



MECKLENBURG COUNTY Homeland Security Office

AHAC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY MAY 22, 2003

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1. The AHAC Planning Subcommittee focused on change recommendations for ANNEX 1: Public Alert, Notification, and Warning. It was noted that the published text of ANNEX 1 dated November 1988, had been updated on the CD version to July 2002.
2. The improvement suggestions were as follows:

III. General Discussion

The general alert and notification system needs to be modernized beyond the traditional siren and PA System mentioned in the All Hazards Plan. This is particularly important in a downtown evacuation scenario where multiple means of communication must be used to alert building security personnel of the local threat, and appropriate response measures.

New technologies to be incorporated into the Alert and Notification System include *Geonotify System* that is capable of calling affected homes in an area and explaining the situation in English and Spanish.

IV. Departments or Agencies Assigned

The Mecklenburg County Public Health Office is recommended to be included departments/agencies that have been assigned ANW function.

V. Initiating Procedures – Small Scale

If the incident is considered small-scale, the incident commander (IC) may manage the event from the field, or elect to open the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Command Center to better coordinate a multi-agency response or to distribute casualties.

3. The AHAC Planning Subcommittee will finalize its review of ANNEX I and review ANNEX J in its next monthly meeting on June 26, 2003. It was noted that ANNEX J, Attachments 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2, relating to implementing the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) have been thoroughly reviewed and improved by a large multi-agency working group over the past year. Additional changes to the updated attachments may be made after a local NDMS exercise occurs on June 14, 2003.

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