

**MetroGIS Emergency Preparedness Workgroup
Steering Committee Meeting
July 20, 2005
1:30-3:45
Room 310, Dakota County Northern Service Center**

Attendees:

Randy Knippel, Rick Gelbmann, John Hoshal, Chad Bergo

Discussion Topics:

Data and website - general discussion about data status and need for distribution of EP data to counties and beyond. Randy presented at recent Hennepin County GIS Users Group and received an inquiry from a city representative about the availability of the data to them. Also discussed need and potential for adding transit layers to EP data and application.

Actions:

- Rick - explore options for distributing entire EP datasets to counties and/or all regional data integrators.
- Rick – explore options for documenting EP data layer status as product of DataFinder database.
- Randy – talk to Keith and Todd about developing web application to display status using DataFinder extraction database by coordinating with Met Council staff.
- John – begin discussions regarding EP data distribution with state level data practices and EM contacts to identify and address questions about data security concerns and public data.
- Randy, Rick – Rick will talk to his staff about accepting role of regional data integrator for transit layers. Randy will talk to Keith about adding transit layers to priority list. Todd Lusk will get transit layers integrated in application in consultation with Allison.

AMEM Conference (September 19 – 21) – John, Carla, and Dan Falbo are planning to go and present 3 topics in a 1 ½ hour session. There was some confusion since Randy’s name is the only one on the agenda. Randy will not go.

Actions:

- John and Randy will coordinate so John can use Randy’s PowerPoint slides including an overview of MetroGIS and GCGI activities.
- John will also look into setting up a booth.
- Dan will give high-level, industry-wide perspective.
- Carla will participate as well.

GIS/LIS Conference – we have a 1 ½ hour session on the agenda with 3 presentations. Need further coordination to finalize topics and materials.

Actions:

- Randy - follow up with presenters to initiate coordination
- Randy - follow up on booth for GCGI and MetroGIS EP.

Emergency management exercise – Randy, John, Rick, Carla, and Gordy were invited to attend and observe an exercise on 7/18 – 7/20 but it was cancelled at the last minute. It will be rescheduled for this fall some time.

Actions:

- Rick - follow up with Steve Swazee to organize a discussion with him to be better prepared for this fall.

Discussed further clarification of GCGI activities and enhance role we can play in the metro area for organizing GIS resources and EM outreach.

Actions:

- Chad – begin developing list of contacts for county GIS users groups and contacting city GIS professionals regarding data refinement.
- John – talk to Carla and Kim about developing an initial list of EM organizations and events.

Next Meeting:

The next MetroGIS EPW meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17th, 2005 from 1:30-3:30pm in Room 310, Dakota County Northern Service Center.