



Notes from June 2, 2008 General Meeting

Attendees:

- 1 James Von Olnhausen
2. Jim Guzzald
3. Jim Spang
4. Brett Simon
5. John Guglielmo
6. Susan Ganey
7. Belinda Guglielmo

A general meeting was prompted quickly due to the low turn out for POD training. Those attending provided significant ideas. In fact, the group decided on monthly meetings. New training requirements, recruiting and building organization will require more collaboration. So mark you calendars for **July 11, 2008 Friday 6:30pm**. I am in the process of finding a regular site. Panera Bread in St. Charles has a meeting room which I am looking into. I will keep up posted. A suggestion of an advisory committee was made which will be on the July agenda.

No agenda was made beforehand for this meeting however Chris Hoff, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the health department requested brain storming in obtaining victim volunteers for the July 24 dispensing drill. The group developed great ideas in obtaining food and freebies to lure victims to the site. Transportation to get victims to the site will be an impediment. If you know of a group that would want to volunteer as victims to test Kane County preparedness on **July 24**, drop me a line so I can have the POD coordinators follow up. The sites will be South Elgin and East Aurora High Schools.

Jim Spang informed me that there is a draft agreement between ARES (amateur radio emergency service) and Kane MRC. I will need to look for information on this. Jim also brought up development of MRC roles/positions. Defined roles would focus training and recruiting. I would like to put this on the agenda for July.

The discussion of the role of minors in the MRC was approached. Pre-screening was recommended along with the minor needing to complete the requirements at the responder level in order to respond to incidents. Along with this, a valid driver's license will be required.

Currently MRC volunteers have four levels: inactive, training, responder and division leader. Another level was recommended – associate. This level is for the volunteer that would like to volunteer but maybe limited by time or other limitations but still would be available for a large scale emergency. This volunteer would be limited in function at the scene – mostly logistics/clerical support. Requirements would be MRC 101 and ICS 100. As the MRC becomes more organized, levels will have more definition have roles assigned to each level.

Discussion was made on the role of Rescue Riders in Kane MRC. I plan on meeting with Dean Akey to obtain more concrete information. The Rescue Rider website informs members to contact their local MRC so they can respond to emergency incidents. The meeting decided that Rescue Riders will need to be trained to the level of responder. Since there was concern that groups may utilize the free training from the MRC for other service groups instead of MRC response, MRC 101 will be required before other training can be offered to the individual. Because of this change, **MRC 101** dates will be switched to earlier in the year – **August 26 (Tuesday) and September 22 (Monday)**
I will be sending updated calendars of events shortly.

During the meeting, many have noted that return e-mail to me results in an error. Until the program – named DisasterNet – is fixed, I will be sending e-mails through the Outlook Program. Please let me know if you have any other problems with e-mails coming from me.

FYI – I will be out of the area from June 5 through June 18 but available by e-mail.

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