

## Buffalo County Mutual Aid Association -MEETING MINUTES -

Amherst: Glen Brown, Kevin Rumbeck  
Buffalo County Sheriff: Dave Butler, Neil Miller, Tony Paulsen  
Elm Creek: Jeff Schnacker Adam Pickle  
Emergency Management: Darrin Lewis  
Gibbon: Lee Vohland Gene Smith Jim Bolin, Mike Slater  
Good Samaritan: none  
Kearney: Eddie Baer, Chris Vasquez

Kearney PD: None  
Miller: Randy John, Wesley Quail  
Pleasanton: Michael Unick, Chad Dixon, Kurt Lammers, Dean Smith  
Ravenna: Don Zimmer  
Shelton: Ivan Tourney, Wayne Witte  
Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Vice President Glen Brown at 20:05.

MINUTES --Previous meeting approved as presented.

PROGRAM -- None

OLD BUSINESS --

Past Training Opportunities were discussed including the NIFRS training. New training dates will be announced in the near future.

NIMS Training and Compliance was once again brought up, New NIMS compliance CD's were handed out by the Emergency Management Office.

NEW BUSINESS --

This meeting was dedicated as a working meeting to develop a standard frequency list for the new portable and mobile radios.

Tony Paulsen spoke briefly about the need for interoperable communications across the state and how we are trying to accomplish that. In a small part the High End user Radios will help provide some of the interoperability at a regional level. Most of the radios within the region are all the same brand and type. This helps first responders when responding to a scene outside their normal jurisdiction, if radio caches are the same throughout the region this prevents a training period on usage of the radio when arriving at an emergency incident.

In addition to this it is just as important to try and come up with a frequency scheme that makes it easy to share radios within the region, if the frequencies are the same in all the radios this also reduces confusion for the first responders.

The Portable radios are HT-1250 Motorola's and the Mobiles are CDM-1550 Motorola's. Portables have 128 channels 7 zones with 16 channels per zone.

A new SEM Fire Channel and 2 event channels (event 1 and event 2) have been added. The SEM frequency will help with mutual aid communications between Miller, Sumner and Eddyville. The event channels can be used as additional channel to bring other agencies into assist and not tie up the County Fire or Kearney Fire frequencies. These frequencies can be used to tie Law Enforcement, Fire and even EMS together. Or these frequencies can be used as a command, or staging channels etc.

Discussion ensued about the mobile fire repeaters installed for each of the fire departments in their primary response vehicle and the proper use of that repeater.

We discussed the new State wide Mutual Aid frequencies that have been adopted and will be in place in the near future.

1. U-call state wide (repeated) state wide channel)
2. U-tac 1,2,3 and 4 (repeated) reuse channels)
3. U-direct 1,2,3 and 4 (Ground/Simplex channels)

These channels will be loaded in the all the radios.

The radios will be broken down into 2 separate zones that will be the same for all the fire and EMS.

#### Zone 1

1. Kearney fire
2. BC fire
3. Med 9
4. Med 10
5. SEM fire
6. Med 8
7. Hall Co. fire
8. Kearney Co. fire
9. BCEM
10. KPD F-1
11. BCSO F-1
12. KVFD Tac 2
13. Gibbon Fire
14. Adams Co fire
15. UNK public Safety
16. On-Site

Zone 2 will be the State Wide Mutual Aid Frequencies and the Buffalo County Event Channels.

Radio button layout

Orange button **on top** is the on off button for Scan

#### **Front Buttons**

Changing from zone to zone is the up down button (P2)

P-3 Button is the talk around button this changes to a simplex channel.

P-1 a long press is for locking the buttons out and unlocking the buttons. This function does not lock the volume, Channel selector or the PTT buttons.

#### **Side Buttons**

Top button is the Nuisance Channel Delete button. This button is to temporarily remove a channel of the scan mode turning the radio off and turning it back on will restore the channel to the scan mode.

Middle button will turn the light on and off.

Bottom button is the Paging on and off button, when paging button is in the on mode it will only hear the pages no other traffic will be heard. Turning off the radio and back on will not reset this feature it is only controlled with the bottom button.

The Mobile Front Buttons will be (Scan, Home, Zone and Direct)

#### MEMBERS REPORT--

Amherst-- None  
Buffalo County Sheriff-- None  
Elm Creek--None  
Emergency Management-- None  
Gibbon-- None  
Good Samaritan-- None  
Kearney FD-- None  
Miller-- None  
Pleasanton-- None  
Ravenna-- None

Shelton-- None  
President-- Jeff Davis

NEXT MEETING -- Next meeting will be on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 8:00 PM - location Kearney Fire Station 1.  
Meeting adjourned-- 23:00.

Respectfully submitted, Darrin Lewis