

KERN COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2017, 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Kern Emergency Operations Center

2601 Panorama Drive, Building B, Bakersfield CA 93306

S U M M A R Y O F M E E T I N G

CHAIR, CHIEF ED WHITING – TAFT PD

Called meeting to Order and self-introductions of Committee members.

PRESENTATION OF SCE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

STEVEN ODA – SCE

Every City and the County should have received a copy of SCE's Storm Plan (This is their Emergency Response Plan) earlier this year. Copies were sent to your OES or an office equivalent to your OES. If you would like to have a copy of the SCE's Storm Plan for your office please contact your SCE representative and request a copy.

SCE's response to restoration is prioritized – Certain customers are given priority for restoration based on the need to support public safety and health & welfare.

Liaison/Agency representatives have been trained to work with cooperating agencies to assure agencies needs are being addressed. You may contact your SCE representative anytime to request information if you do not have your EOC activated. State and County level EOC's should already have SCE Alerts or reports during a Storm (Emergency Outages). Liaisons are assigned depending on the nature of the emergency to be at the EOC, primary at State/County EOC's.

SCE Alert – used by SCE only during significant emergencies to share important information with local government emergency partners located in impacted areas. You can also sign up for SCE Alerts to receive alerts for outages. You may check for outages during non-emergencies anytime by going directly to SCE.com.

UPDATES:

ORDINANCE 2.66 EMERGENCY SERVICES

GEORGIANNA ARMSTRONG – KERN OES

Ordinance 2.66 Emergency Services was brought before the Emergency Board one last time this month. After identifying some small changes to department head title names. Revisions are being made and the ordinance will now go before the Board in November to recognize the Kern OA Advisory Committee.

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TACTICAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION PLAN (TIC PLAN)

VICE CHAIR, DEPUTY CHIEF BRENT MOON – KCFD

The Redacted Version of the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC Plan) was present to the board this month for review. All participants have reviewed the plan and the signature page has been completed. The TIC Plan will be going before the board in November as well. The County Board is not a signatory to the TIC Plan, but we are making them aware of the plan to make it more dynamic.

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If you do not have a copy of the TIC Plan, please see Marlene Acosta, and she will send you a copy of the TIC Plan.

INTEROP RADIO CHECKS

VICE CHAIR, DEPUTY CHIEF BRENT MOON – KCFD

Interop Radio Checks are being done on XKE S/W every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Testing on the Mutual Aid Channel on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Your agency should be able to do a radio check when they are out in the fields on Thursday, see schedule for your area. The test is to make sure our repeaters are working and to help people get familiar with these channels. Since these channels are not in their primary group this will help them know where to find the channels on their radios. The channels don't work everywhere that's why we have a plan, for the Metropolitan area we are using a dual band repeater, so we have UHF and VHF users sharing that repeater top with each other and outside of that we are using the mutual aid channel which is a UHF only repeater system that goes out Countywide. The more we use these channels on drill and we meet with other agencies on incidents the better it will work on a large incident

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At recent Drill at the Federal Prison in Taft, all the big agencies came out to participate. We had KCSO, Hall Ambulance, KCFD, Taft PD, and CHP. Tested the XKE Channel and also tested Mutual Aid and both channels worked. While testing channels we found out that some of the people did not know where to find the XKE channels on their radios. During the last SIT Team Drill in Delano, BPD was also involved in the drill. Bakersfield PD officer was not on an XKE channel during the drill, which they did have programmed into their radios and was not able to talk to anybody during the drill because he didn't know where to find the channel. That is why it is important to not only test the channels, we need to make sure we are using these channels not just to see if they work, but to use them in real time.

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FRANK DOMINGO – KERN GS COMMUNICATIONS

Recommends having all agencies at least on the ones with UHF, have them program UTAC on all their radios. This is what we call an in repeater mode because we do have a portable repeater on UTAC that we can activate with the States permission in the event that any of the small police departments lose their primary communications. We would have to get the State to approve the use of it, but this would be a valuable resource. All agencies should also have all the XKE channels programmed since these are the channels that would be using if something would happen. We need to have something like this in place as a backup for any situations that may occur. We had a situation a few years back with Arvin when their communications went down and we had to put them on the Mutual Aid channel for a weekend until they got up and running.

TRAINING

VICE CHAIR, DEPUTY CHIEF BRENT MOON – KCFD

Training Classes for the ICS – 300 will be held January 23 – 25, 2018 and ICS – 400 will be held February 27 -28, 2018. Please see training flyer for more information. It is really important that your Agencies, City Governments, and Organizations to have this ICS training to understand the basic structure of how things are going to work as we develop our EOC and the of depth of dealing with emergency, and sharing resources, not just sharing pieces of equipment and officers on the street, but how to do management. This training helps them built the management setting. The key component is having the ICS training.

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We expect for classes to be filled to maximum capacity before the class date. We usually always have a waiting list, I suggest you get your people registered right away. The ICS 300 and 400 are required classroom training. TEEX only come to Kern County periodically, once every year to year and a half. These class schedules are set because they are funded by Congress, so when we demonstrate that there is a need for these classes then they give us a higher priority, but it does necessarily mean we'll get more classes.

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This is especially true for smaller Department because we could have a major incident occur and you're going to be involved along with all the other agencies and if you're not ICS compatible, you're not going to understand why things get done, you're not going to be able to get reimbursements, and you're going to waste resources. It is really important that your agency gets trained in the ICS terminology so they can understand how it works and why it works. Your agency will benefit from this training.

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MOU

CAPT. JEFF BELL – SHAFTER PD

Several copies of MOU's from other counties have been received. We should review these copies to see what we can use to put together an MOU for Kern County. Still waiting for MOU copy from San Diego County.

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Has motioned to establish a small working group to develop a working sample of an MOU for Kern County. Vice Chair, Deputy Chief Brent Moon has a second motion on the small working group. Persons nominated for the MOU small working group: Brandon Smith, Georgianna Armstrong, Jeff Bell and Wendy Benson. The motion has been passed by all committee members to establish MOU small working group.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

WELCOMING NEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO OUR COMMITTEE

Dianne Campbell – Kern Medical Reserve Corps (KMRC) is a nationwide organization that has medical and non-medical volunteers that are available to support any system that is needed during an incident or emergency. KMRC is deployed by the Public Health system. KMRC has 500 volunteers and encourages other agents to extend invitations to their training, excises, and drills, this will help so when volunteers are needed in real situations they will be able to help you more efficiently.

Christian Shannon – Kern County Superintendent of Schools, KCSOS Support Service provides services to the 47 districts across the county. One way that we support the 47 districts are we do have an EOC that is out of our school service location on S. Union Avenue. We are also responsible for the MOU's we have with the BIG 5 School Districts, BCSD, Kern High, Panama-Buena Vista, and Greenfield when it comes to providing assistance with disaster transportation with the bus fleets that we collectively operate. We currently have our team working on the required prerequisites for the ICS 300 and 400 training and we are looking forward to getting our team trained in the ICS 300 and 400 training as well.

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HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

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Homeland Security Grants are being cut. Looks like the State is requesting a local match. Not sure exactly what the match is at this time. We may be a required to have a 25% hard or soft cash match. We won't know until the State releases requirements. The Homeland Security Grant cuts will be presented to County Council at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: December 6, 2017, at 10:00 am

Please send agenda items to Marlene Acosta [macosta@kerncountyfire.org]

Minutes Taken by: Marlene Acosta