



North Corridor Minutes

Jasper County EOC

Jasper, Texas 75951

June 26, 2019



Call to Order

Ken Jobe called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm.

Minutes (C101)

Mr. Jobe requested review of the April minutes. Billy Ted Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, Olen Bean seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business

- **International Terminal Corporation (ITC) Deer Park Fire** (C203)

Mr. Litton reviewed the Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) response to the ITC Deer Park Fire with the corridor members. He advised SETRAC is partnered with the Channel Industry Mutual Aid (CIMA) and has developed a relationship over the years and they are aware of the resources available to assist with the medical aspect of an incident, if needed. During this incident, CIMA did reach out to SETRAC to assist in rehab of the first responders. SETRAC sent an AMBUS and crew to assist with the first responders. CIMA does have their own EMS response; however, they are also trained in fire fighting and were pulled to suit up and respond to the fire. CMOC was then asked to oversee most of the medical response and were able to work with the state for resources (i.e. Ambuses, Ambulance Strike Teams, etc.). Mr. Litton reported the end number of total people tracked from the benzene exposure was approximately 600. Michael Rankin advised some people presented at the external emergency rooms in the area and are not on the system, so they were not tracked. He recommended getting them on the system for better tracking capability. Discussion ensued regarding external emergency rooms and urgent cares involvement in the coalition. The corridor members also discussed shelter-in-place and recommended SETRAC develop a shelter-in place plan or video as a resource tool, along the same lines as the evacuation plan.

- **Hot Topics** (C101)

Several hot topics were taken from the ITC discussion, external emergency rooms, EMResource, and shelter-in place. Mr. Litton asked the corridor members if there were any other topics they would like to discuss; no other topics were presented.

HPP Capabilities Review (C101)

The HPP capabilities were covered in the individual updates.

EMTF Update (C306)

Mr. Jobe reported there is now a trailer setup for a TMORT Team, which is a Texas team currently consisting of approximately 42 people from throughout the state; eighteen are with the Harris County Forensic Institute. It is a full semi-trailer that can complete DNA, fingerprinting, full pathology, etc. It is a traveling pathologist trailer/team that can be state requested through a STAR request if a region/area is experiencing a mass fatality incident.

Mr. Litton announced the EMTF position at SETRAC has been filled by Jon Clingaman. Mr. Clingaman will be at the next meeting to meet everyone and give his update.

Training and Exercise (C104)

Trameka Jewett announced SETRAC was recently approved for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) course is scheduled for August 15th-16th at the Affinity Center in Lufkin. She advised the corridor members to be sure and take the pre-req first before registering on the “Preparing Texas” website. The state must approve the pre-reqs before anyone can register. SETRAC will not be able to see if anyone has been denied and therefore unable to assist them in taking the course if the pre-req is not completed. She reported all ICS Trainers are required to retake the ICS courses and pass the updated IS 100/200/700/800 test by July 15th.

RHPC Functional Exercise (May 1st & 2nd, 2019) – Ms. Jewett opened discussion with corridor members requesting other topics they would like to see played out in the regional exercise. Mr. Jobe suggested a hazmat chemical-based threat considering the ICT fire. The corridor members gave some feedback on Operation Blindside stating the videos were good and a different month other than May would help with participation. Ms. Jewett will look in to moving the exercise in April 2020.

Surge Tool Functional Exercise – This is a required ASPR-based exercise that must be completed annually. ASPR is asking our region to complete a “no notice” evacuation for hospitals and find a location, transportation, and receiving locations for 20% of our regions’ beds (approximately 9,400) within 90 minutes. Ms. Jewett gave an overview of the recent scenario and how the exercise played out. She advised the corridor members we will be playing out the next Surge Tool exercise to provide a more realistic outcome.

State Medical Countermeasures Exercise – The MCM exercise is scheduled for October 25th-26th. She gave an overview of the scenario and how the exercise will play out. Since this exercise was split between two Public Health regions, TSA-H will not be participating in the exercise due since the TSA-H region’s Public Health is not exercising this year. Once the TSA-H region’s Public Health schedules their MCM exercise, SETRAC will notify the region.

Ms. Jewett distributed and reviewed the upcoming training schedule. Training classes can be scheduled through Ms. Jewett at trameka.jewett@setrac.org or John Wingate at john.wingate@setrac.org.

Special Population Update (C101)

Hilal Salami reported SETRAC recently conducted two CMS Boot Camps (Pasadena and City of Houston). CE hours will be available for the boot camps going forward and SETRAC is working on having Nursing CEs available. There will be CEs provided at the Preparedness Symposium in October as well.

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss adding home health, home-based services, and hospice to EMResource. Part of the discussion will be regarding what parameters need to be added (i.e. staffing, clients, status, etc.) SETRAC is also working to bring the Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) on board.

Mr. Salami announced there will no longer be a conference bridge provided for the quarterly LTC meetings to encourage participation at the corridor meetings. All information distributed at the quarterly LTC meetings will now be shared at the corridor meetings. This will assist in building partnerships with the hospitals and other agencies.

Mr. Salami distributed and reviewed the list of basic grant-required services (free membership), full benefits for coalition membership (with \$125 yearly dues submitted) and services transferred under Maestro, a SETRAC subsidiary (document filed in minutes binder). There was a question and answer discussion, and from this discussion Mr. Jobe suggested having another LTC meeting in the region. Mr. Litton advised the corridor members that Courtney Comstock (Polk County) has expressed interest in hosting an LTC meeting.

Partner Updates (C101)

No partner updates reported. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes, please send your update via email to Roxie Ward at roxie.ward@setrac.org. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

Open Discussion/Other Business

- **TDEM/Texas A&M System**

Mr. Jobe announced TDEM is now under the Texas A&M System which went into effect immediately due to it passing with more than two-thirds of the vote. There is a TMAC meeting scheduled for August 20th-21st.

- **Emergency Management Certifications**

Mr. Jobe reported there is a team working on the requirements for emergency management certifications and they should be determined by August 2020. There were approximately thirty bills submitted and none failed.

- **RHPC Preparedness Symposium**

The RHPC Preparedness Symposium is scheduled for October 9th-11th at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston. Early bird registration is open and hotel reservations can be made online at the SETRAC website.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Jobe adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm.

ATTENDEES: Billy Ted Smith, Mike Rankin, Gary Litton, Olen Bean, Curst Joiner, Stephanie Hilburn, Kathleen Mitchell, Chris Woods, Ken Jobe, Sondra Williams, Mark Tschudy, Camille Dorer, Stephen Bennett, Paulette Wood, Roxie Ward, Trameka Jewett, Jason Minchew, Justin Cude, Kristine Childress, Brad Francis, Jennifer LaBombard