# Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group

**Minutes**
**January 11, 2013, 0900 CST**
1819 Farnam Street, 3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

Meeting comes to order

1. **Introduction of voting members present**

| First Name | Last Name | Agency | Attendance |
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| Mark | Conrey | Communications | X |
| Matt | Manhart | Urban Law Enforcement | X |
| Chief Bill | Bowes | Rural Fire | X |
| Shane | Hunter | Urban Fire | |
| Paul | Johnson | Douglas County | X |
| Larry | Lavelle | Sarpy County (Chair) | X |
| Steve | Oltmans | Omaha Mayor's Office | |
| Kevin | Pokorny | Rural Law Enforcement | X |
| Lynn | Marshall | Emergency Management | X |
| Bill | Pook | Washington County | X |
| Pete | Neddo | Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources | X |

2. **Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting**
   Bill Pook made a motion to approve November 9, 2012 meeting minutes. Pete Neddo seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. **FY2012 SHSG Tri-County PET Region Work Plan submission to NEMA – Phil Ruhe, Mayor's Office**
   The 2012 SHSG Work Plan template was sent out for review and will be up for vote at today's meeting.

Updates and Reports

1. **Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update – Phil Ruhe/Gail Braun**
   No additional update.

2. **Financial update & report – Scott Crites, City of Omaha Finance Department**
   The 2010 UASI Grant was $421,068.75 and must be spent by July 31, 2013. $88,200 - is earmarked for the Douglas/Sarpy County Cyber Security Training. The Douglas-Omaha Technology Commission (DOT.COMM) proposed to do training for the City of Omaha and Douglas County; however, they have yet to submit a formal request to the Planning Exercise and Training (PET) committee. The Law Enforcement Project has $19,000 remaining; most of the money will be for night vision equipment. The MUD Project under the Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources is complete. The documentation is under review to ensure it is sufficient for reimbursement. The OPPD Project has undergone slight changes; Phil Ruhe is following up with NEMA. $14,000 dollars is left over for management and administration; this money will be allocated pending documentation for the reimbursement of the Mayor's Office for salary expenses.

   The 2011 Homeland Security Grant has $136,000 remaining. A water rescue boat for Waterloo Fire and Rescue has already been purchased through this grant. The majority of the remaining money allocated for Law Enforcement will fund the Omaha Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group's analyst position. The Omaha

Police Department will be reimbursed for the TEW analyst position pending the submission of the necessary paperwork.

3. **Standing committee reports**
   a. Emergency Management: Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management

      The Emergency Management Committee continues to meet monthly. Discussion of PET group has focused on planning for major exercises, including cyber security.

      Unallocated funds from the 2010 Homeland Security grant include: $27,000 for planning, $58,000 for exercises, and $40,000 for training. Several projects have been proposed including: cyber security training, senior leadership training, and table top exercises. Fire and rescue requested $21,000 for confined spaces re-entry training. Law enforcement proposed a training exercise for 15 officers expected to cost between $15,000 and $17,000.

      A new Pictometry Critical 360 ©has been proposed for purchase. This technology would use 3-D pictures to create a panoramic view of the interiors of participating schools and buildings; these pictures would create a virtual floor plan and allow public safety officials to virtually tour a building before entering it. The costs associated with this project have not been finalized; however, it would cost $7,000 for one camera and the necessary software. NEMA is being consulted to assess the viability of this project.

   b. Communications – Mark Conrey, Douglas County 911 Communications

      The major project of the Communications Committee is the Shared Services project, which is being conducted by the Public Policy Center. The Shared Services Committee plans to meet by the end of January pending the completion of a report by the Financial/Technical Sub-Committee.

      Cyber Services at DOT COMM creating a work plan for cyber security using $88,000 in existing grant money. Currently, the work plan is centered on Douglas County but it should also address Sarpy and Washington Counties. Policies and procedures will need to be developed before training can commence. OPPD is being consulted to determine the viability of this work plan.

      Other projects include the development of a geographic information system that, instead of relying on an address range, will create a geographic point layer for every house and building. Additionally, all equipment for the new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system is in place and Motorola will begin loading the software in the next week. The CAD system should be operational between May and August. This project has also allocated $7,400 for the expansion of Geocortex©.

   c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Dennis Snook, OPPD

      The committee met on November 20, 2012. During this meeting, a committee for recruitment and public relations was formed with the goal of attracting public interest. At this meeting, training on the Full-Spectrum Risk Knowledge base program was conducted The Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources committee will meet again on March 19, 2013 and will discuss website improvements and further Full-Spectrum Risk Knowledgebase trainings.

d. Urban Law Enforcement– Lt. Tom Shaffer, OPD reported by Matt Manhart

No update.

e. Rural Law Enforcement – Captain Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD

Meetings throughout the Tri-County region have been held to establish an active shooter curriculum. Once the active shooter curriculum is developed, all law enforcement personnel throughout the Tri-County region will be trained using the same material and techniques. This plan is expected to be completed in the next two months.

f. Urban Fire: B/C Shane Hunter, OFT reported by Phil Ruhe

The 2012 State Homeland Security Hazmat MOU work plan has been submitted; this is reflected in the draft work plan that has been sent out. The $15,000 in funding from the 2012 UASI grant includes equipment and several PET activities.

g. Rural Fire: Chief Bill Bowes, Papillion Fire

Classes for confined spaces rural rescue training with the Omaha Fire Department and Papillion Fire Department are scheduled for April 8-10. On April 8th a 24-hour class will be conducted for those who do not have previous confined spaces rescue training. Additionally, a refresher course will be held for those with previous training or experience in confined spaces rescue. In total, 24 people will attend the new training class and 36 people will complete the refresher course.

Sarpy County has been working on the Pictometry Critical 360 Project. If the necessary equipment is obtainable, Fire and Rescue personnel will use the specialized cameras to photograph all schools and consenting businesses and IT personnel will match these photos with available floor plans.

**4. Reports from other associated Homeland Security Federal Grant Programs**

a. Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) – Phyllis Dutton reported by Phil Ruhe

MMRS funding from 2010-2011 is continuing to be spent. Work is being done on the Hospital Preparedness Grant, which was recently approved by the City Council. A draft copy of the after action report was received from the Functional Evacuation Exercises that were held on November 7-8; this report is being reviewed by the OMMRS Exercise Design Team. Planned exercises for 2013 include: a hospital evacuation full-scale exercise (Fall 2013), City Readiness Initiative (CRI) full-scale exercise (September 2013), Eppley Airfield table top exercise, Offutt Airbase Exercise, a table top on the Family Assistance Center Process and Multiple Fatalities Mortuary Annex Coordination, and a table top on cyber security.

b. Citizen Corps Program – Tom McMahan, United Way of the Midlands

Citizen Corps funds from the 2010-2011 grant are available. A standing sub-committee on disaster preparedness for the community is to developing information to disseminate about tornados, floods, and other natural disasters. The Boy Scouts have joined the Council with the intention of training their scouts in disaster preparedness and helping the Citizen Corps to educate the teen population on disaster preparedness. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Grant was approved by the Council; this grant will provide $1,600 for the annual training in April. Two first aid backpacks were also requested.

The MRC, Fire Corps, and Citizens Corps Program have partnered with the North Omaha Community Care Council and local churches to provide education to North Omaha residents on disaster preparedness. The Fire Corps is providing free smoke and carbon monoxide detector installations and free home fire assessments in an effort to lower the risk of home fires in North Omaha.

5. **Public Policy Center – Denise Bulling**

The Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC) will be sending out a request for law enforcement officers to apply to be Fusion Center Liaison Officers (FLO). Thirty FLOs will be chosen, including one from each of the eight PET Regions who will be nominated by the region and will be expected to attend meetings and report Fusion Center activities to their PET Region. The call for nominations and applications will be out by the end of January.

The second meeting of the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC) will be held on February 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Established by Nebraska Executive Order 12-01, NPSCC is a combination of the Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Council and the Nebraska Council of Regions. It oversees, advises and coordinates interoperable communications in the state of Nebraska. Lt. Governor Sheehy serves as the Chair of NPSCC.

NEMA intends to update the State Strategy and State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) in 2013; this will likely coincide with the Investment Justification Workshop. The THIRA and TEPW Training Exercise Planning Workshop will be held in the fall.

Action Items

1. **FY2012 SHSG Tri-County PET Region Work Plan submission to NEMA**

Bill Pook made a motion for the Tri-County PET Region to approve the PET Region work plan as presented, giving authority to the Communications Sub-Committee to approve an additional GIS Project of up to $10,000 to be allocated from the PET fund. Kevin Pokorny seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus. The work plan will be submitted to NEMA following approval by the Communications Sub-Committee.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Upcoming events & next meeting

The next meeting will be held March 8, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.
Tri-County UASI meetings are scheduled every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 am. The remaining 2013 meeting dates are as follows:

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| | Friday, July 12 |
| Friday, March 8 | Friday, September 13 |
| Friday, May 10 | Friday, November 8 |

Agendas and meeting minutes
Agendas and minutes are posted on the Nebraska Homeland Security Planning website at:
http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/petregions/tricounty.php