stated that most of the training curriculum available for IMTs is modular. All the modules must be completed before anyone would be certified, but that we would start implementing the training piecemeal. He stated that there also might be ODP grant funds to cover the training of the team members.

Joye stated that this concept was going to require a change in mindset when it comes to incident management and that it would take time to implement it.

It was decided to start the training with the fire agencies and then to bring in the other functions, similar to the way the WMD committee was started.

7. SB 210: SB210 has passed. It will go into affect on August 28, 2005. Jimmy stated that the mutual aid includes all entities unless they specifically opt out.
8. Other old business: None.
9. New Business:

Dan asked about SMSU being considered as a ODP training site. Joye stated that SMSU was partnering with the New Mexico Tech training site. The concept was to do a one week classroom training at SMSU followed by one week field training at New Mexico Tech.

Dan mentioned that he was concerned about the diversion of funds by the Senate from homeland Security to border patrol. This diversion specifically affects the Assistance to Firefighters Grants.

Chris brought up the update of response area maps. It was discussed and decided that the maps would be updated to reflect Newton, McDonald and Barry Counties as being in the Neosho FRRT response area. As always, the FRRT would respond to their area of responsibility and an HSRT would follow as needed.

Joye stated that a tower was coming available between Greene County and Jasper County that would help in covering the communications gap between the two counties. He said that the tower could be acquired for \$35,000.

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## 10. Organization updates:

- a. Health Department: The Kendra stated that her and Linda had successfully completed the Hazardous Materials Technician Course and that they looked forward to continuing to work with the Hazmat teams

Also, the State along with the CDC, conducted their annual SNS exercise in St. Louis and that they were looking to conduct one in Springfield next year.

- b. Hazmat Teams:

- i. Joplin: Jim thanked the group for their support on the “fan” issue.

Jim stated that they recently had a white powder incident at the Social Security Administration. Their team was called out and they analyzed the powder with the Hazmat ID. The substance came back as aspirin.

He said that a representative from the Federal Department of Protective Services had been called since it was a Federal building. The representative came from the regional office in Springfield, but that he did not have the opportunity to meet with her. Joye said that he will follow-up and attempt to contact her. Dan stated that she should be invited to one of our meetings so that she can get an understanding of how the teams in the region function.

Also, Titan’s after action report for the Joplin exercise stated that they do not have an adequate command center and that they are working with SEMA for funding of a new command center.

- ii. Nevada: No representative available. Chris mentioned that Bill Gillette would be retiring by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has been a critical part of this Committee and he will truly be missed.
    - iii. Neosho: Greg stated that he had submitted a grant proposal to SEMA quite some time ago for an “*Equipment Delivery System*”. SEMA finally let him know that it had been approved for \$157,000. Greg stated that he has put out bids for the equipment. Some of the items that were in the grant are:
      - Tow Vehicles
      - Trailers
      - All-terrain Vehicles
      - Bobcats
      - Grapplers
      - Forklifts
      - Western Shelters

Greg said that once the equipment arrives . . . “you call and we will haul”.

- iv. Logan-Rogersville: Robert stated that they had five new hazardous materials technicians. They are continuing to work on the Radiation SOP as well as working with Webster County on a Hazmat exercise.
  - v. Branson-Taney: Chris stated that they have also completed a technician class recently.
  - vi. Springfield: Dan stated that they are sending a one of their team members with the CST to Aberdeen, MD for CBRNE training. They will also be sponsoring a low level radiation class in at Fire Station 8 on July 7. This is in preparation for the shipments of the radiological waste that will be coming through our area. Finally, they will be adding six new technicians to their hazmat team.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: No representative available.
- d. Law Enforcement: Ron stated that they had seven officers complete the hazmat technician course and that they will continue with the training. The SRT have a scenario in July and they want to include fire in their future training.
- e. Emergency Medical Services: Mike stated that they need to continue working with law enforcement to establish baselines and to support the SRT while they are working in the hot zones.

Kevin stated that they recently sent two paramedics to Anniston, AL and that the training was excellent. They are planning to send four more as the slots become available.

**11. The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Lampe, MO at J’s Restaurant in the Black Oak Resort. The SMESO meeting and the IMT Committee meeting will precede the WMD meeting at the same location.**

12. Meeting was adjourned.

13. Participants were reminded to look at the vehicles and equipment that has been acquired thus far by the Logan-Rogersville HS Response Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Argilagos  
WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
June 22, 2005

Patty Head	Bolivar Fire Department
Mike Dawson	CoxHealth EMS
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Bill Goodwin	Joplin Police Department
Mac McKeough	Joplin Health Department
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
W. Shane Vaughan	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire Department
Bill Gillette	Nevada Fire Department
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Protection District
Theron Becker	Polk County Health Department
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Steve Hoerning	Springfield Fire Department
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Ron Hartman	Springfield Police Department
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Linda DeGraffenreid	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Jerry Bele	Southern Stone County Fire Prot. District
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County Ambulance District
Danny Rylott	Western Taney County Fire

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Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2005  
Lampe, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chris Berndt.
2. The minutes from the June 22, 2005 meeting were approved as amended.

Change to minutes: Meeting location was Logan-Rogersville not Joplin, MO.

3. Communications Committee: Al stated that the Communications Committee would be meeting right after the WMD Meeting.

The committee will have an update at the next WMD Committee meeting.

4. Titan Corporation (WMD Exercise): Joye passed out the cover letter and executive summary for the survey that was conducted on the HSRT exercise process. The executive summary compiled all the comments from the surveys. The letter was drafted by Gary. Steve asked if the letter referenced only the six Region D teams. Joye stated that it was just for our six teams. Candy stated that the other regions are still working on their AAR's.

Joye made a motion to approve the cover letter and executive summary and for the Co-chairs to sign it and forward it to the Director of SEMA. It was agreed that spelling corrections would be made and that the heading on the second page would be changed to match the first page. Mike seconded the motion to approve the letter as amended.

Steve pointed out that, in accordance to the contract, Titan was supposed to have conducted the survey process that we just went through.

Mitch stated that we should come up with solutions to the problems identified. Mitch agreed that they would look at the problems and propose solutions. We can then distribute them to the teams and compile the feedback.

5. NIMS: Joye stated that NIMS was discussed at SMESO this morning. He stated that several counties were really struggling with getting all jurisdictions to cooperate in conducting the NIMSCAST surveys.

Chris stated that he was having trouble with several agencies who are resistant and do not care about compliance. Joye stated that for compliance this fiscal year, all you need to do is answer the questions. It makes no difference if you answer **YES** or **NO**. The NIMSCAST is just establishing a baseline. Chris stated that several agencies were just unwilling to cooperate. Joye advised to make a footnote addressing which agencies are not included in the NIMSCAST for the jurisdiction. Jimmy advised also to get in writing the agencies unwillingness to cooperate.

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Joye stated that Chuck May had said last week that the Governor was going to sign a proclamation saying that the State would adopt NIMS. Jimmy stated that SB210 would also be taking affect next month. These two issues are of concern because of the implications on all counties and because there is no plan for integration into all functions (law, fire, ems, public works, etc) into mutual aid.

6. ICS Overhead Teams: Jimmy stated that they had not met this month. They are waiting on information from St. Louis, Region C.

The committee will meet and have an update at the next WMD Committee meeting.

7. Regional Map Update: Chris stated that last month we had approved the redrawing of the map to reflect the Neosho Team's area of responsibility. Joye stated that it has been updated and that it is up on the Springfield-Greene County OEM website. Greg stated that next we need to update the Regional Response Plan.
8. Other old business: None.
9. New business: Chris asked about the training requirements for law enforcement (LE). He stated that the Titan AAR stated that they would need to train their LE officers to the technician level.

Steve stated that LE team members need the hazmat training but not the same level as the fire department personnel.

Mitch stated that Joplin was not training its LE members to the technician level.

Joye stated that there is a difference between Hazmat operations and WMD operations. OSHA and EPA have established standards based on ones function during the event. For recognizing and reporting, they need to be at the awareness level only. ICS needs a minimum of operations level.

Steve concurred. He added that LE will be responsible for intervention (human threats) and perimeter control. They need training on PPE, decon and some monitoring. The fire department personnel are the ones who need additional training to contain and stop a leak.

Jimmy stated that WMD has been deemed hazmat. This is incorrect. One size does not fit all. We will need to figure out how we want to train our team members to accomplish their particular function on the team.

Joye stated that OSHA refers to all, not just to firefighters.

Jimmy stated that we need to get the MFCA and the MPCA involved so that they could address the issue and so that they could also get State agencies involved.

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## 10. Organization updates:

a. Health Department: Jaci stated that the MO DHSS conducted their full-scale SNS exercise in St. Louis and are conducting a series of smaller exercises in rural communities. Also, the local health department with the State will be co-hosting a food-borne, epidemiological tabletop exercise in September.

## b. Hazmat Teams:

i. Joplin: Jim asked about the DHS representative that had been involved in the SSA Building incident. Kevin said that her name was Ratliff. She attended the commissioner's conference a few months back. Joye stated that he would look up her contact information and invite her to the next meeting.

Jim stated that Joplin still has the "fan", but that Mitch was working on returning it and getting a smaller one.

ii. Nevada: No representative was available.

iii. Neosho: Greg stated that they are continuing work on the equipment hauling grant. Equipment is coming in slowly, i.e. flatbeds and other equipment haulers.

Jim asked if Greg had been in contact with the Wal-Mart representatives. Greg stated that he has included them on the email distribution list, but they have not been invited to a meeting yet.

iv. Logan-Rogersville: Robert stated that LR is working on adding Hazmat Techs to the team. Also, they are still working with Webster County on their exercises.

v. Branson-Taney: Chris stated that they are finishing the grant paperwork for 2003 and 2004. He has not seen anything for 2005 yet.

vi. Springfield: Bill stated that they just hosted at Fire Station 8 the Radioactive Waste Hauler Training so that responders can familiarize themselves with the containers being used to transport the waste.

Also, Springfield is getting six new hazmat techs, six new SCBA's and a bomb dog. Bill Spence will be attending dog-handler training in August.

c. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: No representative available. Joye stated that he has been in contact with the CST and that they have been on the road since June.

The 7<sup>th</sup> CST will be conducting an RDD exercise in Springfield in September.

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- d. Law Enforcement: Law enforcement issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.
  - e. Emergency Medical Services: Mike stated that he had been called by an auditor in reference to the level C suits. He stated that they have been used with the HSRT, but that they are usually just kept in storage. He has received no guidance as to training, etc. on the suits.
11. Other business: Joye passed out the schedule of courses being conducted by Crowder College. Crowder is looking at doing them over a four day period possibly in September.
- Jaci asked about the pre-requisites the courses. Joye stated that he would get clarification on that as well as POST certification, etc. The will be no charge for attending the course.
- 12. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in Branson, MO at Fire Station 7, 221 Jefferson Rd (next to Ford Dealer). The Interoperability meeting and the IMT meeting will precede the WMD meeting at the same location.**
13. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Argilagos  
WMD/HAZMAT Planning Specialist

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Attendance Listing  
July 13, 2005

Steve Lisby	Branson Police Dept.
Mike Dawson	CoxHealth EMS
Al Campbell	Dallas County 911
Terry Lane	Dallas County EMA
Wendell Hall	Department of Natural resources
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Mitch Randall	Joplin Fire Department
Keith Stammer	Joplin EMA
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Candace Adams	MO SEMA
Steve Moody	MO SEMA
David Bagge	MO Dept of Health
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire Department
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Protection District
Jon Trent	Nixa Fire Protection District
Jake Archer	Ozark Fire Protection District
David Hoover	Ozark Health Ventures
Lynn Hollandsworth	Republic Fire Department
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Bart Andrews	Springfield Fire Department
Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Jaci McReynolds	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Tim Bonner	Southern Stone County Fire Prot. District
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Pat Blevins	Stone County EMA
Eric Story	Stone County EMA
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA

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Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2005  
Branson, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chris Berndt.
2. The minutes from the July 13, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. Communications Committee: Al stated that the Communications Committee meeting was held just prior to the WMD meeting. The committee is still working on completing the surveys. Once done, we will compile the data with the spreadsheets that Joye has and develop a Regional Master List.

Also, we are looking at the following issues:

- Establishing a template for the Public Safety Answering Points to contact the regional HSRT's and SEMA.
- Establishing a Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team.
- Developing a Regional Interoperability Plan

SEMA now has a communications vehicle in Region D. The vehicle is still in the process of being equipped. Candy Adams will be the point of contact for the vehicle.

800 MHZ - Springfield and Joplin are going through the re-banding process.

The Highway Patrol has licensed an interconnect between their low-band VHF and the 800 Mhz NSPAC calling channels.

The minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting will be available upon request. Contact Al Campbell to be added to the distribution list.

4. Titan Corporation (WMD Exercise): The executive summary has been signed, sealed and delivered to SEMA. We have not received and feedback in reference to it.
5. NIMS: Joye stated that the suspense date for NIMSCAST is the end of September 2005. You can answer NO to all the questions and have it done. In Greene County, we had a meeting in which we invited all the smaller jurisdictions within the County to complete the questions.

Lynn asked how much more work needs to be done in reference to training. Candy stated that all potential responders need to have IS-100 and IS-700. Supervisors and above would need additional training.

Lynn asked about the expense factor. Joye stated that they need to look at the potential loss of funding due to withholding of Federal grant money.

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Jim stated that there is also an issue with getting volunteers trained vs. paid staff. Volunteer training is much more complicated to coordinate.

Chris stated that NIMS will be good in the long run. The committee concurred.

6. ICS Overhead Teams: Jimmy stated that they are still waiting on St. Louis overhead team information. We have the Region A (Kansas City) information and are reviewing it.

We are looking at how to set up the teams and determining what the response area will be. It will most likely match the Highway Patrol Region D area.

Dan asked whether there was funding available for the training of the teams. Jimmy stated that there probably was through MFRTI. Additionally, we can probably do some of the training already and we can get certified to do most of it in house.

7. Other old business: None.

8. New Business:

Dan asked about the 2005 Grants. Joye stated that SEMA called, and he has put the package together. We have not been asked to submit yet. He is currently working on allocating the remainder of the 2004 grants by the first of September.

The Missouri Homeland Security Council will most likely control the purse strings for the funds. Harold Bench is on the council.

Joye stated that SEMA was hosting an HSRT meeting at Jefferson City on August 29, 2005 from 10:00 A.M. till 3:00 P.M.. They have requested to have at least three representatives from each team.

We have heard scuttlebutt about an *Intelligence Assessment Center* to be set up in Missouri.

Jim stated that he has done research on the issue of hazmat training for law enforcement. He found an ODP course, WMD Tactical Operations Course for Law Enforcement, which can be done onsite. The course is 40 hours.

Jim asked Bob Dopp about the issue and Bob stated that the bottom line is that supervisors have to sign off on the proficiency of the team members. The team can be trained to whatever level is appropriate for their task and that the supervisor will be responsible to ensuring that they can perform the task in a safe manner.

Jim stated that law enforcement needs training on PPE and they do not need training in diking, damming and diverting.

Joye stated that OSHA is very clear on the issue. Team members have to be trained to whatever level is required to perform the function.

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Candy stated that if we are going to bring the ODP course here, we should look into getting it POST certified. That would be a great incentive for the law enforcement officers.

Jimmy stated that we need to start addressing this issue statewide. He stated that MFCA would be happy to take the issue to the conference in Eureka in October. The event is a joint MFCA and MPCA conference. Dan nominated Jimmy to hand carry the letter to the MFCA. Jimmy stated that he would, but he needs a template or bullets to start working on. Jim stated that he would develop a draft and forward it to Jimmy. Jimmy will send it to Joye for distribution to the Committee before the September meeting.

Joye asked if there was a law enforcement group comparable that can also address the issue and bring it to the conference from the law enforcement side. The SW Missouri Chief's Association can be used as the avenue for law enforcement.

Organization updates:

- a. Health Department: Kendra stated that DHSS is doing a food-borne, biological exercise in Springfield on September 1. Representatives from health, law enforcement, clinics and hospitals will be participating.

Also the next State Strategic National Stockpile exercise will be held in Region D on June 14, 2006. Distribution sites will be opened in Springfield as well as possibly Joplin, Branson and Polk County.

- b. Hazmat Teams:

- i. Joplin: Jim stated that the *fan is gone!* Mitch said that they brought in an oversized semi and a crane to haul it away.

Mitch stated that they are also working on closing out their 2004 grants. They are also working on the NIMS training and on NIMS compliance. They just got the declaration past the Council last night.

- ii. Nevada: Billy stated that they are also finishing out grants.
    - iii. Neosho: Greg stated that he had sent two individuals to the biological terrorism training in Utah. They said that the training was excellent. It was mostly hands on including sampling, etc. He is going to try to send more individuals out there.

They are working on an exercise with the Newton County Health Dept on November 1. The exercise will involve a flu vaccine clinic, WMD, public awareness and decontamination.

Finally, they are still working on the "you call, we haul" grant.

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- iv. Logan-Rogersville: Dennis stated that they are working on an exercise with Webster County for September.
  - v. Branson-Taney: Chris stated that they are also finishing out grants. Their equipment is all staged outside so that we can look at it after the meeting.
  - vi. Springfield: Dan stated that they got their bomb dog already, even though there were some issues when the dog handler was first introduced to the dog. They are working on developing the SOG.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: Joye stated that Greene County is coordinating an exercise with the 7<sup>th</sup> CST and 5<sup>th</sup> Army. The exercise will be held at Hammonds Field on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This exercise will serve as an evaluation for the CST as well as the required annual exercise for the Cardinals.
  - d. Law Enforcement: LE issues have already been discussed in this meeting.
  - e. Emergency Medical Services: Kevin stated that they have turned in the list for everything they received from the grant. Also, they just signed a contract with the DHSS and they will now be storing CHEMPACs here.

David stated that on the hospital side, they are working on improving HEAR, HAM and 800 Mhz communications between the hospitals and EMS. Also, they are purchasing trailers for use by both the hospital and EMS.

Finally, they are developing a Biological/WMD seminar for physicians and other healthcare providers that will be held in December.

9. Joye stated that flyers for the Risk Communications Classes were available. The classes will be done at several locations throughout the region by Jaci McReynolds.
10. The letter for Dade County is being coordinated with City Utilities and they are comfortable with the wording that was presented to them.
11. The map of the region depicting the team's response areas needs to be corrected. A part of Joplin is in Newton County and is Joplin's response area.

**It was decided to leave the map as is, and to spell out the demarcation in the actual plan.**

12. Other training and meetings:

- DOE TEPP Course in Springfield, October 12-13
  - Four Corners Conference in Branson, December 7-9
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**13. The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in Springfield, MO at Fire Station 8, located at Scenic and Bennet. The Interoperability meeting and the IMT meeting will precede the WMD meeting at the same location.**

14. Meeting was adjourned.

15. Participants were reminded to look at the vehicles and equipment that has been acquired thus far by the Branson HS Response Team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attendance Listing  
August 16, 2005

Carl Sparks	City of Branson
Charlie Huston	City of Branson
Mike Dawson	Cox Health EMS
Al Campbell	Dallas County 911
Jim Perkins	Joplin Fire Department
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire Department
Bill Goodwin	Joplin Police Department
David Newell	Joplin Police Department
Dennis Clinton	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Billy Jeffries	Nevada Fire Department
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Mike Eads	Neosho Fire Department
Scott Manness	Neosho Fire Department
April Tarrant	Newton County Central Dispatch
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Protection District
Jon Trent	Nixa Fire Protection District
David Hoover	Ozarks Health Ventures
Lynn Hollandsworth	Republic Fire Department
Vernon Watson	Republic Fire Department
Candace Adams	State Emergency Management Agency
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department

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Dan Whisler	Springfield Fire Department
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Victor Argilagos	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Tim Bonner	Southern Stone County EMA
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Jeff Hawkins	Taney County Ambulance District
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County Ambulance District

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Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2005  
Springfield, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chris Berndt.
2. The minutes from the August 16, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. Communications Committee: The Communications Committee Meeting was postponed until next month. The Committee is still working on compiling a list of regional frequencies. Christian County is having changes made to their communications system. Their frequencies will be different than what they currently have.
4. NIMS: Jurisdictions have until September 30 to submit their NIMSCAST. The cities of Republic and Joplin as well as the counties of Greene and Jasper have already passed a resolution adopting NIMS. Springfield will be adopting the resolution at their next council meeting.

Joye stated that there has been some discussion as to what entities actually comprises a jurisdiction.

5. ICS Overhead Teams: The Overhead Management Team Committee meeting was postponed. Bill stated that he had spoken to Steve and that they were still working on putting the concept together.

Chris stated that in light of what has happened with Hurricane Katrina, it is important to continue these meetings and to continue working on the overhead management team concept.

6. Other old business: None.
7. New Business:

HSRT Team Meeting: All the State HSRT were invited to meet at SEMA Headquarters on August 29, 2005. Every team was asked to send at least one representative.

The grant funds for the teams were discussed. Joye stated that we are still waiting on paperwork from the State to start releasing the funds to the teams. We have only eleven months left to use the funds. These funds cannot be released until the local jurisdiction returns a letter accepting the grants. Also, the grants include 2.5% management and administration fees right off the top.

All the teams will be called Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT). The term Forward Regional Response Team will no longer be used. Team composition and size would be tracked by the State.

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Chris stated that the Missouri Homeland Security Director has resigned. The Department of Missouri Homeland Security falls under the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Joye asked if we wanted to identify individuals to continue to represent the teams. **Each team should send a name up to Tom Mohr as to who will be their team contact.**

Risk Communications Class: Joye mentioned that Jaci McReynolds is facilitating a series of Risk Communications Classes. The classes are being held in Springfield, Branson and Nevada (Joplin's class was conducted today). Currently there are thirty-nine people signed up for the Springfield class. The class includes a nice workbook and three DVD's.

8. Organization updates:

a. Health Department: Kendra stated that she has been working at the Remington's Reception Center. The Center has been very busy taking care of evacuees.

b. Hazmat Teams:

i. Joplin: Mitch stated that Joplin is still working on purchasing their equipment. Jim Perkins is fanning out the NIMS training throughout the organizations in Joplin. He is currently training the Police Department. They have also received commitments from Public Works and several of the elected officials to attend future trainings.

Joplin Fire has just received the Expanded Library for the Hazmat ID. It was purchased for \$15,000 and it replaces the *Perkins Fan*. Mitch stated that he has been working with the library and has tested it on different substances, but that it is not as useful as the *Perkins Fan*.

ii. Neosho: Greg stated that they were in a meeting with the Newton County Health Department. They are planning an exercise for November. Greg is working on finishing out the 2003 funds. Also, they have sent two individuals to Anniston and finally, the City Council is working on adopting NIMS.

iii. Logan-Rogersville: Robert stated that LR is preparing for the Hazmat Exercise in Webster County this month. Also, they have picked up an additional eleven hazmat response personnel from Strafford, Ozark and Southern Webster County Fire.

iv. Springfield: Chief Whisler is currently deployed with a team from Springfield in response to Hurricane Katrina. The Springfield team deployed last Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

c. Law Enforcement: Chris passed out information that he received from Steve Lisby, Branson PD. Steve had been researching a Hazmat Ops for Law

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Enforcement. He finally received a modified Hazmat course from Bob Dopp that would meet the requirements. The course is similar to the standard Operations course without the damming and diking, etc. Also, he got a hold of an OSHA Compliance Officer who stated that law enforcement was exempt from the OSHA requirements. Joye stated that he and Bob Dopp spoke to OSHA at the EPA conference and that they were told differently. They stated that it was based on the job assignment and if you are dealing with the hazardous materials then the hot zone standards apply. **We need to get verification of the requirements in writing.**

Jim Charier from SEMA is also recommending the use of the WMD Standardized Awareness Course for training of law enforcement. This course covers hazmat and WMD awareness.

- d. 7<sup>th</sup> CST-WMD: The 7<sup>th</sup> CST is deployed for up to thirty days in response to Katrina. SEMA has the contact information for the Iowa CST which is their backup team. The exercise for September 20<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
  - e. Emergency Medical Services: Kevin just returned from a deployment with the DMAT in response to Katrina. **He has pictures as well as lessons learned that he will prepare for the next meeting.**
9. Springfield and Greene County has started to meet weekly to put together teams that can respond in support of Katrina recovery. The teams are being formed by the Police, Sheriff, Fire, Public Works, etc. in accordance with NIMS definitions and guidelines. Emergency Management is being designated as the clearinghouse for these teams in order to track what is deployed and what is available within the jurisdiction.
10. Hospital: Joye stated that the six hospitals within the Springfield MSA are putting in thousands of dollars to enhance the WMD preparedness and integrate their communications capabilities. David stated that he was working on closing out the 2003 funds, getting an extension on the 2004 grant funds and starting on the 2005 funds. The 2005 grant is expected to go to all the hospitals in the Region D area. They don't have very much information, or how much money will be involved, but the concept is to get the hospitals on par with the community plans and to get them up to a Tier I, II or III level.

The EMSystems is being used statewide to track the hospital capabilities. Ideally, an incident commander should be able to track available beds are in the area, surgical beds, ER beds, etc. EMSystems is internet based and can be accessed from anywhere. The system still has its problems due to the reliability of the information in the system. Region D is working on improving its reliability and at being the first to implement a regional system.

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11. Miscellaneous items:

Jim Perkins is to draft a letter in reference to how law enforcement fits into hazmat for the Joint Police/Fire conference.

Joye stated that the hazmat response letter has been agreed to, signed and delivered to Dade County.

12. Other upcoming events:

Regional Fire Chiefs Association meeting	Monett	September 15, 2005
Transportation Emergency Preparedness Class	Springfield	October 12 – 13, 2005

**13. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the SMESO meeting on October 12, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Bolivar, MO. Location TBD.**

14. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attendance Listing  
September 13, 2005

Carl Sparks	City of Branson
Tim Woodward	Joplin Fire Department
Mitch Randles	Joplin Fire Department
Robert Kemp	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
JB Lilley	Logan-Rogersville Fire Prot. District
Greg Hickman	Neosho Fire Department
Robert Benn	Nevada Fire Department
Jimmy Sebree	Nixa Fire Protection District
Jon Trent	Nixa Fire Protection District
David Hoover	Ozarks Health Ventures
Lynn Hollandsworth	Republic Fire Department
Rob Slentz	Republic Emergency Management
Bill Arrington	Springfield Fire Department
Kevin Routh	Springfield Police Department
Becky Jungman	Springfield-Greene County ECC
Kendra Williams	Springfield-Greene County Health Dept.
Joye McElwee	Springfield-Greene County OEM
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Kevin Tweedy	Taney County Ambulance District

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**Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2005  
Bolivar, Missouri**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Dan Whisler shortly after 1 p.m.
2. Candace Adams, SEMA Regional Coordinator, introduced Duane Nichols, Deputy Director of the State Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Nichols indicated he was there to listen and learn.
3. The September 13, 2005 meeting minutes were approved as written.
4. Dan Whisler asked for changes to the Agenda. Dan added Fire Grants.
5. **Old Business:**
  - a. Communications Committee: April Tarrant announced Al Campbell, Chair of the committee, resigned as of this meeting. There was insufficient attendance today to elect a new chairperson. All but four of the communications surveys have been received. Individuals have been assigned to work with those four agencies. In addition to a communications plan for the team, one is planned for the region as well. April said Mr. Nichols had indicated during there meeting that communications grant opportunities are forthcoming. Dan indicated Joye had mentioned communication grant opportunities within the 2005 WMD Grants. We understand \$10M is being offered in Missouri as competitive communications grants in the 2005 WMD Grant.
  - b. NIMS: Springfield adopted NIMS this past month and Greene County adopted it in September 2005. Springfield Fire is striving to get everyone through the 300-400 level courses by next spring.
  - c. Overhead Teams: Jimmy Sebree explained the committee is still waiting on information from Eureka and have been for about 3 months. We have the courses used by Kansas City, and we have the layout of the courses needed. Most of the courses are free. We would need to identify those people in the region who are qualified to teach them. FEMA and SEMA should be able to assist us in this effort should we need funding.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. October 5, 2005 Homeland Security Steering Committee meeting: Chris Berndt says he felt pretty good about the meeting. Smokey Dyer, Kansas City, believes we should not call the HSRTs teams as that gives the impression the same people will be deployed and they will respond as a unit. Smokey believes we need to send whatever capabilities are needed and not everything. By calling them teams, he believes we must send everything. Chris believes we need to use an all-hazards approach in the

capabilities offered by the teams. He went on to explain that some believe the Feds will push for an all-hazards approach to Homeland Security planning eventually. As a foot note, Chris added: SEMA is talking about buying large fans like Jim Perkins ordered for Joplin. No rationale was provided.

Duane Nichols explained he was invited to become the Deputy Director of SEMA, and that he has only been there for about 2 months. He believes funding must address an all-hazards approach to our Homeland Security efforts.

Jim Perkins explained how we have always strived in Region D to focus on all-hazards. If the State shifts to an all-hazards approach, Region D will be way ahead. Kansas City and St. Louis are USASI locations; therefore, they receive a lot more funds than we do in Region D. Yet, we are doing well with what we do receive.

Mr. Nichols made an effort to explain why Smokey Dyer is taking the position he is in the Steering Committee meetings and the unique level of resources that Smokey has available from a 7-county area. He reiterated, however, that he will listen to all regions and not take one region's position over another's until he learns and understands better all points of view.

Dan Whisler explained how USAR teams function and how they take the components they need, not everything. Dan also used the example of how Region D developed in concept the need to have all three elements of each team (HAZMAT, SRT, and EMS)

Mr. Nichols explained how he does not fully understand why Smokey Dyer is arriving at the position he is taking, but he is a professional and we need to work through this issue with him.

Dan Whisler explained how much he appreciates Mr. Nichols' willingness to listen to our input. Mr. Nichols says he needs to listen, and we need to work together.

Chris Berndt says he believes the classification of resources under NIMS may help in this situation.

Mr. Nichols asked how many in the room were in law enforcement. There were none. Mr. Nichols indicated his disappointment. Joye explained that law enforcement has been involved off and on, but that some of those who use to come regularly to the meetings have been transferred to other duty positions.

Mitch Randles expressed his concern with Smokey Dyer's position that any organization who receives WMD grant funds must go when asked to respond wherever that might be in the State or elsewhere. Mitch says Joplin cannot commit to such a requirement. Both Springfield and Joplin would not sign HSRT agreements that had that mandatory stipulation in them.

Mitch also had concerns with Kansas City wanting to by-pass SEMA in requesting

HSRT deployment. Region D supports the use of SEMA. Unless we get approval from SEMA, funding for the response comes out of local funds.

Jimmy Sebree explained how the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid system is activated versus the activation of the WMD Regional Teams. We need to keep these differences in mind as we work through issues being brought before the Steering Committee. None of it is going to be easy.

Candy Adams brought up the challenge of using the duty officers at SEMA, and how they need more training to be as effective as we need them to be. SEMA needs to remain in the loop, and we need to improve that process.

David Compton explained how we need one location to call. The location called can then link us into the resources we need that are controlled by other organizations. He feels SEMA should be that location.

Dan Whisler asked how many firefighters were at SEMA—one: Bob Dopp who serves the MERC.

- b. WMD Plan Update: Joye asked for attendees to submit changes to him as he is working on an update.
- c. Updates:
  - 1) HAZMAT Teams:
    - a. Joplin: Call before trying to install the expanded library for the HAZMAT ID. It took Joplin 2 days to get it installed. There is a programming glitch according to Smiths Detection.

Had a wreck between two semi's on the Interstate that involving 30,000 pounds of sodium hydroxide, mixing with potassium hydroxide and phosphoric acid. We closed the Interstate for 9 hours. We set up the work zones and called MoDOT. We had no secondary collisions. The semi's had to be literally disassembled. No evacuation was necessary. MoDOT now wants to work with us on an incident management plan.

Next week we have a workgroup that will get together and plan alternatives for rerouting traffic should we face similar situations in the future

MoDOT is sponsoring an incident management workshop in Springfield on October 21, 2005. They want to develop an incident management plan similar to the one they developed for the I-70 corridor. That is an excellent plan.
  - b. Nevada: We do not have a true chief yet in our department so our Battalions are sharing the duties of Fire Chief. It appears our grant funds may be

diverted to information technology this year. We still need a new truck and trailer for our HAZMAT team.

- c. L-R Fire: Participated in a hazardous material exercise in Webster County a couple weeks ago that went well except we work on the 800 TRS and Webster County agencies on VHF.
  - d. Springfield: We had a WMD Exercise planned with the 7<sup>th</sup> CST on September 20<sup>th</sup>, but it had to be cancelled because of the CST being deployed to New Orleans.
  - e. Neosho: Chief Hickman couldn't be here today because his mother is in the hospital and undergoing tests. The health department is conducting a mass inoculation exercise in December. We are going to set up the command vehicle and decon trailer and educate people on their purpose.
- 2) Hospital Planner: David Hoover is working with OEM and the Health Department on how to best integrate Hospital planning and Health Department bio-terrorism planning into the LEOP for Springfield-Greene County.
  - 3) Ken Baremore explained how amateur radio equipment is being installed within 6 hospitals in Springfield and Bolivar. Ken used examples of the importance of amateur radio in the Katrina and Rita response and how local amateur radio groups were involved such as the Nixa Amateur Radio Club. Joye explained how a 6-meter system is being installed by Nixa's club on the 800 TRS tower in Republic. This system will allow our region to talk directly into the State EOC.
7. Other New Business: Dan explained how money is being moved from Fire Fighter Assistance Grants to fund the Border Patrol. Until FEMA is removed from the DHS, we will continue to face this problem. We must communicate our dissatisfaction with FEMA being within DHS to our Congressional delegation.
  8. Next Meeting: November 29, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Monett at the Community Center, 611 County Rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

**Attendance Listing**

David Compton, Barry County EMD  
Duane Nichols, SEMA Deputy Director  
Mike Eads, Neosho Fire  
Jim Perkins, Joplin Fire  
Dan Whisler, Springfield Fire  
Chris Berndt, Taney County EMA  
Lynn Hollandworth, Republic Fire  
Jimmy Sebree, Nixa Fire  
William P. Thornton, Jr; Nevada Fire

Candace Adams, SEMA Regional Coordinator  
April Tarrant, Newton County Central Dispatch  
Mitch Randles, Joplin Fire  
Carl Sparks, Branson Fire  
Joye McElwee, Spfld-Greene County OEM  
Ken Baremore, Greene County |ARES  
Keith Stammer, Joplin/Jasper EM  
Patty Head, Bolivar Fire  
JB Lilley, Logan-Rogersville Fire

**Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2005  
Monett, Missouri**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Berndt shortly after 1:30 p.m.
2. The October 12, 2005 meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Chris asked for changes to the Agenda. No changes made.

**4. Old Business:**

- a. Communications Committee: Bill Arington explained that April Tarrant has resigned and Udell Mentola has been elected Chair and Lisa McCool, Secretary. The 2005 Homeland Security Communications Grant has yet to be released. Attendees were under the impression the 2005 Communications Grant would be released in December 2005. A discussion followed about changes in upcoming WMD grant processes and the possible move to a regional process in 2006.

Dan Whisler asked about where we stand in collecting all the radio frequencies from Region D counties. Joye indicated he had all but those within three counties (Barton, Cedar, and Jasper), but highlighted some changes are pending to information that has already been received. Joye has two separate lists for Polk County.

Dan indicated we have to bring this issue to a close, even if we have to leave some counties out for now.

- b. NIMS: The Governor has signed a declaration on NIMS, but it does not eliminate the need for local jurisdiction to pass NIMS resolutions.

Several law enforcement agencies have come to the realization that they can do business without using 10 codes, yet we have some who still want them.

Local jurisdictions are having challenges in getting everyone to take the mandated NIMS training. Training is available and being offered but some are refusing to attend. This apparently is a challenge facing all jurisdictions. The biggest problem appears to be coming from the frontline folks, not the department leaders or elected officials.

Hospitals are making an effort to train everyone. They are being selective as to who really needs to be trained, at least for now.

- c. Overhead Teams: The materials have been received from Eureka (Franklin County) and are being reviewed. Candy explained that we need to move forward on this issue. She asked what is the timeframe? Dan explained it would depend on the availability of training that will be needed.

Lynn Hollandworth, Republic Fire, explained how back in 1990 he was involved in development of an overhead team. At that time, there were no such programs so they had to create it as they went. They brought in training from many groups.

Candy explained that Jim Charrier, Training Officer for SEMA, would work with us to bring in the training. Dan outlined how the training that would be needed is advanced training that goes well beyond the 300 and 400 level ICS courses.

Chris Berndt says his concern is that we can build the team(s), but will they be used. Kansas City did not use theirs. He believes they still have them. Chris believes education on their existence, accessibility, and capabilities would be essential to the program's success. Jurisdictions must realize it is not a threat to their control, but an enhancement tool to their on response.

Joye says he believes once we get it started, other regions will want to climb aboard. He also explained that we may want to strive to have it in place by 2007 when the statewide earthquake exercise will be held.

Dan says lets start pursuing training. Greg Hickman, Neosho Fire, says he has a contact in Kansas City who wants to build an overhead team for Wildland Fires. He may be willing to allow us to participate in that process. It may be a resource. Greg will call him.

d. Update of Regional Draft Plan: Changes include:

- (1) Converted Appendix format to a standalone
- (2) Added the Neosho areas of responsibility and modified the map accordingly.
- (3) Added reference to the communications plan that is being developed
- (4) Changed the procedures for calling in hazardous material spills in the Springfield Watershed area, including new telephone numbers for contacting City Utilities
- (5) Added on page 7 and overview of the regional planning process
- (6) Added reference to the attachments such as training and communications plans that are yet to be developed.
- (7) Did not include the overhead management teams as they are not far enough along

We will not put the radio frequency information on the website. This may mean we have to reference it to a separate document so the bulk of the plan can be on the website.

People need to review the draft plan and make recommendations for additions and/or deletions as appropriate before the next meeting. They should be sent to Joye by email or snail mail. Note: A copy was emailed following the meeting to all those who receive the Regional WMD meeting notices and minutes.

Joye indicated Candy needs to have SEMA update their Duty Officer Handbook to ensure they agree with the changes that have occurred with the changes in personnel on the Nevada WMD Team.

- e. Team Equipment Show-and-Tell: Chris says he would like to see these events continue. We have been to Joplin, Neosho, Taney County, and L-R Fire. We still need to do events with the Springfield and Nevada Teams.
- f. December meeting cancellation: Because of the late month meeting in November and the busy holiday season, it was decided that the December meeting would be cancelled.

## 5. **New Business:**

### a. Updates:

#### 1) *HAZMAT Teams:*

- a. Joplin: The 2005 WMD monies are nearly spend. They are primarily purchasing police department resources--one armored entry vehicle, a couple of Yukon SUVs, and a Cross-band Repeater. Other than Grant issues, Joplin had a 10,500 gallon MC-306 rollover on the Interstate. The accident was at the intersection of I-44 and 249. Only lost about 1,000 gallons in the median. The contractor that showed up from Springfield did not have a way to pump off the fuel, so Joplin had to have a team come in from Kansas City. A complaint is being filed. The Springfield Company's personnel were not trained or properly equipped. No DNR person responded.
- b. Nevada: Still no Chief.
- c. L-R Fire: Nothing.
- d. Springfield: Dan explained to attendees events involving a recent hazmat incident involving a police dog and the challenges that it presented.
- e. Neosho: Chief Hickman explained how they were able to show off some of their equipment during the McDonald County Flu Shot Clinic.
- f. Western Taney County: Something about an ordinance.

- 2) *Hospital Planner*: Expanding the scope of his planning to cover all hospitals within the Region D area. HAZMAT equipment is slowly coming in. Training is being conducted in several of the hospitals. Working with the Springfield-Greene County Health Dept. and OEM to develop a Pandemic Plan. Looking at an ESSENCE plan for monitoring patient symptoms. David explained ESSENCE. He hopes to test ESSENCE plan during the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Exercise in June 2006. Installation of Amateur Radio systems in Springfield area

hospitals begins in January.

- 3) *7<sup>th</sup> CST*: Not present. They are back.
  - 4) *EMS*: Nothing.
  - 5) *Health Department*: Not present.
- b. Department of Homeland Security Representative. Ann Ratliff performs law enforcement duties at federal facilities in the region, with the exception of federal prisons and military installations. She can go just about anywhere but needs chain of command approval. Her supervisor is out of St. Louis and her regional office is out of Kansas City. Her dispatch center is located in Battle Creek Michigan. She is dispatched on a NEXTEL cellular phone—she does not have a radio.
- c. Homeland Security Coordinator: Dan Whisler would like to invite him to one of our meetings. He says Mr. Paul Fennewald has worked with the Springfield Bomb Squad previously. The January meeting may be a problem, but we could ask him to attend at our February meeting. That would be a great opportunity since we will be doing a show and tell. He currently works for the Missouri Director of Public Safety.
6. Next Meeting: January 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Monett at the Happy House Restaurant, Hwy 60 ¼ mile east of Hwy 37 or 2 blocks west of Wal-Mart. The meeting will follow the quarterly SMESO meeting.
  7. February Meeting: February 15, 2006 at Springfield Fire Station 8 at 1:00 p.m. This will be a show and tell session following the meeting of the Springfield WMD Team equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Joye G. McElwee

**Attendance Listing**

David Compton, Barry County EMD  
Bill Arington, Springfield Fire  
Rob Slentz, Republic EMA  
Ann Ratliff, DHS, ICE, Fed Protection Serv.  
Dan Whisler, Springfield Fire  
Chris Berndt, Taney County EMA  
Lynn Hollandworth, Republic Fire  
Robert Benn, Nevada Fire Department  
Greg Hickman, Neosho Fire

Candace Adams, SEMA Regional Coordinator  
Patty Head, Bolivar Fire  
Mitch Randles, Joplin Fire  
Keith Stammer, Joplin/Jasper EM  
Joye McElwee, Spfld-Greene County OEM  
David Hoover, Ozark Health Ventures  
JB Lilley, Logan-Rogersville Fire