

**Four Corners Emergency Management**  
**August 8, 2007**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 by Candy Adams. Introductions were made.

A motion was made by Bob Kitsmiller, second by Greg Gaines to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Gary Roark distributed copies of the financial report. A motion was made by Jaci McReynolds, second by Allen Duckett to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

2007 Conference – The group discussed details for the 2007 conference. Gary Roark distributed a revised registration form. A motion was made by Betha Elliott, second by Keith Stammer to change the registration fees this year to \$75.00 if paid before December 1<sup>st</sup> and \$100.00 if paid at the door. Motion carried. Gary will revise the form and distribute to members. It will also be posted on the website.

Debbie and Betha will pursue the same vendors from last year. Anyone with additional suggestions should contact them. Booth space will be \$150 for a 10x10 spot. They can purchase more than one spot. Set up will begin Wednesday at 1:00 pm and booths should be taken down by Thursday evening after the hospitality session. Vendors' websites will be linked on our website. No refunds will be provided to vendors who cancel after November 5<sup>th</sup>.

TTX at Conference – A committee is meeting to plan a tabletop exercise to be held Friday morning at the conference. All conference workshops will lead up to the TTX. AJ Lehman from SEMA will assist in creating and facilitating the exercise. The exercise will run from 8:30 – 11:30 am on Friday.

Website – Jaci McReynolds showed the group the website as developed so far. It is simple. The objective right now is to promote the conference. At a later date, additional information, tools and resources can be added. Several suggestions for improvements were noted and will be made. Member agencies with websites may

have a link from this site. Those URLs can be emailed to Jaci at [jmcreynolds@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:jmcreynolds@ci.springfield.mo.us).

The web addresses are [www.4cornersEM.com](http://www.4cornersEM.com) and [www.4cornersEM.org](http://www.4cornersEM.org). Both will go to the same site. The site is up live now, so members are encouraged to look and suggest changes or additions to Jaci.

Incident Support Teams – Previously called Incident Management Teams. No one was present to give an update. Candy Adams said she thought there were 14 people ready to be trained.

New Business:

Tornado / Flooding Disasters Update – Candy said flooding has been the biggest recent disaster. KS and OK got declarations. MO did not get a declaration for public assistance. Apparently the dates looked at were only June 11 – 14, not the entire month. An appeal is in process. Arkansas escaped unscathed.

Kansas is still waiting for FEMA funding from Greensburg tornado.

On Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Jasper County will be hosting a initial meeting to discuss special needs planning. Dante Gliniecki from MO State Emergency Management Agency will be coming down. The meeting takes place at 1:00 pm at the Emergency Operations Center, located at 303 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Joplin.

Arkansas has started a “Sister County” program in which counties partner up with each other to provide resources, assistance and support in a crisis. Six counties are participating so far in this pilot project. Following a crisis the sister county will help with a rapid needs assessment team and also will have resources available for deployment. In at least one case the counties are also backing up each other’s information systems so things such as accounting and payroll can continue if systems are destroyed. The relationships will be through the ADEM (Arkansas Dept. of EM) and/or directly county-to-county.

Missouri is looking at a similar project, SEMA would be the facilitator through the SEOC who would deploy counties to help other counties as well as county to county.

Resource typing is very important for this type of mutual aid, but also has some limitations. It is limited to 120 categories, and some equipment may not fit into any category. It also leaves it up to the person identifying resource's discretion how to classify certain items. MERIS should help in Missouri.

Crawford County reported that they had equipment damaged as a result of loaning it out to other jurisdictions for emergency response. Because of the length of time it was needed, they were unable to keep a staff member with it at all times. They stress the need to set a policy that if equipment goes, a staff person must go with it to keep it maintained (check oil and refuel, etc.).

Greg Gaines, Missouri RHSOC Regional Staff, will be looking at special needs and mass sheltering locations in each Missouri Region D county. He will also be looking for donations management locations. He will introduce emergency management directors to the National Sheltering System.

Preparedness/Funding – A representative from PILR gave a brief presentation. They are an IT contract consulting company and also do websites. They recently became aware of a DHS grant for interoperability money in the amount of \$986 million, available on a very short time frame. They would like to work with a consortium of agencies to apply for the grant monies. The monies require a filing by the State and matching funds.

Next meeting will take place October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fayetteville, Arkansas.