

# Bluegrass Emergency Response Team

## Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

VIRTUAL

Introductions and Quorum call

A quorum was NOT established, therefore official business could not be conducted. Minutes are for informational purposes

### I. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Brandewie)

- a. No corrections were noted

### II. Approval of September Treasurer's Report (Chandler)

- a. Drew reviewed the BERT financial statements, and recent transactions.
- b. Clark County indicated that their annual dues are inbound and will be a split between Winchester and the County.

### III. Committee Reports

#### a. Hazmat: NSTR

- Shannon Poynter indicated Lexington is acquiring a 3 PAX CAN AM side-by-side vehicle.

#### b. USAR

- Marti Burton: Equipment deliveries are starting to roll in.
- Matt Blose: Matt said there are discussions about the potential for Louisville / Owensboro and BERT to form a TYPE I Swift Water Team.
- Moe: The structural engineers in his group tagged for deployment for hurricane response have been recalled, are awaiting the aftermath HURRICANE MILTON to determine deployment requirements.
- Chris Ward: Chris asked whether the USAR positions that were supposed to post OCT 1 have posted? After checking, it appears they have not. NFI.

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- Chris Ward: OHIO TF-1 has been redeployed to Orlando to respond to the aftermath of MILTON
- Drew: The PARATEC Trailer has been delivered, and will be available for the BERT Show and Tell.
- Matt Blose: Matt passed on a good resource showing the current deployment status / locations of the Federal Rescue Teams.

### **c. IMT**

- KY IMT is still deployed to NC. Sked to redeploy OCT 10.

## **IV. Open Issues**

### **a. Radiation Safety Program (Calibration) (NFD)**

- NSTR

### **b. BERT (show and tell) October 26, 2024 (0800 -1200)**

- Good to go at Lexington Fire Training Center, 1375 Old Frankfort Pike. No deployment / placement plan. Will handle as assets arrive. BERT participating units please RSVP via SLACK.

## **V. New Business**

### **a) Garrard Co District 1 Tires for Club Car**

- No update. Last meeting authorized additional funding to complete this purchase

### **b) Anderson Co Board Member**

- Chief Durr participated in the meeting and indicated that his authorization letter is inbound

### **c) Drone Program (Clark County)**

- Clark County has collected 6 new drone system quotes that compare “apples to apples” comparisons (equipment, peripherals, software). SEILER SYSTEMS drones are included. Will provide at the next BERT meeting.

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### **d. BERT Drone Program (Matt Blose)**

- Additional system requirements should include: IR / THERMAL capabilities, Data management / retention plan, peripheral ground equipment, NIST Obstacle course for training

### **e. Announcements / Information Sharing**

- Lincoln County search: KSP initially took the lead on the missing person search and requested drone support from Fire. Two days later KSP requested EMA help.. Based on (erroneous) INTEL, K9 searches were expanded up to 3 miles away towards a creek. On day 5, six search teams formed up to do a methodical search starting at the house. Body was found immediately across the street from the ICP.
- Lessons learned: INTEL was bad, as it often is.... STICK WITH BASIC SEARCH PROCEDURES. Prob would have found the body quicker...
- Marti: Need to tighten down coordination / division of labor between KSP / EMA search teams. "Use the right tool for the job.."

### **f. Good of the Order**

- Dr. Nelson is offering a K-9 simulator course. More info to follow.
- Search Management Course being held in Frankfort 23-25 OCT. Sign up on the KYEM training page (2-3 slots left)
- Marti: The community needs more BSAR / Lost Person Behavior courses.
- KY IMT exercise planned for 22-24 OCT. Will be able to sign off on task books / KQS standards retroactively based on demonstrated experience. Charlie Harris will be there.

### **g. Adjournment 09:48AM**

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**NEXT MEETING – November 12**

**Fayette County EOC**

**115 Cisco Rd Lexington, KY 40504**