

FOUR CORNERS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION

The Four Corners Emergency Management meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 in Miami, Oklahoma. The meeting was attended by 19 people representing 16 different agencies. The meeting was called to order by Candy Adams.

Gary Roark gave the treasurers report. The association has \$1314.38 in the account after the deposit was paid to the Radisson Hotel in Branson for this years conference. Motion by Keith Stammer and seconded by Allen Duckett to approve the treasurer report. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2006 conference and vendor presentation. All agreed it was a good conference and the vendors had good presentations. The 2007 conference will be held on Dec 5, 6, and 7th at the Radisson Hotel. Rooms for the conference begin at \$92.00 and go up to \$209.00 for a presidential suite. The topics and speakers for the conference were discussed. Several different topics are being planned and good speakers are needed. ***If you have a specific topic or speaker, please contact Candy Adams, cadams@mail.mo.gov.*** Possible topics include: Communications, Weather issues (polygons), Wildfires and Weather, Medical Reserve Corps, EMAC/State to state resources, ESF #6 and the Red Cross role, Sheltering – lessons learned from the Ice Storm, Special Needs Planning/Sheltering, Mental Health issues, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management issues, Tribal Involvement in Disasters, PIO issues.

From Discussion that was held the last day of the conference in 2006, it was also agreed upon to have a Table-Top Exercise on Dec. 5th, Wednesday afternoon from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. This would facilitate a way for all members to know each other better and what resources there could be available across state lines. ***We need someone to put this together – if you are interested, contact Candy Adams, cadams@mail.mo.gov.***

Steve Runnels spoke about the upcoming spring weather and was concerned that this will be an active season for the Southeast Kansas and Missouri Ozark area. The NWS will be changing the way that forecast will be going out in the future, but at the present time we will not see any difference.

Candy Adams discussed the Website for the association. Jaci McReynolds will develop and maintain a website for the Four Corners association. After discussion, a motion was made by Keith Stammer and seconded by Bob Kitsmiller to use the name “4cornersEM.com”. Motion carried. Motion by Steve Runnels and seconded by Gary Brooks to also have “4cornersEM.org”. Motion carried. This will give protection from fraudulent hackers getting into the system. The website will have a secured area for names and phone numbers of contacts for each agency. Links to the website will be set up for each agency if needed.

The group looked at the Strategic Planning Results that discussed at the 2006 meeting. These included questions about if the group wants to stay organized, why people should get involved, the purpose of the group, where the group should be in 3-5 years, and how to insure we are still active in the future.

Discussion was held on IMT (Incident Management Team). It was noted that the rural counties are having difficulty coming up with a full class due to lack of personnel and a misunderstanding of the purpose of the IMT. The team concept is to help with the event with staffing shortages, knowledge on certain aspects of the event, and resources for the event. The team is not being used to tell you how to do the job or take over, but to assist with the job. It was suggested that Incident Support Team (IST) would be a better name.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, 2007 in Pittsburg, Kansas. The location will be announced at a later time.