

NET Phone Conference
April 3, 2020 18:00
Note Taker: Mark Meininger

Host: JVK, Glenn Devitt

Topics:

Thanks to NETS!!

233 shifts – 1040 hours – by NETs under COVID response

Logging hours more important than usual – FEMA will reimburse for time worked – Log hours for COVID deployments!!

JVK – house has no water!

Agenda -

Volunteer deployment policies and guidelines – Currently – if over 60, suggested that NETs not deploy (might eventually) – if any risk factors – do not deploy. Recognize that NETs want to deploy, but stay safe! Discussions of whether deployment of NETs in general is prudent – feeling is yes.

If deploying in community – some say that police bureau will be stopping folks – if stopped by police, inform them that you are a NET volunteer in deployment. However, no known stops occurring.

ECC operations (ICS 100) – Jonna – Planning chief for most of response – now Liaison at county. County has lead on response with regular coverage of public health. Liaisons to county coordinate city response to county response. Devon now leader of food security issue. Job is getting food to people. Ernie supervising call center. A lot of internal city operations (eg, HR) need to be handled. Glenn Devitt not in ECC. Other issues are/may still be happening. Glenn sole duty officer for Portland currently. JVK working on JVIC (Joint Volunteer Coordination Center)– partnership city-county to manage volunteers and donations. Issue yet to cover – are there tools to help neighbors reach isolated neighbors? Tools still being worked for this. Maybe in place by Monday.

Donations: cloth masks. Very confusing. City generally follows county lead. County has been on again, off again. Now Federal government announced 3 hours ago acceptance of cloth masks. Possible NET deployment to come to handle cloth masks.

ECC Operations – Don't know whether to shut it down. Keep ECC up for now, and will continue to ask for NET volunteers.

Hope – realize – this is a dry-run for an earthquake. Think through how team interactions would work through another disaster (eg, earthquake). In activation, we can each feel like a chess piece. A part of a machine. Natural feeling. Disaster response... we are “resources” being used by disaster response leaders. A topic to consider... to get used to.

Communication protocols – PBEM – community: In Blue Sky state, NETs are encouraged to communicate with PBEM. But now, PBEM coordinators not available to NETs. Hundreds or thousands of emails for staff. So consider... are emails actually necessary? Even kind ones... Try to keep communication channels as clear as possible. Of course, send communications that are necessary or related to deployment. – Certainly contact! But news tips are not needed now. Currently other staff are watching news. Please do not send news tips.

If unsure, use chain of command. Check with TL if PBEM needs to hear it. Also will be channels for feedback from NETs. Laura has been getting feedback from NETs on poster project. This feedback will help with next rounds of poster project. Eventually, will set up NET survey about response... for successes or needs for improvement. Maybe next week for survey. Monitor NET Tumblr... news and humor...

Badges. Concerns whether volunteer must have badge to participate. Participation OK without current badge. Wear NET vest. Change of policy when badges are fixed, but for now, OK to deploy without a current badge.

Fun Idea – NET tabletop exercises needed. Develop NET tabletop exercises and then they can be exchanged. Look up CERT tabletop exercise for examples. Then go from there. Work virtually with team to build NET tabletop exercises

Go to county web page for technical details on corona virus and medical questions.

Q&A –

Volunteer from home? – ECC trying to be 75% virtual. Many tasks in ECC can be virtual, and NET tasks can be like that. Those are important and kinda boring... like meeting notes. Not sure when those positions will be available. Will come through NET Bulletin. Want to mobilize NETS to contact isolated neighbors. Plan for how to do that is in the works. Very little information currently about what isolated folks need.

Second wave poster deployment –Confirmed – deployment invite did go out. This request went only to NETs under 60. For safety.

Redundancy in high level leadership? That's why Glenn is outside ECC.

Sewing cloth masks? – Counts as NET vol time.

Masks – great way to volunteer. But if not at high risk, probably higher needs for NET volunteer time

Spanish posters at fire stations yet? – Delivery NETs will get notification. Translations are in works, but exact status of availability unclear.

Donate money for food service for underserved groups? – JVIC working on partnership with United Way – City receipt of donations is problematic, hence work with United Way.

Over 60 year old volunteers (or other risk factors). Will be more opportunities for virtual service—
Understand that all NETs want to serve, in weighing the risks, choosing to keep NETs from excessive risk

Donations of hand sanitizer – county is taking the donations – county web page has a link for receiving
donations - drop-off point – downtown – waterfront(?)

Homemade treats for ECC? Might not be allowed. Need to check rules.

Log time for this call? DEPLOYMENT

Can bring your own food to eat at ECC deployment (but not inside the ECC itself)

No current PPE collections underway by PBEM

7:00 (19:00) – outdoor appreciation noise-making – Thanks to all. (Avoid fireworks and banging pans for
consideration of folks with PTSD.)

Appreciations from Jeremy and Glenn. NETs are part of the response team. Possible next call
Wednesday, April 8.