

**Nebraska State Emergency Communications Committee**  
**June 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes**  
 11 AM CDT Conference Call

Common Acronyms	
CAP	Common Alerting Protocol
COG	Collaborative Operating Group
EAN	Emergency Action Notification
EAS	Emergency Alert System
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert & Warning System
LECC	Local Emergency Communications Committee
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
SP/SR	State Primary / State Relay Network
WEA	Wireless Emergency Alerts

**Item 1 Call to Order: 11:01 AM**

Member Name	Organization	Representing
Al Krause	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications	State Primary
Troy Harris	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	NEMA
Jim Skinner	KPTM/KXVO	Broadcast Television
Jim Timm	Nebraska Broadcast Association	Radio/Television
Rod Zeigler, Chair	Rural Radio Network / KRVN	Broadcast Radio
Philip Brown	Great Plains Communications	Cable
Paul Johnson	Douglas County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Jeromy McCoy	Nebraska State Patrol	Law Enforcement

*Members not in attendance:* Brian Smith, NOAA/NWS; Nick Paden, Cox; Ray Richards, NPSCC

*Other Attendees:* Quinn Lewandowski, UNPPC, Secretary

**Item 2 Approval of March Minutes**

Jeromy McCoy motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting. Phil Brown seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimously.

### **Item 3 Discussion of Multi-lingual Survey Implementation**

#### **FCC Order 16-22 Requires:**

*22. In order that we may assess these efforts, we require EAS Participants to provide the following information to their respective SECCs, who in turn will include such information in the State EAS Plan submitted to the Commission for approval:*

- *A description of any actions taken by the EAS Participant (acting individually, in conjunction with other EAS Participants in the geographic area, and/or in consultation with state and local emergency authorities), to make EAS alert content available in languages other than English to its non-English speaking audience(s);*
- *A description of any future actions planned by the EAS Participant, in consultation with state and local emergency authorities, to provide EAS alert content in languages other than English to its non-English speaking audience(s), along with an explanation for the EAS Participant's decision to plan or not plan such actions; and*
- *Any other relevant information that the EAS Participant may wish to provide, including state-specific demographics on languages other than English spoken within the state, and identification of resources used or necessary to originate current or proposed multilingual EAS alert content. In particular we urge EAS Participants and SECCs to include any pilot projects or other initiatives that involve translation technologies or other innovative approaches to providing non-English alerts and emergency information to the public.*

Rod suggested that we use a survey to collect this information and the SECC members urge all Nebraska broadcasters and cable systems to take part in the survey. Jim Timm received a sample survey from Minnesota, and Quinn has adapted the survey and sent a draft to the SECC members. Edits to the draft survey were suggested and accepted by the board.

SECC members will be utilized to help distribute the survey. Quinn will finalize the draft after the completion of this meeting and send out to all SECC members as well as place a link to the survey on SECC website.

### **Item 4 Blue Alert Update**

Last September, Rod was contacted by the Department of Justice on whether or not they did Blue Alerts in the State of Nebraska. There is currently discussion in D.C. on whether Blue Alerts an EAS alert. If it is required by the FCC, it will be up to each state on how the alerts will be sent. This alert will likely be by state criteria, which will be determined by individuals beyond the SECC.

The board will likely have to wait until something is more concrete in announced before it moves forward with Blue Alerts any further.

### **Item 5 Discussion of Old Business**

Rod has had no contact with the FCC even after reaching out to them about Nebraska's EAS Plan. Jim Timm has also sent a minimum of three emails about Nebraska's state plan to the FCC since February and has not received a reply. Rod and Jim will continue to reach out to the FCC.

**Item 6 Discussion of New Business**

No new business was proposed or discussed.

**Item 7 Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Nebraska State Emergency Communications Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM CST at Nebraska Education Telecommunications (1800 N 33rd St, Lincoln, NE 68503).

**Item 8 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 PM CST.