

**SECC Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Member Name	Organization	Representing
Jim Skinner, Chair	KPTM/KXVO	Broadcast Television
Bob Huber	NET	State Relay
Bob Eastwood	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	NEMA
Rod Ziegler	KRVN, NRRRA, PEPAC	Radio
Brian Smith (p)	National Weather Services	National Weather Service
Marty Riemenschneider (p)	Nebraska Broadcast Association	Broadcast Association

*Larry Lavelle / Sarpy County Emergency Manager / Local Emergency Management*

*Other Attendees: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center; Al Krause, NET; John Shelton, Nebraska State Patrol; Capt. Kevin Knorr, Nebraska State Patrol; Don Miller(p), MyState USA; Jim McGee, Dept. of Roads;; Paul Johnson, Douglas Count Emergency Manager(p); Rich Alleg, Nebraska State Patrol*

NOTE: (p) beside a name means they participated in the meeting by telephone

**MyState USA Presentation on CAP/EAS Infrastructure Capabilities – Don Miller (mystateusa.com)**

MyState is a vendor that can provide CAP alert generation software. SECC suggested that the Nebraska State Patrol is a logical place to start for generating emergency CAP messages for broadcasters, cable, cell phones, and eventually road signs. CAP message generation is something that will need to be done for Nebraska. The State of Washington is structures with 11 LP-1 sites with basic analog system for State Radio Network. Federal grants have helped the state pay for infrastructure. My State USA provides the state of Washington and all 39 counties with access to My State USA at multiple server locations that back each other up. They will integrate with IPAWS in June 2012. MyState will feed into IPAWS and receive from IPAWS emergency messages and tests. The IPAWS alerts will be available to wireless phone systems (CMAS) as well as Broadcast and Cable.

A test configuration in CAP with MyState will not be sent out, which is important to know for monthly testing. Coverage can be coded for real alerts. It is possible to poll a server network to pull multiple server locations. Pulling of server networks can be used to eliminate management of static IP addresses. A statewide philosophy on programming helps in troubleshooting problems, and this can be done through the SECC. The FCC only requires an EAN and RMT alert be relayed. Boxes should be standardize for ease of use. Pre-planned alerts, alert messages, and templates can be used for known events for quicker messaging and ease of use for those sending alerts. The State of Washington uses duty officers (communications officers with the State Patrol) who have 24-hour access to build groups, approve individuals, and oversee the system.

MyState USA offers EAS and cellular messaging, geo-targeting of areas for alerts, Amber Alert modules, and reverse 9-1-1. The console can be customized for each state based on the desired package. MyState

USA also has the ability to interface with road signs. Interfacing with p25 systems can be completed with push-to-talk capability.

The cost model is based on the contacts and the Emergency Alert notification system. There is fixed price by contacts and blocks with min administrators and then there are blocks of administrators. The cost for only the EAS alert is approximately \$5,000 per year. For the full package, the price is around \$14,000 per year.

There are two other players in this field besides MyState USA, some require you to buy the equipment up front, but do not charge an annual fee.

### **Nebraska State Patrol and CAP Messages**

The Nebraska State Patrol would be a good agency to originate CAP messages since they are a 24-hour state agency and seems to fall in line with the Fusion Center. For a project similar to MyState USA, NSP would manage the system and training, but not necessarily implementation. By June 30 2012, all Broadcasters and Cable systems have to have the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) internet-ready alert system to receive alerts. The SECC will move this process forward with the Nebraska Council of Regions and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Bob Eastwood, NEMA, will talk to Al Berndt who will discuss CAP Messaging with the Colonel of the Nebraska State Patrol. Then SECC will reconvene to discuss how to move forward on this project.

### **Grants for Equipment**

Many LP-1s have generators already. Generators require EHPs in order to use federal grant funding, but they are eligible for funds. Bob Eastwood, NEMA, will check to see what funding is available for generators.

### **EAS State Plan**

Jim Skinner, Chair, updated the State Plan to meet the unofficial guidelines from the FCC. One thing that they say we should have a is a list of those officials approving the plan. Jim suggested the Governor and EM Director (General Lyons), the Meteorologist in Charge of NWS and NSP Superintendent. At the Society of Broadcast Engineers meeting on Feb. 29, 2012, Jim will give a presentation on the State Plan. Jim Skinner, Chair, is working on updating the latest version of the EAS plan. Then the FCC has to approve the plan. Once Jim completes his updates, he will send the revised version to the committee via email.

### **Next Meeting**

May 17, 2012 at the NSP Fusion Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.