



Notes from July 11, 2008 General Meeting

Attendees:

1. James Von Olnhausen
2. Carol Marnell
3. Jim Spang
4. Brett Simon
5. John Guglielmo
6. Susan Ganey
7. Belinda Guglielmo
8. Kathi Poppen
9. Kathy Becker

Introductions were made and a welcome to very new member Kathy Becker. Brett Simon completed all the requirements for the responder level since the last meeting. Once an associate or responder level is met, volunteers will receive a nifty MRC polo and be given a name badge. However, the computerized badge program is requiring IT intervention. Once this problem is taken care of, I will bring the components to a meeting to make badges for those volunteers at the associate or responder level.

Old Topics

July 24, Point of Dispensing Exercise organized by Kane County Health Department was discussed. John Guglielmo will be the MRC contact at South Elgin High School. Belinda Guglielmo will be the MRC contact at East Aurora High School. 9 am start is requested for MRC working volunteers. Break down will occur at 2pm so a 3 pm end time is expected. The following are listed as MRC Volunteers

South Elgin

Kathi Poppen
Susan Ganey
Brett Simon
Jim Guzzald

East Aurora

Kathi Becker
Lisa Alsip ?

Jim Spang (will be wearing ARES hat that day)

If you have a MRC Polo and badge, please wear it to the exercise.

Other MRC volunteers – stop by and walk through the exercise as a victim. Any one over 13 can act like the head of a household and pick up pretend medication.

If I have you in error – either committed on omitted – please drop me a line ASAP. After July 17, I will let Jennifer J. know that you are coming and what type of role you would fill. If on July

24 you can not come, just call a message on my cell. I will be sending a e-mail out with more POD information before the exercise.

The Rescue Riders have gone regional and have plans on responding medically at motorcycle events. However, some RR members have stayed on as MRC volunteers committed to training and responding in Kane County. Best wishes to the RR volunteers in their new role.

Also, I continue to send e-mails through Outlook however, if I do send you an e-mail through the Disaster net software and you reply, you will get an error message. I still get your reply, you still get an error message. Once the July 24 exercise is over, the office will get back to the business as usual problems.

New Topics

Recruitment was the first topic discussed. I have contacted the sites below (or they found me) and have or will schedule an emergency preparedness presentation. I have a power point from FEMA, one that John G has made plus one that the County has used. I will review/condense/or create a canned power point that MRC volunteers can use. The goal is to have MRC volunteers present to their community with the mission to educate the public and recruit volunteers. I will use one of the general meetings to present the material. Community fairs/functions are also education/recruiting events. County summer interns will work on a display for fairs and the County has printed material in English and Spanish to distribute. Once we are up to speed, I will inform volunteers of events. If you know of an event and a contact person, let me know.

As of this printing, I have contacted the following organizations:

Sherman Hospital Community Outreach

Delnor Hospital Community Events Planner

Provena (Elgin and Aurora) Community Outreach

September 18 @ 6:30pm at Deerpath/Sullivan in Aurora

American Red Cross Fox Valley Chapter

Meeting July 22

Del Web – Elgin Event Manager

Meeting within 2 weeks

Prisco Senior Group

Presentation Scheduled Sept 4, 1:00pm Prisco Building – Aurora Park District

Social Work Organization Meeting at Waubensee (I don't have the name of the specific group, they found me)

Presentation scheduled Sept 19 am

Mounted Rangers

Will plan collaboration for 2009

Hosanna Church – Randall Rd St Charles

Have contact, working on scheduling presentation

Christ Community Church

Have e-mailed them but looking for a good contact

Trinity Church St Charles

Conversed with Rev Rak – will plan a fall presentation

Kane County Medical Association

Working on Fall Presentation - they meet second Monday of the month

ChicagoLand Emergency Vehicle Show August 2, 10am to 4pm I 88 and Randall Rd

I will contact organization for permission to be there.

Fox River Radio League

I will make a contact

Sugar Grove Fire Protection District Open House – Oct 5

E-mail sent

Aurora Fire Department –

They are looking into an open house in October but still tentative.

South Elgin Fire Department

Had a booth for Open House in May

Kane County Fair is closed to the MRC. Kane Health Department is focusing on food preparation and only that department will be represented.

So – think about the organizations you belong to. You can make the contact or forward the contact to me. September is preparedness month and then flu season is just around the corner. Preparedness starts with the individual – let’s get the word out! “Learn how to take care of those that depend on YOU”

The excitement of recruitment brought about the question - what if someone asks, “what would be my role in the MRC?” Agreement was made that job positions must be made. This process will aid in recruitment, keep the MRC focused on our mission, give volunteers a direction plus utilize their varied talents. Brainstorming brought up skills that are needed to fulfill MRC mission:

Information technology

Logging events

Data Entry

Communication

Public Information

Public relations

Meet and Greet

Liaison with other agencies/affiliations

Logistics

Inventory Control

Organization

Clerical

Record keeping

Supplier

Photography

Medical

First Aid

Dispensing Medication

Victim Assessment

Client Education

Mental Health Care

Crisis Management

Client Services

Leadership

Division Leader

Carol M volunteered to research job positions on the MRC website (national). I have some information from training I received years ago and will dig up. Any other ideas will be greatly appreciated. My goal is to have core positions done by the next meeting. Suggestions were made to make a stand alone MRC website because MRC gets lost in the Kane Health website. Though this is not possible, I will be taking a class on website design in the fall. Perhaps I can enhance the MRC pages. Also, using the newly created job roles maybe used in the website, new handouts and displays.

The last topic discussed was the MRC exercise slated for October 25, 2008. I chose a Saturday so that we would have time for an exercise and luncheon. The attendees agreed that this day should be for MRC members with the focus of team building. I had kicked around ideas for training. The Region 9 system (that is hospitals and medical emergency responders in the NW suburban area) has adopted a new triage system. The tags are slightly different with a greater emphasis on ongoing assessment. MRC volunteers may need to utilize the program if the emergency is lengthy. I brought up training and practicing this system for October. The group agreed on the topic. I will start looking for a location. The day will start with a briefing on the system (I will send out e-mail getting people familiar with the concept) and then we will practice. After, a "we did a great job" luncheon is planned. Golden Corral was mentioned as a possible luncheon. I am open to any County central location. In August, we can vote on the preferred eating location.

Speaking of the next meeting, the MRC regional meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio on the day of the next planned general meeting. So I can attend the general meeting, the next date has been changed to **August 15**. September meeting is **September 19**. (I think I had the wrong dates on some of the handouts). Please make changes in you calendar. No general meeting is planned for October. **November 14** general meeting will confirm training subjects and dates for 2009.

Stay safe,