

EMA CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2010 AT 2:00PM

65 counties participated in the EMA conference call:

Adams	Fountain	LaGrange	Pulaski
Allen	Franklin	Lake	Randolph
Bartholomew	Fulton	Lawrence	Scott
Blackford	Gibson	Madison	Shelby
Boone	Grant	Marion	Spencer
Brown	Hamilton	Marshall	St. Joseph
Cass	Hancock	Martin	Starke
City of Anderson	Harrison	Miami	Tippecanoe
City of Gary	Hendricks	Monroe	Tipton
City of MI City	Henry	Morgan	Wabash
Daviess	Howard	Newton	Warren
Dearborn	Huntington	Noble	Warrick
Decatur	Jackson	Ohio	Washington
Delaware	Jay	Orange	Wayne
Dubois	Johnson	Perry	Wells
Elkhart	Knox	Pike	White
Floyd	Kosciusko	Porter	Whitley

Bridget Davis welcomed everyone to the conference call. During the call, questions should be e-mailed to Rachel Meyer at: rmeyer@dhs.in.gov and they would be addressed later.

Planning Division

Grants Update

- Rachel Meyer, Grants Management Section Chief, stated that you may get a call from the grants department to complete any unfinished grants issues your county may have.
- Indiana Homeland Security Foundation
Foundation Report: Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grant – Reminder to all EMA directors the foundation grant is available to you and any first responding agency in your county. 2010 Foundation B grant will open on February 1, 2010.

The Foundation Project committee is scheduled to meet on February 18. If you would like to submit a request for this round please email Mary Fields and she will open a budget for you, mafields@dhs.in.gov.

Planner's Update

- Carlos Garcia, Planning Branch Chief, reported that IDHS is planning comprehensive netEOP training for each of the ten districts. Please let your district coordinator know if you have a facility with internet access for 20-30 people.
- EMAP complete and comprehensive assessment will be taking place Monday through Friday.

Field Services Division

- Randy Collins, Field Services Branch Director, reported that ICS forms are in PDF and Excel format and posted on the IDHS website at the top of the resources page.
- The feedback on the All Hazards Incident Management Training in districts one, two, three and six has been outstanding.
- Districts 4, 5, and 7 AHIMT will be March 1-5 in Brownsburg and districts 8, 9 and 10 will be March 29-April 2 in Jeffersonville. The trainings are listed on the district program website.

- District fiscal agents need to submit budgets for the district response task force equipment grant. Please let Randy know if you are not going to be able to spend all of your money and it will be reallocated to someone who can before the deadline.
- If you would like to be on the distribution list for the district information bulletins please send an e-mail to Karen Allen at fieldservices@dhs.in.gov.
- The DRTF Strategic Development Plan template will be out to you soon. Please start planning now, you need to have it done as it will impact your 09 equipment grants fund.
- District IACs, DPC chairperson, task force commander and IDHS applicable staff will be conducting conference calls to talk about district initiatives and best practices.
- Beginning in March core leaders will be conducting conference calls regarding individual elements, compare notes and best practices. Districts will keep visibility and gain visibility in other districts across the state.

Training Division

- KenWoodall, Assistant Director Preparedness Training, stated that regarding the 2007 SHSP exercise funding, most subgrants expired on February 15th deadline. E-mail Ken about district bases training to see if it is an allowable cost that would benefit the task force at kwoodall@dhs.in.gov. There are 08 and 09 grant funds to support you in your training and exercise efforts.
- It is necessary to preplan for training and exercise workshops each year on an individual basis. Let IDHS know if you need any help.
- The link to the PEM changes is: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/emermgtngpgm.htm>. Feedback can be left through 2/28/10.

Response and Recovery Division

- Mark Livingston, Emergency Operations Center Manager, reported that webEOC has mapper on-line now. It is available to you on the control panel. Guidance regarding its functionality will be coming to you soon.
- The automated travel advisory updates within 30 seconds once you save your county's status in webEOC. Please make changes to keep it current and up-to-date for public use.

PA & IA Damage Assessment Course:

- District 9 (Scott co.) – Feb 25
Location – Scottsburg Fire Dept., 185 S. Lake Rd. North, Scottsburg, Indiana/Scott County

Target Audience: Local emergency management agencies and respective damage assessment staff (highway department, public works, EMA volunteers responsible for damage assessment) as well as the local auditor and elected/appointed officials should attend this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 1 day (8 hour) workshop addresses the requirements of conducting an accurate assessment of disaster damages to your community. Both public assistance and individual assistance processes will be covered. The course uses the Emergency Support Function (ESF) concept. Participants will be involved in practical exercises using FEMA damage assessment criteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION: Lodging will NOT be provided for this field course. Per diem and travel costs are the responsibility of the participant. Students MUST attend BOTH sessions and complete a course exam to receive a certificate of training from IDHS. To register or if you have questions concerning the location of this course, please contact Mike Pennington, Elkhart County EMA, at 574-535-6590 or via e-mail at:

mpennington@elkhartcounty.com. Onsite registration will be available from 11:30-12:00, but you must notify Elkhart Co. EMA of your intent to attend by Jan. 20th. DO NOT CONTACT IDHS TO REGISTER.

- Shane Booker, Director of Operations, stated that with regards to the winter weather, nursing homes and other facilities who do not have generators, need to make prior arrangements as to what their needs are and which companies to contact.

- Please e-mail Bridget at bdavis@dhs.in.gov with your agenda topics and ideas for the upcoming conference calls as soon as possible.

The next EMA Conference call will be held on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at 2:00P.M. Please remember to call in at 1:55 to avoid dial-in noise.
