COMMUNICATIONS

Present: Bruce Shade, Sarah Metzger, Tim Adams, Dave Randall, Jackie Brinegar, Kathy Coleman

- Bruce reviewed the updates and additions he's made to the Tactical Interoperable Communications Guidance Document. He will continue to work on it and review/incorporate the additional talkgroup and radio channel information Sarah provided.
- Bruce suggested dividing the document into 4 separate documents: a guidance document, governance document, ESF and SOGs for each of the components of the ESF. Education will be a big component of incorporating it into use in the region and that may be simpler to do if it's broken down into component parts. Additionally, by separating it into 4 documents, disagreement about one document may not interfere with the acceptance of the other documents.
- The document will be reviewed at the executive committee meeting in May and presented for a vote to the Steering Committee in June. Sarah reminded the group that according to the bylaws, anything to be voted upon by the Steering Committee must be distributed to the membership 30 days prior to the vote.
- A training document should be completed by the end of June, but the communications component of the regional drill will be limited to MARCS radios and conference call bridge because there won't be enough time to complete full training on the document(s).
- The next Steering Committee meeting is going to be changed to June 19, 2008. Tim will send out a notification.
- The next workgroup meeting will be May 20, 2008 at 1:30pm at ARHA.