

**MetroGIS Emergency Preparedness Workgroup
Steering Committee**

**Meeting Summary
September 22, 2005
Dakota County Northern Service Center, Room 310
West St. Paul, MN**

Attendees: Randy Knippel, Dakota County
Keith Anderson, LOGIS (Data Workgroup)
Tim Zimmerman, Hennepin County (SNS)
John Hoshal, LMIC
Rick Gelbmann, Metropolitan Council

Agenda:

1. AMEM Conference
2. GCGI Meeting
3. Coordinating Committee Meeting
4. SNS Update
5. GIS/LIS

AMEM Conference:

AMEM Conference was September 19-21 at Breezy Point in Pequot Lakes, MN. It was attended from our group by Dan Falbo (ESRI), Carla Coates and John Hoshal. Dan Johnson (HSEM) and Kim Ketterhagen were unable to attend. This conference was specific to Emergency Management not GIS. AMEM invited GCGI and MetroGIS Emergency Preparedness committee representatives to present at the conference. Judd Freed, AMEM vice-chair, introduced a joint presentation by John, Dan and Carla. John's presentation included an introduction to GIS and emergency management including an overview of activities in Minnesota. Dan's presentation was more "global" in nature, i.e. what is going at a federal and regional (upper Midwest) level. He also included information about available federal HSEM grants. Carla provided a county's perspective, i.e. how she has applied GIS for emergency management in Ramsey County. Approximately 15 people attended the presentations.

GCGI Meeting:

These meetings take place on the fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10-Noon. This meeting took place on September 20th, 2005. Dan Johnson, Executive Director of Homeland Security in Minnesota has accepted the Co Chair of the Emergency Preparedness group on the Governors council. John Hoshal will be the other Co Chair. Gordy Chinander will step down as Co Chair. Dan seems very committed to this position and is concerned about many issues with regards to the integration of GIS technology and Emergency Management.

Coordinating Committee Meeting

Randy Knippel presented our group's process and methodology in the form of a white paper and discussion to the MetroGIS Coordinating Committee. Included in the presentation was the data sharing process model that can be extended to any other level of government. This generated a lot of positive discussion but there may be concerns that we do not have any endorsement. Vigorous work will be done to obtain some written endorsements. Randy Johnson will get acknowledgment from the counties and from various key personnel around the community. The packet goes to the Policy Board in late October. This entire work effort will be used as a tool to justify resources and reassure agencies that a formal consistent data process is in place and endorsed.

SNS

There are metro SNS security meetings each month. They are currently working on transportation routes to the distribution sites. This sample is being distributed to each county so their departments can do similar work. The security committee will determine if the proposed routes will work. There are always differing opinions about distribution from mass dispensing sites but these issues help resolve and develop standards and techniques.

GIS/LIS

There will be an Emergency Management breakout session during the 15th Annual Minnesota GIS/LIS (October 4-5) Users Conference that will include presentations by Todd Lusk the first 30 minutes, Randy Knippel and John Hoshal the middle 30 minutes with Rick Gelbmann and Keith Anderson finishing up the last half hour. All topics promote GIS related to Emergency Management. Judd Freed, Ramsey County EMHS Director, will also give a presentation regarding Emergency Management along with Bill Swing, Wright County IT and Mary Hagerman, Dakota County GIS.

Next meeting is set for November 16th, 2005