

Bluegrass Emergency Response Team

Meeting Minutes (D R A F T)

August 13, 2024

Scott County EOC

Introductions and Quorum call

Meeting was called to order at 0900 after quorum was established

I. Approval of July Meeting Minutes (Lewis)

July meeting minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion by Asbury /
Second by Chandler

II. Approval of July Treasurer's Report (Chandler)

Drew reviewed the most recent financial transactions, outstanding dues and balances.
Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion by Lewis / Second
by Jenkins.

III. Committee Reports

a. Hazmat

Versailles indicated they are using the contractor at Bluegrass Station to calibrate
their Mercury analyzer for a price of \$152. They are quick, AND local.

b. USAR

- Job descriptions for the State USAR staff positions are beginning to post.
- Continuing to get quotes for gear to outfit the response teams. Ideally like to contract a single vendor to coordinate acquisition. TBD
- Fayette is willing to donate one of their gooseneck response trailers back to BERT if there is an agency interested in maintaining it.

c. IMT

Jeana gave on update on the State IMT program to include:

- Training on the KY Qualification System (KQS) as it rolls out
- Documentation of participation in exercises

- a. Must physically participate

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b. Must get a copy of participation roster and position that was filled

- Discussion was held about whether to stand up a “BERT IMT” or utilize the State IMT, which is rapidly becoming operational. Would such an IMT deploy for BERT incidents only? Or should BERT augment the State IMT as necessary? Consensus appeared to be the latter.
- Regardless of IMT status / deployment to an incident, it was agreed that some technical specialists should deploy with the operational forces to assist with logistics / planning while a broader IMT capability deploys / stands up as necessary.
- Lincoln County Law Enforcement is willing to participate in BERT deployments to provide force protection if desired.
- BERT prob needs to deploy a standalone EMS capability to provide medical coverage for the BERT members while deployed. This would be factored into the ICS 206 form.
- Corey / Tim preached the virtues of the US Coast Guard Incident Management Handbook. Great quick reference for the “Planning P”, ICS forms, briefing requirements, etc. Recommend ordering for the AHIMT.
- Texas has modified “Survey 1-2-3” to roster personnel when they check into an incident. It’s adequate for claims purposes. Will get more info
- KYEM is hosting a KQS Webinar on August 28.

IV. Open Issues

a. Radiation Safety Program (Calibration) (NFD)

Still working with contractor at Bluegrass Station to continue inspection / calibration of the gear.

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

Sked for October 26 at the Lexington Fire Training Center from 0800-1200. This is also a UK home game against Auburn so it will be a busy day...

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- c. Dues out for payment
Still coming in (per Drew)
- d. New BERT Activation (Matt Blose)
 - New process is ready to go. Matt will create a “cheat sheet” for everyone to reference.
 - ACTIVE 911 will initiate the call out via the Dispatch Center. Subsequent deployment coordination will be done via SLACK.

V. New Business

- a) Garrard Co District 1 Tires for Club Car
 - Garrard needs \$250 to procure suitable tires for their side by side
 - Motion by Asbury / Second by Chandler to authorize the purchase was approved unanimously.
- b) Anderson Co Board Member
 - It's assumed their new Chief (Brad Derr?) will assume the role. Still need a formal letter from the Anderson Judge Exec.
- c) Drone Program (Clark County)
 - Drone software training is ongoing
 - Looking to procure MATRICE 30 drone systems (A Chinese DJI product). A lengthy discussion ensued about the advantages (cost) vs. the risks (Fed government denying funding for DJI products) of going with MATRICE systems. It was agreed that Clark Co / other interested parties would research alternate U.S. manufactured systems and report back to the committee.
 - Clark County is willing to fund the procurement of the “SEARCH LIGHT / BROADCAST” system at a cost of \$1.8K

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- Drew said that the first graduate of the drone testing program received the Scholarship funds BERT approved to reimburse the cost.

VI. Announcements / Information Sharing

- Boonesboro Drowning Recovery OP: Corey gave an overview of the mission, agencies participating (including non-BERT assets), and some of the new technologies that were utilized.
- Franklin County is running a HAZMAT TECH course 23-27 August. There are still 2-3 slots left.
- Drew congratulated Mike and Jeana from Scott County for completing their Emergency Manager Certifications.
- Drew said Woodford County has procured a 650 gallon fuel tender which could be used to support future BERT deployments (this was definitely an issue during the Mayfield Tornado response).
- Drew is looking into procuring a 120 mobile generator, and a STARLINK system for deployment
- Evaluating VERIZON "FRONTLINE" vs AT&T "FIRST NET" for tactical field communications.
- The rate for the KY Emergency Services Conference in September is still valid through August 14th.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Asbury / Second by Lewis to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote at 1030.

NEXT MEETING – September 10 (Virtual)

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