

# **KERN COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Kern Emergency Operations Center  
2601 Panorama Drive, Building B, Bakersfield CA 93306

## **S U M M A R Y O F M E E T I N G**

Vice Chair KCFD Chief Moon –

Purpose of the Kern OA Advisory Committee is to provide a connection and establish a communication link with Agencies, Municipalities and other community based organizations in Kern County. Establishing a working group for operational resource management and support shares resources in the mitigation of incidents and disasters. This Committee will provide information from the Operational Area to the Kern County Emergency Council with regular communication and an annual joint meeting. It is important to have all of our public safety agencies and cooperators involved.

### **Goals:**

- Identify all participants and have them attend meeting regularly.
- Have consistent contact with participants and establish a contact list.
- Identify available resources and provide trained management personnel as shared resources for Emergency management.
- Develop a working MOU to provide an effective system to share these resources.
- Develop a plan to pre-identify available resources and personnel weekly assignments.

### **New Business**

OES Georgianna Armstrong –

Requested to invite the new emergency manager for KC Superintendent of Schools to participate in the Kern OA Advisory Committee. Also, to extend the invite to our primary partners such as Kern Water District, Red Cross, and other partners to be a part of the group. We need to do a specific outreach to include City Representatives, Law, Fire, and any other primary community response partners.

New Training Guidelines - State has released new guidelines with three training curriculums for accreditation for EOC staffing. Guidelines will be sent out on requirements for all three levels. Will be suggesting to County and Cities to push for EOC to be at a Level 3 accreditation. Once Cities and the County agree on a level, then we can bring in training to meet those requirements. Possible Grant funds for train the trainer training, giving all the Cities and County the opportunity to train a group that can go back and train their jurisdiction. May also, want to include Excises and Table Tops on how we deploy resources, activate resources, Radio Communications, and build it on the operational area with Table Tops. Kern EOC will be holding training for ICS 300 in January on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and ICS 400 in February on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> which both meet all of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

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### **County Ordinance and MOU Agreement**

OES Georgianna Armstrong –

County Council has reviewed and finalized modifications proposed to County Ordinance 2.66. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board for approval in October 2017.

Previous Mutual Aid agreement stated that all cities would participate, but did not state cost sharing, currently we do not have anything that states any cost sharing. Right now there is only the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement for declared disasters or emergencies. We need to develop a MOU that eases the ordering of assistance knowing who is covering the cost.

Received an email on 2<sup>nd</sup> update on CalOES Emergency Management Mutual Aid Assistance (EMMA), which did not include mechanism for cost allocation. The EMMA document states it would be up to the receiving and requesting Jurisdiction to come up with an agreement after the matter, which will not work. We will be reviewing various existing template agreements, to develop an MOU for use within the Kern Operational Area.

Will send out red line version of the County Ordinance 2.66 and the State EOC accreditation levels.

KCFD Chief Smith –

Has recently been in contact with several people who are actively involved with State Management teams and they have MOU's in place with other jurisdictions and are able to share the cost when Mutual Aid is needed. He will be contacting them to get examples of the MOU's that they have in place. Will also see if they will be willing to come to one of our meetings to discuss the process in developing their MOU agreements for Mutual Aid.

### **Old Business**

Shafter PD Capt. Bell –

Last Meeting on March 8, 2017 we sent out a Four Phase Plan:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phase: Was to establish a geographic boundary where all the channels worked and to see all the Kern County Interoperable test sheets.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase: Car to Car test through the Cities and that was part of the first process.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase: Tactical Interoperable Plan approval and signatures by agency heads
- 4<sup>th</sup> Phase: Mutual Aids MOU Agreements.

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First and Second Phase has been completed. The Third Phase, all agencies have signed and the Tactical Plan will be going before the Board of Supervisors in October. The Forth Phase is still in the process and will take some time.

### **Interoperable Radio Testing**

We are continuing radio tests on XKE S/W every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am for Metro Bakersfield. Testing on the Mutual Aid Channel Countywide on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Right now we are only conduction the interoperable radio checks on the XKE SW and Mutual Aid Channels. Marlene will be sending out the Tactical Interoperability Communication (TIC) list.

GS Communications Frank Domingo –

Recommends using all Mutual Aid channels. Testing radios regularly is beneficial to make sure they function properly, so they can repair them before they are actually need. Also, by doing these tests it teaches your units how to find the channels on their radio. Tests on the XKE N/W, XKE KRV, XKE N/E and XKE S/E can be conducted locally Contact Communications, KCSO or ECC to coordinate.

### **Next Meeting**

**Please send agenda items to Marlene Acosta**

**Next Meeting: October 11, 2017**

**Minutes Taken by:** Marlene Acosta