



Northeast Central Ohio Region 5
REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS
January 15, 2008

MRC

Present: Tim Adams, Bruce Shade, Dennis O'Hara, Kim Villers, Ray Herbst, Jessica Miles, Lucinda Sentner, Sarah Metzger, Tori Luyster, Kathy Coleman, Jim Hubert, Susan Kovach, Karl Roach, Gretchen Brown, Kerry Kernen

- MRC website was reviewed.
- MRC Technical Assessments were collected. Those who haven't completed the assessment yet should send them to Tim when they are complete.
- Tori reviewed Stark's SOG draft.
- Kerry solicited input from the group regarding background checks in anticipation of a conference call with the state on January 18. Consensus of the group was that they will wait for direction from the state, but most include a statement on the application that volunteers are subject to a background check. Kerry will bring feedback from the conference call to the group.
- A small subcommittee will be chaired by Kerry to develop a regional MRC annex. Anyone interested in participating on the subcommittee can contact Kerry or Tim.
- Discussion regarding development of a VRC "strike team" to set up VRCs across the region when needed. Karl and Gretchen stated that from their experience with the VRC, it would be much better to establish VRCs in each county rather than try to do it on a regional basis, because of the preparation involved, the need to utilize a coordinating agency, and the need to practice/drill.
- A VRC/MRC training will be held in Trumbull County at the Girard City Hall on February 14 from 9:00 to 3:00.
- Stark Co. is holding an MRC 101 training on Saturday, March 8.
- Summit Co. is holding an MRC 101 training on Tuesday, January 29. There will be two sessions – one from 8 to 12 and one from 4 to 8.
- The group was encouraged to start thinking about regional activities for Preparedness Month in September.

The next meeting will be held on February 26 at 1:30 at ARHA.