

AHAC

Minutes of April 26, 2012 Meeting

Continental breakfast served in kitchen at 08:30 till 09:00 to AHAC attendees as part of meeting process.

Chairwoman Nicoletti opened meeting and welcomed all and passed around roster for sign up of members and visitors present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Catawba Nuclear power plant exercise cancelled at the request of Duke Energy, rescheduled for 30 October 2012.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care and Control conducted an animal decontamination exercise on 18 April 2012. Personnel were able to conduct the decontamination of 25 animals in little over an hour. They used seven tents for their decontamination lines. Good lessons learned came out of the exercise. Three different counties in the area sent personnel to observe. The exercise had good media coverage. Overall the exercise went well.

Fall state EM conference is scheduled for 2nd week of October 2012 in Hickory, NC.

State Emergency Management has developed a new certification program.

It was also stated that Emergency Management/ Homeland Security grant program money is drying up.

Charlotte Area Transit System conducted their full-scale exercise since the last meeting. It went well.

The Charlotte/Douglas IAP full-scale field exercise is scheduled for October 2012.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management has hired contractor to develop updated disaster plan, which is now called Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), not All-Hazards Plan. It will conform to the National Response Framework and FEMA CPG 101, Revision 2. It will be organized by Emergency Support Functions (ESF) and plan should be done by 30 June 2012. New and updated website will follow.

E-Team update; log-in will be different and training will be coming in future. Agencies will only see what they will need.

Democratic National Convention (DNC) update; much planning is ongoing, some decisions have not been finalized yet. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg EOC will be activated for the DNC.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Report from Exercise Committee:

The committee met to discuss the many exercises that many local agencies must conduct every year. There are many requirements of many different agencies. Need to ensure as much lead time as possible is given so agencies can participate so they can take credit. If not given enough notice they may not be able to participate, and then they still will have to do an exercise. Committee is trying to gather exercise requirements (2012-2013) of AHAC members to better coordinate the schedule to enhance maximum participation. Ultimate goal is to get as close as possible to one calendar for all AHAC members.

The Red Cross was the spotlight agency for this meeting and provided a short briefing on its organization and locations in the area.

Next meeting scheduled for 26 July, 2012.