

All Hazards Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 15, 2007
CMPD/CFD Training Academy
Room 2110 - EOC

Minutes

Shimberg called meeting to order at 9:00, with 24 members in attendance.

Announcements: Large scale statewide, 5-day disaster exercise will be held 3/12-16/2007 focusing on law enforcement communication. Wednesday – Friday will run 24/7

Bob Kennedy of Mecklenburg Public Health Department reported on JHOC, Joint Health Operations Committee, sharing pandemic resources, including www.pandemicflu.gov. OSHA is also providing guidance for workplace. Feb 1 they release Interim Pandemic Guidance. Stages are rated on type and severity. The Old EOC (MEDIC on Statesville Rd) will become JHOC Command Center.

Jan 29k, Wayne Broom held Pandemic Flu planning session, identifying need for coordination, much more than just a “Health” event.

MPH Department is working with Board of Pharmacy regarding dispensing from SNS. As presented the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), at a 1/18/07 meeting, is working to waive or change rules for dispensing

Infrastructure Committee Report – Committee has scheduled a meeting, but no report is available at this time.

Annex G - Standard Operating Guidelines for Damage Assessment

1. Equipment and Supplies Needed by a Damage Assessment Team
2. Daily activity Report - Labor and Equipment
3. Daily activity Report - Materials
4. Damage assessment Team Roster
5. N. C. Division of Emergency Management Situation Report
6. N. C. Division of Emergency Management SBA Economic Injury Survey
7. Form - Initial Damage assessment - Housing Losses
8. Form - Initial Damage assessment - Public assistance
9. Form - Initial Damage assessment - Business Losses
10. Critical Facilities in Mecklenburg County (Form Example)
11. Damage Assessment Worksheets

Damage Assessment Guidelines are dictated by FEMA. Government agencies are mandated to utilize forms, and cannot get a “Declaration” unless assessment is completed at state or Federal level. NC provides a 4-hour course on Assessment.

The primary agency in Mecklenburg County is Building & Standards (LUESA). Towns must file separately from counties for Declarations. Checks go to each filing municipality. The State course walks participants through the process.

CMUD has no “Damage Assessment Team (DMT). CMS would be a good source for DMT members.

If a business is not eligible under a Declaration, they may apply for a loan under the SBA at about 3% rate. Insurance does not cover all areas/causes of damage. SBA provides grants/loans.

?? Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA)

Businesses have gone out of business from cost of disposing of building debris removal. US EPA guidelines create significant costs due to requirements for separating materials (paints, chemicals, metals, etc)

In the past, landfills have often waived tipping fees. All costs must be documented, detailing insured losses from other losses.

The issue is that DMTs (?) must be trained and in place.

To obtain Declaration, each municipality must apply for funds independently. Cities and Towns application, damage assessment figures are combined at the county level. If county application is approved, involved cities/towns (that each submitted independent applications) will be included in approved Declaration. Note that Pre-Planning must be documented.

Annex P - Hazardous Materials Response Procedures (Superfund Amendment Authorization & Approval Act (SAA))

Changes to Annex P are dictated by State and Federal Laws. Dictates cradle to grave reporting of all hazardous materials; what comes in and what goes out.

Facility Spill may be handled by company without county involvement, when they choose not to call the county.

Gerry McCormack is HazMat Coordinator for City/County and is working with Steve Norman to implement an electronic on-line system using federal forms. Detail is secure from the public. Facilities reporting from chemical companies will also help with incident reporting.

State of LEPC – Dr Keener asked about the status of our LEPC. Wayne received email from Janice Page that the presentation will be made to City/Council. Goal is to have local government recognize AHAC as official group representing the All Hazards Plan and LEPC (which is mandated by state and federal laws)

Dr Keener asked if there was anything Dr Mabry could do to help shepherd this through Janice Page, making recommendations. Dr. Mabry is the Department Head from the County Side, and we need to have city and county department heads submit and promote this.

Adjourn

Due to the March Exercises, the Next Meeting is on Thursday April 19, 2007 and will focus on Annexes R and K.

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