



North Central Regional Board

Denver Urban Area Working Group

Joint Governance Meeting



Arvada Fire Training Center
6651 Indiana Street
Arvada, CO

May 12, 2016

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Welcome/ Introductions Jerry Rhodes
Matt Mueller
2. Attendance / Quorum Established Chairs
Board Members Present: Richard Atkins (proxy for Heather McDermott), Michele Askenazi, Dave Daley (proxy for Bob Baker), Mike Chard, Peter Perez (proxy for Dan Eamon), Kent Davies, Dave Anderson (proxy for Dave Ramos), Jane Thomas (proxy for Kathleen Krebs), Matthew Mueller, Sylvia Sich, Tim Johnson, Chris Peters, Stephen Cole, Clint Fey, Mark Gutke.

Board Members Absent: Nick Metz, Erick Albers, Brandon Lenderink, TJ Steck, Kevin Armstrong, Charlie Mains.

10 members were present, 11 members were absent with a proxy and five members were absent with no proxy; a quorum was reached.

UASI Working Group Board Member Attendance/Quorum Established

Board Members Present: Richard Adkins, Stuart Sunderland, Nate Fogg, Dave Mitchell, Matt Chapman, Lin Bonesteel proxy for Kirk Dominic (Commerce City) and Eric Schmitt (Greenwood Village), Jerry Rhodes, Matt Mueller, Sylvia Sich, Mark Wolf, Mark Gutke, Jim Olsen and proxy for Gene Enley (Littleton), Steve Martingano, Dave Daley, Ryan Doyle, Clint Fey, JJ Elliot, Mark Cooney,

Board Members Absent: Tim Englert and Michael Schuppe.

20 members were present and 2 members were absent; a quorum was reached.

3. Addition/Deletion of Agenda Items Chairs
No changes to the agenda were made.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes Chairs

UPON MOTION MADE BY MARK GUTKE AND SECONDED BY CLINT FEY, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NCR/UASI APRIL 2016 JOINT GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Old Business

a. HSAC Updates

Scott Kellar
Nate Fogg

- i. Scott Kellar discussed how the HSAC meet on Monday May 9th to cover various topics including new leadership positions within the State, updates on the Updates on the Colorado State Chiefs Intergovernmental agreement for fire mutual aid, and an updated HSAC Strategic Framework.
- ii. There is a new director at the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control named Mike Morgan who comes to the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control from the Colorado River Fire Rescue, where he served as Fire Chief.
- iii. Director Stan Hilkey announced that there will be a private sector representative appointee to the HSAC who was not the HSAC recommended appointee, but the name was withheld at the HSAC. The new appointee has both private and public sector experience.
- iv. Updates on the Colorado State Chiefs Intergovernmental agreement for fire mutual aid, which Chief Jerry Rhodes will brief the group on later.
- v. The HSAC/State Strategic Framework have been inexistence for over two years and is due for update. One of the questions that the HSAC raised is researching how to make it relevant for everyone within Colorado including local, private, and governmental agencies.
 - a. One suggestion the HSAC made was to reorganization it into five new mission groups since resiliency is what the mission statement focuses on.
 - b. Another suggestion is to draft up a survey to ask the stakeholders what their priorities are. A goal of this survey is to try to understand what is going on in the field.

b. South Adams County Fire Board Membership

Lin Bonesteel

- i. Lin Bonesteel spoke about how last month (April) the South Adams County Fire District approached the UASI/NCR board to ask them to be back into voting membership due to the previous leadership at South Adams County Fire District would not allow them to attend monthly meetings. Unfortunately, none of the South Adams County Fire District representatives attended today. Last month the board did vote to consider them for voting membership. The board will wait a month until the final acceptance is voted on.

- a. Lin Bonesteel asked the members if they would like to vote on allowing South Adams County Fire District back into voting membership or hold it for another month.

UPON MOTION MADE BY DAVE DAILY AND SECONDED BY NATE FOGG, THE MOTION TO APPROVE WAITING A MONTH TO VOTE ON ALLOWING SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT BACK INTO VOTING MEMEBERSHIP WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

c. Training & Exercise Program Updates

Rachelle Miller

i. 2016 Wildland Fire Exercise

Rachelle Miller spoke about the 2016 Wildland Fire Exercise that will start next week in Douglas County on Thursday, May 19th and conclude on Sunday, May 22nd in Jefferson County. She has completed the SIMCELL and evaluator training, are working on site set up and logistical support. On Wednesday, May 18th, the NCR will be delivering vests, radios, and water to each site.

- i. Final Overview - On May 19th, the Wildland Fire Exercise will start in Douglas County with the activation of the Douglas County EOC and the State EOC with the support from the SIMCELL. On May 20th, Douglas County will work on transfer of command, while Boulder will start their exercise. On May 21st, Jefferson County will start their exercise while Boulder County and the State EOC will continue their exercise. On May 22nd, Jefferson County will transfer to Type II IMT.
- b. Cancellation Conditions -The policy group recently meet to discuss the contingencies to cancel the exercise if a real world event took place. Scott Kellar discussed with the site leads, Jim Krugman and himself will make a determination if needed to cancel or modify the exercise. All three local agencies will continue with the exercise if the State EOC is activated due to real life incident.

ii. Active Threat Exercise August 2016

Rachelle Miller discussed the active shooter exercised scheduled for August 9th and 10th 2016, called Operation Golden Ladder at the Auraria Campus. There will be another planning meeting following the conclusion of the Wildland Fire Exercise.

- a. Dates- Scheduled for August 9th and 10th 2016.
 - i. James Robinson wanted to include a workshop before this exercise for senior leadership, but Rachelle Miller expressed concerns that there might not be enough time to do so before the exercise.
 - ii. James Robinson will provide more detail during the June board meeting about the small working group and the policy workshop with senior leadership including the dates of the workshop.
- b. Policy Workshop – Scott Kellar discussed the policy workshop group met with some senior leadership to try to continue the success the region has had with the Rescue Task Force polices and outfitting fire and EMS agencies

with PPE. The small working group discussed a few questions including what is next in the active threat environment and where the gaps are. The policy group would like to sit down with all senior leaderships to gauge where we are.

d. Communications Updates

Scott Kellar

i. Governance Training Assistance Workshop

Scott Kellar attended the Public Safety Radio summit at Sports Authority Field and was impressed since it was a well-done event. It represented different groups including senior leaders and communications operators.

- a. There was a number of panels that asked different questions including what really happens in the field, what are some improvement areas, and what are we going to do about it. Some of the issues are the communications sector are multi-jurisdictional.
- b. One panel of interest was from the Colorado State Patrol because they explained how to use local communications channels when they are not loaded in their radios.
- c. The last section of the summit was a discussion on governance that is difficult because the UASI/NCR region does not currently have a single governance structure because there are twelve different groups that are doing little pieces.
- d. There is a lack of governance on how to build our communication systems effectively. The Public Safety Radio Summit also brought in Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) to help plan our communication systems. ICTAP has assisted the Public Safety and Security subcommittee of the HSAC to try to come up with a solution to build out a governance structure and conduct long term planning.
- e. Rachelle Miller discussed the presentation that Veronica Moody with University Hospital gave about EMS and different hospitals issue with the preferred communication use to brief hospitals about incoming patients. Both groups' used radios as the standard, but now use cell phones as their only means of communication. The NCR Health Care Committee supports that using cell phones make it more efficient and convenient, but found that there are issues with this form of technology when there is an overload of users on the cell towers. A perfect example of this was during the Denver Broncos Super Bowl parade and EMS could not contact the hospitals using their cell phones.
 - i. Scott Kellar added that it is an interesting problem because EMS is allowed to call the hospitals with their cell phones with patient information before arrival. One solution that was discussed was not allowing EMS to

use cell phones to pass on patient information before arrival. Many hospitals have noticed that since it is a cell phone conversation, the EMS community has a long conversation with the hospital staff about information that does not benefit them. The hospital staff recommended using radios and not cell phones to address this issue.

ii. FirstNet Update

Scott Kellar

- a. Scott Kellar discussed next Thursday, May 19th there is a meeting with the president of FirstNet in Arvada. The meeting will cover looking at all options of what the state has including FirstNet or what other options it will have (private and public solutions) and to answer the questions the state and local communities have asked FirstNet.
- b. The timeline for FirstNet is between now and one year from today, FirstNet will develop and issue the plans for the states with details of how they will build out the network. After that, the governor has 90 days to opt into that plan or not. One of the main questions that will be asked next week is why there is no negotiation or at least a conversation after FirstNet tells us what the plan is from the state and local communities that it is affecting.
- c. The FirstNet RFP is current out for companies to bid on, they include the four main cell carriers, and there are 36-40 major players in this area according to the OIT. If the governor decides to opt of the RFI, then there will not be monetary resources that will not come to the state of Colorado.

e. Active Grant Status Update

Lin Bonesteel

Scott Kellar

i. UASI Grants

- a. Lin Bonesteel discussed the 2014 Grant will close out in August this year and that she is waiting on a couple of trainings to finish up this week including the Wildland Fire Exercise, but the 2014 Grant should be moved to final payment on parole.
- b. The 2015 Grant has a lot of movement on purchase orders, purchase requests and kickoff meetings, but most of the funds not obligated.
- c. One issue she addressed the board with is there is one movement on the CAD-to-CAD project. Since it is a proposed 2016 planning project, she made a movement to the 2015 Grant to spend in 2015 to start the planning portion of the project. She did confirm with the state that this allowed.

ii. NCR Grants

Scott Kellar

- a. Scott Kellar discussed the status of the NCR 2014 Grants and informed the group the 2014 Grants were wrapping up. He will need to complete a budget modification due to the Patient Extraction PPE project due to the original budget was \$15,000, so the residual will go towards that project to complete it.

- b. For the 2015 Grant, there has been some spending to accomplish a few of the projects and there are no issues to report.

6. New Business

- i. State Chiefs Mutual Aid Initiative Jerry Rhodes
 - a. Jerry Rhodes discussed that Gary Briese, the new director of the State Chiefs Mutual Aid Initiative was not able to come today due to a scheduling conflict. The Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association sponsored the “Broken Arrow” exercise. These exercises were designed to improve our ability to respond rapidly to major events across the state. Following those exercises, many of the participating chiefs met along with Department of Fire Prevention and Control, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Colorado Sheriffs and the Colorado Emergency Managers Association to work towards improvements identified in those exercises including a development of a Colorado Fire Resource Mutual Aid Agreement.
- ii. CAD to CAD Exploratory Meeting Scott Kellar
 - b. Scott Kellar informed the group there would be a meeting to discuss the CAD to CAD with the northern fire departments to build out a scope of work for the contractors to investigate if this system will work with other regional departments. There will be an invite to the 911 directors, dispatchers, and other public safety members to explore the art of the possible with this project. The idea is to explore if we can build out this project as a web based tool by developing an API between the different systems and then develop a situational awareness tool that will benefit the entire region.

7. State/Regional Partner Updates

- i. State of Colorado State Representatives
 - a. Director Hard discussed that the state was able to transfer some of the state funds that will expired on August 31, 2016 to the UASI for spending. The direction from the Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is to transfer \$250,000, but he is waiting on the grant manager and budget officer for complete buy in before they proceed with transferring funds. Director Hard also informed the group, that the specifics would be announced before the UASI/NCR June meeting.
 - b. The department is currently moving finance into realigning to report to the Executive Directors Office.
 - c. The Emergency Management academy is currently going well this is the largest class that the state has ever had with 45 people.
 - d. Director Burt from the CIAC discussed the monthly activity report of the milestones that the CIAC have complete. Highlights include hosting the

Western Regional Fusion Center Association meeting and the TLO conference was the best-attended conference to date with 367 attendances. Director Burt also gave an overview of the sovereign citizen's movement nationally and within Colorado and spoke about the CIAC and their new TIDE database capabilities.

- ii. Red Cross Jessica Pate
 - i. Jessica Pate spoke on the wrapping up the Littleton senior complex fire with addressing some of the issues that raised with the Access and Functional needs and low income. The Red Cross is currently working on AAR. Both Nate Fogg and Jim Olson gave a large thank you to the Red Cross for their help during this fire.

- c. Credentialing Mark Wolf
 - ii. Mark Wolf gave an update on the state credentialing working group that a survey was sent out in April came back with 37 responses and a few suggestions. Mark addressed some of the issues with ESF-13 throughout the state. The State Strategic Guidance Document is being signed.

8. Regional Committee Updates Committee Chairs

- i. EMS Dave Mitchell
 - ii. Dave Mitchell informed the group that the NCR EMS meeting will be on May 25th from 115 at St. Anthony's Hospital. James Robinson and Dave Mitchell has been meeting with the CIAC to discuss the gap of information that is available to Fire and EMS that is labeled police sensitive.

- i. Cyber Silva Sich
 - i. At the last cyber meeting there was a case study presented to the group about the Anonymous group targeting the City and County of Denver over its approach of how it handles its homeless population. The June meeting will review what kind of training and speakers will the cyber committee will use for 2016 grant.

9) Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates – Also see NCR Web site www.ncrcolorado.org

NCR/UASI Meeting	12 May 16
State HSAC Meeting	9 June 16
Fire Mutual Aid Meeting	24 May 16

10) Other Business / Adjourn Chairs