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Subject: AHAC Meeting - 2/27/03

The Operations Group had a 1-hour breakout session today as portion of the overall AHAC/LEPAC Meeting.

This session represented the initial gathering of the OP's Group and primarily was organizational in nature with open dialogue.

We discussed the overall make-up of the Op's Group committee as being primarily Public Safety Agencies but further agreed that participation is open to anyone having a vested interest. It was acknowledged that if subject matter relating to an organization without representation arises, an invitation to that agency would be extended on an ad hoc basis.

It was agreed that Donnie Beard would re-contact certain agencies and make initial contact with additional agencies to make them aware of this effort:

Re-contact:

Pineville Police Department
Town of Mint Hill/Mint Hill Police Department Radio Communications Council

Initial Contact:

UCC Public Safety
Queens College Public Safety
Johnson C. Smith University Public Safety RAC

Patti Lamb is to check with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities for designation of a representative.

Once these contacts are made a list of the committee members will be finalized and distributed by Donnie Beard to the Op's Group.

Open Discussion Issues:

We discussed the National Homeland Security Advisory System and the possible confusion created by a national recommendation of "Orange" and the local decision to remain at "Yellow". At issues are the resource requirement based on developed plans to go to the Orange Level.

The need for all Public Safety Agencies to have documented action plans for each threat level was discussed at length. It was determined that several agencies have plans already in place but others ranged from having no plan to having plans in progress. CMPD and others offered to make their plans available by request for member review and for use as a potential guides to those developing their plans.

The organization and activation of Command Centers in respective jurisdictions and their relationship with the primary Emergency Operations Center was discussed. Much interest was conveyed in the recent E-Team work on a virtual EOC software package which would give each center web-based access to an automated EOC management structure. (Wayne Broome updated the entire AHAC at the end of the break-out sessions.)

Chief Kearin expressed a concern on the part of Davidson regarding the cross membership of volunteer firefighters and career firefighters with Charlotte and other municipalities. The concern is the impact to the town fire department when individuals in volunteer chief officer positions become recalled to their municipal jobs by an increased threat level. This concern is also shared by Huntersville.

The committee agreed that when formal review of the All Hazards Plan begins, we will provide CD-ROM copies to the members with individual review and comment of assigned annexes.

The next AHAC Meeting/Op's Group Meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Police & Fire Academy.

Summary minutes of the overall AHAC Committee Meeting should be provided at a later date by Emergency Management.

Regards,

Donnie Beard