

January 5th, 2022 – 1300 Hours
Kearney (Buffalo County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Brian Woldt, Craig Lupkes, Roger Powell, Justin Norris, Jill Harvey, Darrin Lewis, Neil Miller, Deputy Wagner, Chief Brian Waugh, Marion McDermott

Zoom: Brandon Myers, Tim Lewis, Tim Curry, Ron Pughes, Danelle Nelson, Jennifer Marchlewski, John Deal, Kirt Smith, Logan Lueking, Nick Elledge, Ron Sunday, Chief Deputy Dan Schleisner, Joanna Le Moine

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 13:01.
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the agenda. Roger seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Logan asked that everyone please keep working on building their LEOPs in BOLD Planning. He also said we should have received notification from Julie Mayers about the IJ process and received the Excel IJ Work Sheet. We should start filling those out as the IJ Process is moving forward. The Deadline for the IJ's is in February and the SME groups will go through the requests at the end of March/early April.
 - b. Logan mentioned that NEMA is working on getting a revision on their THIRA, so it might not be a bad idea for the regions to take an opportunity to look at that sometime this year. FEMA process for this is unchanged.
 - c. Danelle mentioned that she started at NEMA in August and will be a Training Officer. She can review the trainings that are coming up, but mentioned that they are on the NEMA website. She mentioned the Supply Leader in Kearney next week, and Jill said possibly. She is also with the Air National Guard and is part of ESF 15 in the State's EOC.
- 5) SC LEG Update – Sheriff Miller
 - a. Sheriff Miller mentioned the demonstration of the newly acquired robot that will take place later. Brian mentioned that they will start Zoom on a phone so that everyone can see it in operation.
 - b. They had a LEG meeting on 1/20 about projects for renewed IJ's again this year. Will be adding to this list as we get closer. Projects include:
 - i. Cellebrite licenses – looking to add a license, total 4 to 5 from FY2021 for NP PD. Cost increase from \$16,000 in 2021 to \$25,000 in 2022.

- ii. Clearview AI Facial Recognition Tool – Looking to refresh the quote. FY2020 & 2021 funds have not been expended yet (\$6,000 each year). They are looking to firm up the policy.
- iii. GrayKey Extraction – Increasing from \$18,500 in FY2021 to \$30,000 in FY2022. They are no longer grandfathered under the previous amount.
- iv. Transcend Robot #3 – For Hastings PD \$30,300.
- v. Police Intel Site - \$8,000.
- vi. Digital Evidence online file sharing service – FY2021 had \$12,000 budgeted that has not been spent. Cost TBD
- vii. Axiom Renewal – Adding a license for NP PD for 3 total at \$4,500 each. FY2021 was \$8,500 for 2 licenses, FY2022 cost \$14,000.
- viii. Cellebrite Training – Estimated for 2 Cellebrite trainings. Also using remaining funds from Cellebrite training FY2020 \$3,300. FY2022 cost \$8,000.
- ix. Resubmitting for KNIFE training under Cybersecurity. Are the EM's looking to do anything to harden their intrusion protection for Cybersecurity? Brian mentioned it was recommended that certain criteria be met to have elections and such on the network. If not, they may look at it from Law Enforcement side on how to fix intrusion protection. Darrin mentioned that with the cybersecurity certificate that we have to have to be able to get Homeland Security grant funds, it would be good to have someone checking systems. Brian mentioned applying for some training or equipment or for someone to do some testing, except for the potential price tag. LEG will leave the main cybersecurity to the EM's and just apply for the KNIFE training. \$15,000
- c. He talked about hearing a rumor about the firemen wanting to get new multi-band radios, but there are concerns with the interoperability functions of these and how funding possibilities may work. This would be to put the fire departments on the SRS. Tim believes this is being pushed by NSP, NDOT, a legislator and others along the I-80 corridor because of those coming in to assist others and not being able to communicate. It was mentioned that the volunteer departments wouldn't pay for the SRS, so if this happened, it would be a question on where the money would come from. Sheriff Miller also mentioned that introducing something like this and not including the emergency managers, who would be involved with this, is ridiculous. He feels that having grant funds to purchase them radios is good, but the SRS radio portion may not be a good thing and may even affect whether dispatch centers will be able to talk to their fire fighters. Jill mentioned putting Sheriff Miller in touch with Doug Fox who is the NAEM liaison with the legislature.

6) ARC Update – Marion McDermott

- a. They have been starting to work on preparedness for youth. They are working on going into schools and troop meetings to talk about fire preparedness education. They have been crazy busy with fires. National created a new way to get people money fast, and now they are fighting fraud. National is now mandating they no longer do any virtual responses, and have to have 2 responders for incidents. They are expected to deploy people as well, with Lincoln Co being the rock stars of deployment people. They

currently have a number of people deployed at different fire events. Any deployment is a 2 week commitment. They are working on volunteer recruitment to have enough volunteers, and they are in desperate need. Please see the flyer and take them back to our communities to spread around. They have no employed recruiters at this time, as they have retired. They will have a virtual option for the training at some point as well.

7) Old Business

- a. 2018 Grant – Update **Expires 8/31/22**
 - i. Funds remaining in grant: \$3,043.62 in Citizen Corps (\$3,000 for exercise); \$20.00 in Credentialing; \$22.79 in Training; \$18,446.84 in NRIN Governance Board. Invoices need to be in to Dawna by the end of May.
- b. 2019 Grant – Update **Expires 8/31/22**
 - i. Funds remaining in grant: \$2,761.12 in LEG-JTAG Chipoff Training; \$4.62 in BeReady Nebraska; \$11,000 in CERT Training (\$3,000 for exercise); \$13,000 in CNMRC Resources for Vulnerable Populations; \$32,159.91 in IMT Training; \$804.20 in LEG-Magnet Axiom Training; \$10,000 in LEG-Mobile Device Investigation Program Training; \$260,852.87 in NRIN Governance Board; \$16,000 in LEG- Pen-Link Live Intercept Social Media Package; \$2,277.00 in LEG-Police Intel Information & Intelligence Sharing Software; \$9,000.00 in Credentialing; \$8,750.00 in LEG-Terrorism Awareness Course.
- c. 2020 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/23**
 - i. Funds remaining in grant: \$14,000.00 in CERT; \$3,228.75 in LEG-Cellebrite Tool Training; \$1,155.40 in LEG-Magnet Axiom Tool; \$624.00 in LEG-Faraday Kits; \$24,634.12 in Credentialing; \$1,598.00 in BeReady Nebraska; \$76,759.58 in Training; \$6,000.00 in LEG-Clearview AI Facial Recognition Tool; \$7,200.00 in LEG-Basic Digital Forensic Analysis Training; \$7,200.00 in LEG-Intermediate Digital Forensic Analysis training; \$312,000.00 in NRIN Governance Board.
- d. 2021 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/24**
 - i. Funds remaining in grant: \$21,000.00 in BeReady Nebraska; \$17,040.50 in CERT; \$67,131.00 in Communication – NRIN Webster Tower; \$22,500.00 in Credentialing; \$43,700.00 in LEG-All Projects; \$312,000.00 in NRIN Governance Board; \$42,000.00 in Training.
- e. Other Financial – Dues, etc.
 - i. Current balance remains at \$11,895.34.
- f. Training Calendar – Jill
 - i. Trainings update/discuss dates
 1. Nothing to approve at this time. Completed 300/400 in North Platte, classes were full. Situation Leader in North Platte completed in November. Safety Officer in Kearney completed in December.
 2. We are supposed to have Supply Unit Leader class next week, but only have 4 people registered. Instructor is leaving it up to us if we want to hold the class for just 4 people. Darrin mentioned that we cannot justify spending that kind of money for 4 people. Darrin feels that the problem is that with COVID along with the fact that we are doing a lot of

trainings right now that it is hampering us getting people to sign up at this time. Tim asked if it were possible to change gears and try to send people to trainings to build up our regional skills. Darrin moved to cancel the upcoming Supply Leader training and perhaps try to reschedule at a later time. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. We are holding the 300/400 in Grand Island in January & February. Both should be pretty full courses. OSC course in February, needs to get the flyer out for that one. Share with the Fire Departments as they may benefit the most from this.
 4. There are a couple classes that Jill is working on trying to get paid through grants, but is wondering if they don't get approved by Julie for grants, if they could potentially be paid for through the dues account (as a worst case scenario). Julie has responded and Jill may be able to rework the Work Plan to be able to get these included, and will work with Julie on this. The G205 is \$1,584 and the G393 is \$2,000 however they don't anticipate using all of it, as most of it is food. Darrin moved that if we cannot get the funding through Homeland Security that we pay for the G205 and G393 classes through the regional dues account. Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 5. G191 in Grand Island in March 3rd. L967 LSC in Grand Island March 28th to April 1st.
 6. Other classes Jill is working on getting scheduled coming up: L969 COML – looking at March or April in Lexington; L105 Public Information & Warning – looking at June depending on funding and when it is on the calendar in Kearney; L973/L975 FSC – Jill emailed possible instructors for quotes and hoping to put in April; L962 PSC in May; and L984 TF/ST in the spring.
 7. Jill talked about the MEDL course, saying it was something that was wanted to be put on in the state. She was wondering if we wanted to push to host the training instead of it being hosted in the Southeast area, since we have so much money in the 2020 grant for training. It was discussed and mentioned that we could reach out to our local departments to see if there would be interest in the course. Brian thinks we should put out a questionnaire to see what kind of interest we have in this area for it. Jill will work on getting more information for this out and try to get it on the 2022 work plan. Darrin feels that we really need to push the importance of the 300/400 classes to our people, as if you do not have these classes, you cannot take any position specific classes.
- g. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i. Nothing new.
 - h. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Darrin
 - i. Jon was looking to do a rewrite on the plan to actually show the specific language showing that we are (now) working on an IMT response team. This would be for a Type IV team. Jill has the list of those who have completed a

position specific course. She will get it out and we can review it to let her know if we have taken a course that isn't showing there. She knows there are several rosters that are missing. With that list in place, we can then reach out to those people concerning the team.

8) NPSCC Update

a. NRIN – Jon

- i. Roger mentioned that there were no updates, except quotes to help monitor the system.
- ii. It was mentioned that Adams County will no longer do the Fiscal Agent duties for NRIN after June. The process has become overwhelming for them to deal with. They have paid people there now, and Adams County will no longer work pro bono for them when they keep asking Dawna to do more things for them. They will continue with the SCPETR for now, but would like to start the process of having another county take that responsibility for awhile as well. Other agencies will get a Fiscal Agent fee, but there hasn't been one in our grants for some time now, and it is felt that there should be.

9) New Business

a. EMPG Quarterly Report discussion for Regional topics.

- i. Jill mentioned that this is something that is on our quarterly reports now, and will be that we are working on this. And then we make sure that we get more specifics for our next meeting. It was mentioned that more time would be desired to be able to fully review them, though each quarter is the same except for BISR and FFATA. Kirt mentioned that he put that we are working on it as a region to complete his report.
- ii. Brian believes this should be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

b. Laptop purchase request from dues for SCPETR Secretary

- i. Joanna has mentioned that the laptop currently in use is old and the power cord is becoming frayed. Brian asked if Brandon planned on getting something ordered, and he said he could as long as he knows how much he is spending. Nick moved to spend up to \$1,000 for a new laptop for the secretary to use. Tim seconded the motion. There are a couple of quotes that Justin and Jill have, and she will send it to Brandon to look at. It was asked if Brandon has a Dell government account, and he said that he does. Motion passed. Brandon will work to make the purchase.

c. Robot Demonstration (Time?)

- i. They went out to have the robot demonstration, putting Zoom onto a phone so that those connected online would be able to watch as well. Deputy Dan showed the first robot purchased, which was much smaller than the new robot and was very limited in what it was able to do. They mentioned features of the robot and showed how it can go over obstacles, as well as maneuver up and down on the stairs. It can hold 200 pounds and won't get bound up in clothing or other soft items.

10) Good of the Group

- a. Roger mentioned that Dennis Ocken, of the Gosper County Sheriff's Office, moved his retirement up to January 31st from May 1st and will be leaving.

11) Adjournment

- a. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 15:22.

*** 1/20/22 Email "Vote" regarding NRIN Fiscal Agent responsibilities: It was asked if any county in the region would be interested in taking over the FA responsibilities for NRIN before sending it to a different Region. All responses were No.