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NLC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 04/06/2018 3:00 pm

Meeting Location: ECC Executive Conference Room, 9911 SE Bush St

Prepared By: Glenn C. Devitt

Present: John Beaston, Bob Fischer, Alicia Hinojosa, Erik Hovmiller, Rachel Jacky (left at 16:45), Glenn C. Devitt, Ernie Jones, Jonna Papaefthimiou, Jeremy Van Keuren, DaVon Wilson-Angel

Participating by phone (503-823-9998): Barry M. Newman, Deborah Pleva (left at 16:38),

Not present: Jeffrey Rook, Sharon Ross, Susan Ronning, John Steup

QUORUM PRESENT UNTIL 16:45

1. This is Bob Fischer's last NLC meeting. He has decided to step down and offer his seat to Jeff Israel (South Burlingame). Jeff will be present for our next NLC.

2. Recognition Event Awards (new)

Has been an issue since we started this committee.

PBEM Award – Challenge coin from PBEM, determined by Jeremy

Peer Award – Have asked NETs to nominate, then NLC votes to pick seven.

NLC & PBEM are dissatisfied with this process.

We have discussed having categories, but the first NLC didn't like the idea.

Erik's notes: Some NETs don't go to the Rec event because they're just not interested.

This has always been a dedicated event.

How do we want to recognize people, and how do we want to structure the event?

Definitely will be a rec event on June 24, to be reconsidered for next year.

The newly-expanded PBEM staff hears most about what people are doing citywide, but not sure that staff should choose the slate of candidates.

Where we want to go: Recognize NETs for extraordinary service, and promote models of behavior for other NETs, e.g. Michael Colvin for coordinating the citywide exercise.

Discussed possible categories:

- Trainer of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- TL
- ARO

- RTL
- BEECN volunteer or coordinator
- Most hours logged (maybe not a good idea)
- Exercise of the year
- Outreach
- Team of the year

Have all NETs vote? At least have them submit nominations.

Have prizes in addition to awards?

Perhaps being nominated is enough; like booklets at a banquet that include a list of recognitions.

Media can be invited; PBEM will issue a press release.

PBEM has been asked to *not* present awards to Firefighters; commendations can be made by the Chief.

Team of the Year would be especially valuable, and perhaps more appealing to humble individuals.

Send communique to City Council and Fire Chiefs naming the award recipients. (Might also do a quarterly city-internal message so that other bureaus know what NET is doing.)

Add a complementary event/party celebrating *all* NETs, with thanks from Mayor or Commissioner; maybe a BBQ or picnic. 'The City Thanks NETs'. Use PF&R's giant BBQ truck?

Maybe ask TLs to submit a report every year, have NLC evaluate and appoint Team of the Quarter.

Can people be recognized more than once? OK if they're recognized for different things. Perhaps a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' then no more awards to that individual. Goes back to the NET Emeritus discussion from January meeting, but we're not ready to decide that yet.

PBEM team will send email to all NETs about 'NET Appreciation Event', invite them to make nominations with 'categories' as guidelines. Team of the Year gets an REI gift card and plaque.

Other event items:

NET Awards

Challenge coins

Task Book completions

3. Task Book Quizzes (old)

Thanks to all who contributed. Only two left to be published; JVK's is pending, Barry's is awaiting review. Both should be up next week. Possibly this means that people will finish Task Books this year.

4. Future of the BEECN program (old)

Possibly:

- Medical supplies will be given to neighborhoods NETs. Will not remove the gear from neighborhoods which do not have NETs yet; will store it for them.
- Emphasize that BEECNs are community gathering points
- Handle emotional trauma; training for that will be offered to BEECN vols first, then NETs.

There is a possibility of having BEECNs built into Portland Loo-like installations around the City. This is complicated from the perspectives of paper work and design. Might hire the person who created the Portland Loo, and is a NET and BEECN volunteer. PP&R is very supportive and helpful; they have very

good experience with this sort of thing. Pilot locations determined. Wilkes Park is under consideration but not confirmed.

Have we considered having BEECN vols be ATVs for their local NETs? We expect to move NETs & BEECNs closer together. 75% of BEECNs are NETs; need to change this balance if moving to the ATV program.

We have a lot of radio operators: AROs, 50 BEECN sites, ARES, Fire Station orange boxes, other agencies, ECC control. Need a citywide plan for coordinating all that traffic. Digital communication capability is growing. The future might hold better capability for cell phone redundancy/reliability after a disaster. Intra-team radio/tactical comms will *always* be important.

BEECN vols will get 'de-escalation' training beginning this summer. They are not counselors/therapists, but we hope to incorporate professionals in that ATV role within the next year or two. The difference is between 'psychological first aid' (BEECN) and 'disaster psychology' (ATVs). PFA keeps people calm enough and out of the way of team operations so that the team can do its job. Disaster psychology response will be owned by the County.

5. CERT Regional Plan (new)

Can all the CERTs in the region share resources? Rising tide lifts all boats. Consultant's deeply researched report has been forwarded to NLC.

RDPO's REMTEC committee has a CCWG subcommittee. This doesn't make sense because RDPO's mission is to distribute funding. But REMTEC has very specific funding criteria which do not fit CCWG's guidelines. It has been frustrating so CCWG is now a separate committee. JVK's role as CCWG chair ends at next meeting. The report advises on regional priorities, now funding must be discussed. Renate Garrison, the new chair, doesn't like the report, so the future is unclear. Will members still wrestle over funding, or evolve to actually pursue regional goals based on the research in the report?

The report advises a single regional CERT structure. The CCWG has explicitly decided not to combine all efforts, but rather to share resources, e.g. consistent regional training standards for interoperability and qualifications. Maybe add notation on IDs that CERTs/NETs have been trained to the same standard.

There is nowhere in the country where a regional CERT exists. Quality of the delivery of the material is as important as the content; need consistent TTT.

'Regional' includes Clark, Clackamas, Columbia, Washington, Multnomah – the UASI area. Portland leads the state in this work.

Very long term: Create a regional 501(c)(3) and maybe build a regional/statewide training center.

6. ICS-100 for NET (old)

How should NET promote and instruct ICS-100?

JVK is convinced we should teach ICS-100 in Basic NET Training. Question is how do we do it; we already touch on it in Unit 6.

Teach IS-315, which is IS-100 without info unrelated to CERT?

PBEM has hired a videographer to produce training/refresher videos. Should we make ICS-100 one of those?

Two separate issues have been conflated: Should ICS be part of the Task Book, as Advanced Training? Or in BNT?

Either way we need to do a better job of teaching ICS in BNT. It's being done well by some instructors already, so we have the resources to do it properly. The question is how do we teach it in the classroom? Teach basic ICS or ICS-100? Some other CERT training requires ICS-100.

We replaced ICS-100 with Portland NET requirements related to indemnification/NET Guidelines. Group agrees that ICS is critical, based on experience in deployments. Ongoing training by teams is important, but TMs must understand that ICS is important. We have some TLs who don't know IS-100.

Require 315 for NET certification?

Hold TLs accountable for integrating ICS training into their ops plans and exercises.

If we create a standardized, 'fillable' ops plan, ICS should be part of it.

NET ICS video should be available as supplement that TLs can use.

Actions:

Beef up Unit 6, make it dynamic enough so they're not lost when joining their team

Require ICS structure in Ops plans

Video available but not required

Update already made to Task Book, allowing 315 instead of 100

Would need to create a teacher's notebook to teach the class

Welcome packet for new Trainees – review Beaverton's

Modular video project is coming, not yet negotiated/designed. Could augment BNT, fulfill Advanced Training requirements, etc.

Adjourned 17:04

NEXT MEETING: 20 JUL 2018, 1500-1700, location TBD