



Denver Urban Area Working Group

North Central Region Board

Joint Governance Meeting



Greenwood Village Police Department
6060 S Quebec Street
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

September 13, 2018

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions:

Jerry Rhodes called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

2. Attendance/Quorum Established:

UASI Working Group Present:

Ron Sigman, Mike Ramos (Adams County Fire alternate), Nate Fogg, Dave Mitchell (Arvada Alternate), Matt Chapman, Mike Chard, Stephanie Hackett (Brighton Fire Alternate), Jane Thomas, Kirk Dominic, Ryan Broughton, Sylvia Sich (Denver PD alternate), Seth Foldy, Craig Rollins (Douglas County alternate) Tim Englert, Scott Jones, Mark Gutke, Gene Enley, Jerry Rhodes, Brain Daley (West Metro Fire alternate), JJ Elliott

UASI Working Group Absent:

Mark Wolf, Chris Armstrong, Bob Grado, Stephen Kelley, Lucas Hunt

20 members were present, 7 were represented by alternates, and 5 members were absent. Quorum was reached.

NCR Board Members Present:

Richard Atkins (and proxy for Kent Davies and Dave Ramos), Michelle Askenazi, Sam McGhee (proxy for Nick Metz), Mike Chard, Jane Thomas (and proxy for Rick Albers and Kathleen Krebs), Ryan Broughton, Sylvia Sich, Craig Rollins (proxy for Tim Johnson), Alex Jakubowski (and proxy for TJ Steck), Stephen Cole (and proxy for Kevin Armstrong), Mark Gutke

NCR Board Members Absent:

Bob Baker, Clint Fey, Charlie Mains, Dan Eamon

16 members were present, 8 members were represented by proxies, and 4 members were absent. A quorum was attained.

3. Addition/Deletion of Agenda Items:

No additions/deletions. The Civil Support Team presentation was moved to the beginning of the Board meeting to respect the presenters time.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from August were not available to approve.

5. Regional Committee Updates (3-minute summaries):

- a. EMS- James Robinson reported that the EMS Subcommittee was preparing for the THIRA workshop, to include working with the private sector. They are working on a Chempack Seminar which will be on October 24th. Their next meeting is on November 7th.
- b. HAZMAT- Glenn Grove reported that the HAZMAT group is working with DFPC on a Hazmat Tech class. They also just finished a Hazmat Tech class. The next offering will be Oct-Nov at West Metro. They had a discussion with CSP at the LEPC Conference and with CDPHE about hazardous waste disposal around fireworks (also with EOD/ATF). Greeley has put together a group of government, fire, hazmat, and oil and gas companies to talk about emergency response plans in Weld County. They are putting together first responder training programs that are about 4 hours long. They are looking at bringing the same thing down to Adams and Arapahoe County.
- c. EOD- Mark Gutke updated on behalf of the committee. They are planning on a tactical bomb tech course the last week of October, with another in April of 2019. Each class can accommodate 12 people. The breaching drill is being setup for late October or November.
- d. Search & Rescue (ESF 9) - No report/update.

6. State/Regional Partner Updates

a. DHSEM updates-

Cory Stark updated the group. The State is continuing recovery work and the recovery task force. It was the 5 year anniversary of the 2013 Floods. Filling an EMAC request for a 9 person IMT to Richmond, VA to support the hurricane response. CO-TF1 is also deployed to support the hurricane response. CSEPP program continues to do munition destruction. Director Willis and Mike Chard attended a meeting in Utah on risk. The EM Academy meets again next week, with big changes structurally coming to the academy. IMT conference is September 26th. 2019 EMPG application is ready and coming next week. EOC Cadre workshop was a success with the first meeting occurring in Boulder and

focused on EOC management, situational awareness, and ESF work. Next month they will meet in Douglas County on September 27th.

Fran talked about the successful LEPC Conference. PRND just delivered a piece of equipment valued at \$100k to Ft. Collins port of entry/CSU. CSU will maintain it and may mount it in a vehicle. Meeting with hazmat stakeholders about long range plan for training in hazmat and PRND. The State is working with the UASI on the THIRA/SPR so it is a collaborative process. At the State level, they are doing 4 half-day workshops (same core capabilities in each group as the UASI). Two will be in El Paso County (Oct 30, Nov 1), two in Denver (Nov 5-6). Official invites/dates to come. They will be looking at both natural and man-made scenarios.

b. CIAC intelligence and Threat Updates

The CIAC gave an intelligence and threat update. For more information, contact the CIAC.

c. Other State Agencies

No other updates.

d. NCR Health Care Coalition

Christine Billings updated on behalf of the HCC. The 2018-2019 NCR HCC Strategic Plan is on the website. NCR HCC project submissions were due on Sep. 11th. They are being reviewed and scored, the notice of funded projects will be on Oct. 1. They participated in the Denver OEM Healthcare Facility Emergency Planning Workshop. NCR HCC Communications meeting was in August. They are working with the NCR Communications Committee to make sure they are interoperable. HCC is presenting at the National Conference in New Orleans.

e. DRCOG

Greg McKinnon updated the group that DRCOG is working on a transportation call for projects. Looking at the annual update for transportation technology planning. They are also focusing on emergency management and TIMS.

f. Mile High Red Cross

Katie Fisk provided a two month update. Lots of responses in July, including a large fire in Westminster and Thornton and flooding in Englewood. In August, assisted 72 individuals. They sent 45 personnel from Colorado and Wyoming to support the hurricane response. Also working in September on a home fire campaign and other preparedness month activities.

g. RETAC Updates

No updates

7. Old Business

a. 2018 THIRA Process Review/Status

Tiana Farrant updated that two workshops have been completed. Going to have three more workshops (including the October 5th placeholder for makeup). They are looking for more stakeholders. There was no hazmat representation and no forms filled out for the Responder Health & Safety. You can still fill out the forms and send them in to Tiana by Oct. 10th. The next THIRA workshop is on September 20th at Auraria. They are also sending out feedback surveys for the first two workshops, so please fill them out.

Mike Chard asked how the THIRA/SPR is going to be used in the grant project evaluation process (funding). Tiana said she wasn't sure what the final product will look like, so she isn't sure how it will be used. Ryan Broughton said any project applying for UASI funds must be directly linked to the THIRA. Mike said he understands that interpretation, but the process is new and inconsistent. He has concerns that we are not identifying true gaps and it will lend itself to a bad Grant Development Committee (GDC) process. Glenn Grove echoed the idea that the gap areas were not true gaps. He pointed to the Hazmat targets and how they were well below the current capability. Mike stated he believes there is too much adherence to the FEMA requirements and we aren't being flexible to what works for the Region.

Sylvia Sich asked for clarification on the targets. She wanted to know if we could add/remove targets. Ryan said no, we can't add anything. Ryan said we are on a tight timeline and it is a big lift to do that.

Ryan also mentioned that the THIRA has been going on for years, so people shouldn't be surprised. He also reiterated the UASI funding stream is only for terrorism. If we want to change that it is a political process. Fran Santagata said the THIRA/SPR is not constrained to just terrorism and she heard something at the training. She said other UASIs are looking at a broader list of threats and hazards. With the confusion, Mike agrees and understands we have to do the THIRA/SPR and submit it by December for the money, but it may not yield the best outcome for the overall grant process. The target statements don't seem to be agreed on and the participation is low.

Sylvia agrees but says if we agree on them and have a scientific process we need to follow it. Her experience on the GDC tells her otherwise.

Sam McGhee said we need to hear from the committees and their expertise. He said they are the best people to identify gaps and the targets. Brian Daley has a concern that the THIRA process being used this year results in perceived gaps, not actual gaps. He wanted to see if there was a way to follow FEMA/UASI guidelines but also include input from the subject matter experts (committees) to do this in a more efficient manner.

Stephanie Hackett agrees with the overall discussion about the committees not being involved. She said she felt as if they weren't welcome to participate, or were told to just fill out the forms given to them. Ryan said that isn't true and wanted to know who told them that, and that there was ample emails/presentations leading up to this. Glenn Grove said he felt the same way as Stephanie, others thought it was just a misunderstanding. Crystal Reed said she doesn't think this is the case while working internally on the messaging. Sylvia thinks the messaging was too focused on emergency management. Dave Mitchell said Stephanie has a valid concern, the committees had no input into the forms. EMS had 17 measures they worked on for years and that was thrown out and condensed down to 4 targets they didn't develop. During the THIRA process they had the opportunity to weave their old capabilities in. As long as the workshops are flexible and allow SME's to do this, and their input is captured in the final product, we can make it work.

Mike Chard didn't think there was mixed communications, there just wasn't input from committees. We need to put this behind us and work collaboratively, stressing the importance of the work of the committees.

Matt Chapman asked how we can use the same THIRA for the NCR/UASI if we don't see eye to eye (referencing the process and the natural hazards vs manmade). He also mentioned the THIRA would be even more critical now that is a three year THIRA. The group wanted to know whose interpretation it is that the THIRA is just terrorism.

Lin Bonesteel reminded the boards that they voted on the 5 scenarios we are using (all manmade). She hasn't heard any pushback before this process and the THIRA isn't new. She also said this is the only joint Board coordinating two separate grant streams she knows of. We may need to look at separating the two streams and groups. Mike and Nate said they were vocal about not liking the documents and process, they just don't think they were heard.

b. 2017 Grant Process AAR

Lin Bonesteel proposed October 11th for the 2017 GDC AAR. There are conflicts with EM Academy and Committee meetings. She will send out another date.

c. CAD to CAD Project Updates

Mike Ramos reported that the Governance Board continues to meet. They answered vendor clarifying questions. The RFP will be extended to provide vendors with more time to respond.

d. CCTA Senior Leader Seminar Outcomes

Kevin Kay reported that the executive policy workshop was a success. They were briefed on the Rescue Task Force and SOG work in the region. They also agreed on the two main gap areas which were situational awareness and a general multijurisdictional command gap (unified/area command). Small workshops are

being put together to address these gap areas to support the 2019-2020 CCTA exercise series.

e. Training and Exercise Updates

i. Cyber Security TTX Outcomes

Rachelle Miller reported that over 120 participants attended the TTX. Each jurisdiction had a different scenario and was able to work at their own pace generally. AAR is under development.

ii. Active Shooter TTX Series – Next TTX

Kevin Kay reported that they finished the Q3 TTX hosted at Auraria. About 40 participants walked through the RTF/SOG concepts in the morning with TTX in the afternoon. Q4 TTX is on November 7th in Boulder.

f. Denver WEA Test Outcomes

Ryan Broughton reported that the WEA test happened and they are still finalizing numbers. Overall a success. Obviously there was some bleed in to the surrounding counties, but they are still troubleshooting the numerous reasons (different carriers, connected to certain towers, calling over Wifi, etc.). Aiming to reach 80% of the population. There is a nationwide test upcoming as well on September 20th.

g. RRAP Next Steps

Kevin Kay reminded the group of the RRAP that looked at data center and fiber line resiliency. They are bringing Argonne National Labs out for the next Communications Committee meeting on October 17th at West Metro/Jeffcom. They will be modeling a TDoS on PSAPs, so please share with your PSAP.

h. UASI Equipment Monitoring Updates

Crystal Reed reported that equipment monitoring is complete. Equipment that is >\$5000 is monitored every two years. If the agency depreciates it under \$5000 it is no longer monitored. Major issue this year was having maintenance records on the equipment.

i. Active Grant Status Update

i. UASI Grants

Lin Bonesteel reported that the 2015 grant is closed. No issues on 2016, working through projects. The regional hospital response plan project which had a scope change has gone out to bid.

ii. NCR Grants

Scott Kellar reported that the 2015 is about to be closed. No other issues, working on budget modification for the residual funds being used for the Northwest Strategic Truck.

8. New Business

a. Civil Support Team Orientation

First Sergeant Stigers from the CST gave a presentation on their capabilities.

b. NCR/ESRI Workshop

Kevin Kay reported that ESRI is hosting a workshop on October 9th. This is focused on emergency management solutions. It is a good refresher for those who participated in the NAPSG project. Fits right in with the situational awareness project that is funded.

c. National EAS & WEA Test

Scott reminded everyone of the national EAS and WEA test – see the handout provided.

9. Other Business / Adjourn

Chairs