

Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association  
General membership meeting  
March 26, 2009  
Branson

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Bob Crump performed the invocation.

Bob Dopp led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jon: Made a motion that Paul Thomas be placed in outstanding the Lifetime membership.

Motion was seconded.

All approved.

John: Stated that MEPA has been a great organization, but there is no reason that it cannot grow with as many EMDs that we have in Missouri. If you have any ideas, please contact your region representative and let them bring it to the board.

In our board meeting, we have worked on emergency management accreditation program and there are a few verbiages that we have to work on.

Dawn: You mean the certification program.

John: Yes. We have been working on the statewide mutual aid program. It is housed at SEMA.

Dawn: We are accepting applications now. We will be addressing at the meeting in June.

John: We are also working on the 501C3/6 status. It is still with the lawyer, although it is not final yet. I say that it will be finished before the next conference.

Faith based was discussed in our meeting. Teresa has been working with Dante and the partnership.

The website. Asked for show of hands who has visited the website. Jonathan Ayers works with the website. We hope to have more information posted. We will be placing our minutes, by-laws, membership list, and all information for your benefit.

Asked if there were any questions.

### **New Business**

Election of Officers: Please see annex below for all bios.

**Vice President:** Nominees: Susan Green and David Compton

Gretchen read the bio for Susan Green then read the bio for David Compton.

Asked for any other nominations for vice president three times.

Made a motion to close the ballot.

Motion was seconded and all approved.

**Secretary:** Nominees: Jonathan Ayers, Bob Crump.

Gretchen read Jonathan Ayers and Bob Crump's bios.

Asked for any other nominations for secretary three times.

Made a motion to close the nominations.

Motion was seconded.

All approved.

**Treasurer:** Nominees: Denise Russell.

Gretchen read Denise's bio.

Asked for any other nominations for treasurer three times.

Made a motion to close the nominations.

Paul Thomas asked that the nominations be closed and that Denise be nominated by acclamation.

Motion was seconded and all approved.

**Region A:** Nominees: Mike Boos.

Gretchen read Mike's bio.

Asked for any other nominations three times.

Made a motion to close the nominations.

Motion that nomination be closed.

All approved.

**Region D:** Nominees: Larry Woods.

Gretchen read Larry's bio.

Asked for any other nominations three times.

Made a motion to close the nominations.

Motion was seconded and that Larry be elected by acclamation.

**Region I:** Nominees: None.

Asked for any nominations.

Position will remain open.

**Region G:** Nominees: Teresa Tost.

Gretchen read Teresa's bio.

Asked for any other nominations three times.

Made a motion to close the nominations.

Motion was seconded and that Teresa be elected by acclamation.

Motion was seconded and all approved.

**At large Position:** Nominees: Bob Dopp and Susan Green.

Gretchen read Bob's bio and asked if she needs to read Susan's bio again.

Agreed that it does not need to be read again.

Asked for any other nominations three times.

George: Asked for clarification of the voting rights with three or more persons from a certain subdivision.

Made a motion to close the nominations.  
Motion was seconded.

John asked at this point for everyone to proceed to vote. All nominees may request a representative to be present at the counting of the votes.

John asked for all ballots to be turned in.

Counting of the votes can begin.

John: While we are waiting, we will have a report from the legislative committee:

SB462-hazardous materials. The threshold of gallons spilled will be changed to 3000 gallons with only 25% of incurred costs reimbursed.

SB494-sales tax money to handle interoperable communications is mainly for the St. Louis area.

HB 39, 320, 662 all deal with tax credits for storm shelters. As a board we supported.

HB103- we will study more as it looks at changing the mutual aid system.

HB549- we will be studying also.

HB-

Opened the floor for any questions: None.

Newly elected officers are:

Vice President: Dave Compton

Secretary: Jonathan Ayers

Treasurer: Denise Russell

Region A: Mike Boos

Region D: Larry Woods

Region G: Teresa Tost

At Large: Bob Dopp

### Approval to destroy ballots

Motion was made to approve and destroy ballots.

Motion was seconded.

All approved.

### By-Laws

The by-law committee started work on the by-laws right after the last conference. We rewrote the purpose of MEPA; made a change with Article 4 voting, now able to vote over conference calls; Article 9 committees

Asked for any questions.

Jon made a motion to accept the current constitution with the updates.

Motion was seconded.

All approved, motion carried.

John: Recognized past president, Susan Green with a plaque for her service of 2004-2008.

Your membership expires April 30, so get by and pick up your new membership.

As Susan Green arrived, her plaque was presented to her.

John motioned to adjourn.

All approved.

Adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

## **ANNEX**

### Nominees Bios

#### David L. Compton

David began his work in disaster response in 1983 as a volunteer during the Southern California floods. Since 1988, he has served as a paid and volunteer firefighter, a First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, and is currently a Field Supervisor with Cox Health EMS. He is a well-recognized Emergency management and EMS instructor who is active in

both the emergency management and emergency response communities. A popular speaker, David has had the privilege to speak to a variety of audiences on numerous emergency planning, response, and recovery topics.

Currently, he serves as the Director of Emergency Management for Barry County Missouri. David has previously served as the EMD for Lawrence County, where he served as the incident and projects manager during numerous federal and locally declared disasters. Unique in the state of Missouri, David was the first and only person to serve as the Director of Emergency Management for two counties simultaneously. Additionally, David has been a member of the Barry/Lawrence County LEPD since 1993 and currently serves as the L.E.P.D. Emergency Coordinator. Active in many community groups and boards including being a member of the Missouri State Emergency Management Director's Advisory Committee, Missouri Southern State University EMS Department Advisory Board, the Chairperson of the Branson Technical College Nursing Program Advisory/Admissions Committee, a board member for the local Selective Services Board, Past-President of SMESO, and currently as the MEPA Vice President.

#### Jonathan Ayres

Jonathan Ayres is the Director of the Laclede County Office of Emergency Management. A lifetime Laclede County resident, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Director in March of 2000 where he served until his appointment as Director in March of 2003. Previously, he had held the position of Support Operations Technician for 4 years. Jonathan is also a hazardous materials technician & an EMT-B for St. Johns Emergency Medical Services. Jonathan is also an active Amateur Radio Operator and currently holds the call sign KBOYDU. Jonathan is currently the Troop I Board Member of the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association.

#### Bob Crump

Bob Crump serves as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the City of Seymour, vice-Chairman of the Webster County LEPC. He served as the county's emergency management director for eight years and deputy director for two years. Bob also has over thirty years experience as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Seymour and the Southern Webster County Fire Protection District. Currently, he is the training officer and HazMat Coordinator for the City of Seymour's Fire Department. Bob has over twelve years of membership in MEPA and has served as the

association's treasurer, vice-president, at-large director, and currently secretary.

### Denise Russell

Denise Russell is the Emergency Management Director for Camden County, Missouri. She has over 13 years in the emergency services sector serving those around her. She holds a Master's Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management, extensive coursework in the fire service, accounting, Board of Director's processes, human resources and management, and a B.S. in Education. She also holds FF I & II certifications, Haz-Mat Ops, a former EMT; and Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief and Board of Directors for Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District. She was the founding coordinator of the Lake West Critical Incident Response Team and is still an active member in the ICISF Organization. She has worked with the Lake Area Emergency Services organization and helped develop a resource manual covering 30 agencies to better aid and foster mutual aid response in the area. Her background also includes training coordination and public education related to the Fire Service and EMS branches as well as committee member for the Camden County LEPC. Denise is an active member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, as well as, Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association, where she has served as the appointed Treasurer since August. She is married to Ron—recently retired from active duty with 22 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. They have two grown daughters and an Active Duty Marine son-in-law.

### Michael D. Boos

Mike Boos is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Raymore, Missouri and currently the MEPA board representative for Troop A area. I was appointed to the position after the registration of Mike Hudson in September 2005 and then was elected to finish his term in March 2006. I have been in the emergency management field for the past fifteen plus years as part-time Assistant Director and full-time EM Coordinator for the City of Raymore, Missouri. I also have worked in the Police Department as a Communications Officer and Public Works/Engineering Departments as equipment operator and infrastructure inspector for the city, and a past Deputy Sheriff for Cass County in the 80's for approximately 8 years. I have been in public service for approximately 26 plus years. I have held the position of Chair for the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee in the K.C. MARC region for 3 years (2003-2006.) I am

currently a member of the MARC region Local Emergency Planning Committee under the emergency management group.

I have been past member of the MARC RHSCC (Regional Homeland Security Council Committee.) I am a member of International Emergency Management Association.

#### Larry A. Woods

As the Assistant Director for the Springfield-Greene County, Missouri Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Larry Woods is responsible for developing and maintaining City and County emergency response plans, maintaining resources and equipment, supervising and instructing OEM personnel and other agencies in incident command and other disaster related subjects, maintaining an on-going capability to activate and support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC,) and coordinating disaster recovery operations.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Woods was the Emergency Management Director/911 Coordinator for Laclede County, Missouri. He also served as Chair for the Laclede County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC.)

Mr. Woods brings over 24 years of public safety experience to the job. He is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) instructor and state EMT evaluator; and has served as a commissioned law enforcement officer. He has been active in the fire service as a volunteer firefighter and has extensive training and experience in public safety communications. As a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Mr. Woods gained resourceful insight into volunteer management and disaster response.

Mr. Woods is active in the Southwest Missouri Emergency Support Organization, serves as the Region D Board member for the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association, is a member of the National Emergency Management Association and the Southwest Missouri Incident Support Team (IST) where he serves as an Operations Section Chief. He also serves as the Planning Section Chief for the Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT,) which is a team tasked with medical response to disasters within the state of Missouri and the United States and its territories.

#### Teresa Tost

Teresa Tost currently serves as the Co-Director/Secretary for Ava/Douglas County Emergency Management. Teresa has been a volunteer fire fighter, 1<sup>st</sup> responder and is still involved in the Red Cross. Teresa has been with Ava/Douglas County EMA office for almost 8 years and has served as

Secretary for EMA/LEPC, CERT Instructor, Citizen Corp Chair, Douglas County PIO, and also teaches NIMS. Teresa has also served as a Representative for MEPA on the Faith-Based Partnership Committee. Teresa was also nominated for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lady's Award for Volunteerism. Teresa is also on the RHSOC for Troop G as Volunteer Organization and also the Liaison for RHSOC Troop G on the SIEC Committee. Teresa is married to Ron and they have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Teresa is active in Amateur Radio Operator and currently holds the call sign KC0OKP.

### Robert Dopp

Franklin County Emergency Management Director and 911 Director. Bob has been Chairman of the EOC Committee for STARRS Advisory Board. Has professional and responsible level of training in personnel management, human relations, communication skills, and 35 years of experience in emergency services. Instructor for Fire, Police, and EMS training. Adjunct instructor for East Central College. Computer trained in several programs. Retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 23+ years and retired from the Missouri Department of Public Safety 13+ years. Held the position of Emergency Management Officer IV/Executive Director (1994-2007.) Responsible for supervision and coordinating the administration of Federal Department of Transportation and Federal Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Management Agency funding grants, contracts and cooperative agreements to accomplish missions and objectives prescribed by the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and the Missouri Community Right-To-Know Act.

### Susan Green

On-going, responsible leadership positions in all phases of emergency management functions. Local Emergency Management Director experience, aggressive support for volunteer programs, education of citizens, and development of local assets. Knowledge of all programs related to emergency management functions.

Spearheaded initiative for passage of the "Disaster Leave Law" for State employees and establishment of credit hours for law enforcement and teachers for CPR and First Aid Training.

Developed multi-agency support for capabilities such as WMD/Hazardous Materials Response Teams. Secured funding and development for a \$750,000 "Mobile Emergency Operations Center," the first of its type in Missouri. Increased public awareness of emergency management activities

through marketing campaign including regular media interviews, call-in radio talk show appearances, speaking engagements, and live on-scene coverage. Responsible for developing, implementing, and assessing the results of disaster response exercises statewide.