

# All Hazards Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 18, 2007  
CMPD/CFD Training Academy  
**Room 2110 - EOC**

## MINUTES

Chairman Dave Shimberg called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Weather Cancellation protocol for future AHAC meetings: Due to inquiries on Wednesday 1/17 prompted by weather uncertainties, the group decided that **AHAC meetings will be cancelled if Charlotte-Mecklenburg offices or schools openings are delayed or cancelled.**

**Scheduled Exercises** – Wayne Broome reported that:

- March 2007 - 5 day (24 x 7) Mass Casualty exercise in March, involving search and rescue.
- April 25-26 – Water System, multi-agency exercise
- October 7 – McGuire Nuclear Station Exercise. Feds have mandated changes to all exercises. DHS is setting cycles and exercise requirements to which grant dollars \$ are tied. Training program for Emergency Managers is undergoing 180° change. All training will go through a Community College system to apply for classes. This will give control and accountability for training to the community college system.

### **Annex O - Disaster Recovery Guidance**

- **Volunteer Coordination Procedures** - will be evaluated following Katrina.
  - **Red Cross is re-establishing VOAD** (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster)
- **Debris Removal Emergency Support Function** - Three Standard Operating Guidelines – are not changing, but contractors must follow federal guidelines for licensing and reimbursement

### **Annex I - Public Alert, Notification, Warning, and Evacuation**

- Emergency Alerting System (EAS) is undergoing changes. Local government will be able to activate both EAS and NOAA weather radios, but timelines are unknown. There are no changes to EAS which links 12 counties and lead stations 107.9
- A Demo scheduled with 2 alert notification companies to allow citizens to get access to website and receive notifications by cell phone.
- Event protocols are undergoing major revisions, including permanent residents, commuters, and visitors. No evaluation timeframes are available.

### **Annex E - Communications Plan**

- Looking to identify up to 40 laptops to work with system are in secure storage.

- Amateur Radio and Satellite phones are included in the current plan, along with access to COWs (cellular towers on wheels) to support emergency services cell phones.
- Interoperability of regional radio communication is at least 80% addressed. Exercise “Can you hear me now”, successfully showed that communication between counties was either successfully completed or re-assigned radio equipment was provided
- Urban Area Security Initiative, UASI, is using E-Team to connect all NC counties, enabling information sharing, including communications with Web-EOC. E-TEAM (used by Char-Meck) and Web-EOC (purchased by NC) do not talk to each other, at this time but both can be used simultaneously. Federal mandates that systems must talk to each other if purchased with federal dollars \$.

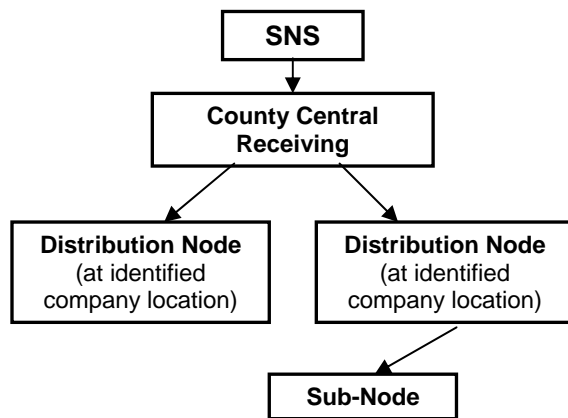
**NOTE** – Online E-TEAM training is available at [www.charmeckem.net/](http://www.charmeckem.net/). Make sure that you login to Training **NOT** Operations.

Private sector E-TEAM organizations include: Duke Power, Red Cross, Davidson Police, and Hospitals. **DO NOT SAVE ANY INFORMATION ENTERED!** On the training side, there is no way to separate the Notification Module. If this module is used in training, preface all notifications with “This is only a test”.

Bobby Kennedy, of the Health Department, explained the developing Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) plan. The Cities Readiness Program, will, with limited staff, push medication distribution in an emergency.

1. **CDC sends meds**
2. County will ask large companies to come to note to pick up Meds for employees and families. Companies must have pre-registered with quantities needed, have transportation, storage, appropriate security, and medical personnel authorized to dispense medications.

**CDC GOAL** is to have all populations medicated within 48 hours by priority: 1) Special Needs, 2) Critical Infrastructure, 3) all others



**Adjourned** at 10:10am

**Next Meeting is on Thursday February 15, 2007, focusing on Annex G and possibly Annex P**