

SERC All Hazards Planning Committee  
July 21, 2009, Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Call to order was conducted at 09:05. Those present for the meeting at the U.S. Federal Building Annex, FEMA Alaska Area Office, Anchorage, AK were:

Warren Cummings, AK Fire Chiefs Association  
Ted Smith, DHSS  
David Kang, DMVA  
Brian Fisher, DMVA  
Kim Pontbriand, DMVA  
Andy Jones, DMVA  
Dan Gray, DMVA  
Lisa Witzleben, DMVA  
Mark Roberts, DMVA  
Tony Benaviedes, DOA  
Lane McDowell, JTF AK  
Tom Wilder, FEMA  
Vince Cacadinin, FEMA  
Matt Bernard, FEMA  
Bob Sullivan, DHS HQ

Those attending via teleconference were:

Pat Bonser, DMVA

II. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were done by members attending the meeting. This meeting was unique in that it is in conjunction with a FEMA Region X planning briefing that was requested by the SERC All Hazards Plans Review Committee back in January. The briefings will cover the latest updates in the National Response Framework, National Incident Management System, Comprehensive Planning Guide, Integrated Planning System, and the Region X 5 Year Training Plan. Follow on to the briefings, select group of members will be participating with the development of the National Logistics TCL.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

David asked for a motion for comments or approval of the March 17, 2009 meeting minutes. No comments were provided for discussion. **Warren Cummings motioned for previous meeting minutes approval; Lisa Witzleben seconded. No further discussion followed, minutes were approved.**

IV. Consent Agenda

Agenda approval for July 21, 2009 was entertained by David Kang. **Warren Cummings motioned and Lisa Witzleben seconded. No objection was made by the committee members. Agenda was passed without comment.**

## V. DHS&EM Update

David Kang provided a brief synopsis of current events impacting DHS&EM operations within the near future. The months since the March meeting has been busy. The anticipated Spring Floods resulted in full activation of the SECC and state/federal disaster declarations. Currently, the disaster is in the Recovery phase with JFO activities supporting Public and Individual Assistance programs. Over forty communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers were impacted with flooding and ballistic ice damage. The event started in early May and lasted until mid June.

The DMVA/DHS&EM Operations has been busy monitoring other events and preparing for upcoming threats. Wild land fires in the Interior and the Kenai Peninsula are being monitored by the SECC for possible resource requests. Preparations are under way for Fall Sea Storms which starts in September. Finally, DMVA/DHS&EM supporting DHSS has looked into the flu season in preparation of the H1N1 response. Ted Smith mentioned that the H1N1 vaccine distribution will be the driving event for DHSS's Preparedness section.

## VI. Old Business

- a. Current Plans for Review. No plans were submitted for this Committee meeting.
- b. COOP/COG Activity. Brian Fisher provided the following report. DHS&EM will complete their COOP plan via contractor by the beginning of Fall. Essential functions and alternate site selections took up the bulk of the activities for this plan. The Statewide COOP workgroup has been meeting on a regular monthly basis with the exception of a summer hiatus. The COOP workgroup will bring up FEMA L156 "COOP Building Designs" July 28 through July 30<sup>th</sup> and spots are still available. This class is part of the COOP excellence series for those are or interested in receiving recognition for COOP expertise.
- c. Training Update. Dan Gray provided a Training update. DMVA/DHS&EM is looking at several training initiatives in conjunction with various partners. "G" courses are developed and piloted for emergency management. The first ones that are being looked at are the ICS Section Chiefs. There plans to offer a Disaster Logistics course in conjunction with the University of Alaska. DMVA/DHS&EM is also working on updating the 3 year training plan.
- d. APIP: Lisa Witzleben provided the following report. The 2009 Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection's (APIP) season concluded in June. The upcoming 2010 APIP season will focus on cyber security, private sector interface with EOCs, the Alaska Shield exercise, and fostering the growth of APIP statewide. Work is being developed during the summer months or off season for outreach and 2010 APIP work plan.
- e. Mitigation Update. Mark Roberts provided the following report. The mitigation activities in the past few weeks have been focused on the 2009 Spring Flood

disaster. Mitigation activities of project development, planning, and mitigation awareness are being synchronized with Federal partners through the JFO. The mitigation staff is gearing up for the next Statewide Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Input from various stakeholders will be key as the update will require review and or changes.

- f. CI/KR Update. Tony Benavides provided the following report. Community security vulnerability assessments (SVA) were completed for the Mat-Su Borough since the last SERC All Hazards Planning Committee meeting. Future communities that the SVA team will complete are the Bristol Bay Borough and Wrangell. Sector vulnerability assessments were completed for the data acquisition center, Kodiak missile launch facility, the Alaska Rail Road, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mall. Input on critical infrastructure information continues on the ACAMS.
- g. PDDA Update. David Kang provided the following report. The SERC Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> to reconstitute the SAR efforts. The committees met for the first time in two years and focused on previous efforts as well as provide guidelines for the way ahead. The overall objective of the SERC Committee will be look at “disaster” related search and rescue. PDDA activities under the USAR Committees has been a legacy initiative which the State of Alaska has taken temporary programmatic ownership. Activities associated with damage assessments will be done through programmatic and training themes.

## VII. New Business

- i. Plans Review. Andy Jones provided the following report. DMVA/DHS&EM has put together a Evacuation Planning Guidance. It is a combination of a planning template and an operational checklist. This plan will be distributed for the committee members to review. The planning template was based off of the evacuation plan from the Suite of Plans template provided to the Climate Change communities. The plan is to be piloted in the community of Hyder. Tom Wilder asked if the DoD Air Evacuation planning guide was used. Andy Jones replied that it was used as a reference. Warren Cumming asked if the plan would be used to cover broken levee’s. Andy replied that it covers a broad range of hazards.
- ii. Planning Topics
  - 1. Alaska Shield Exercise Planning Activities. Pat Bonser provided the following report. Alaska Shield planning activities are continuing as planned. The Initial Planning Conference just concluded and community participation is increasing. The exercise planners would like to see additional involvement from the APIP members.

## VIII. Other Reports

No report outs were made by the Committee members.

#### IX. Comments

No comments were made by the Committee members.

#### X. Next Meeting

David proposed that the next meeting be 10:00 a.m. September 28, 2009 in Anchorage in conjunction with the Preparedness Week. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Federal Building Annex, FEMA Alaska Area Office.

#### XI. Adjournment

David entertained a motion to adjourn. **Brian Fisher motioned, Warren Cummings seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.** The meeting adjourned at 09:45 a.m.