



**Northeast Central Ohio Region 5**  
**REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS**  
**June 12, 2007**

**MRC**

**Present:** Kerry Kernen, Summit County HD; Colleen Dundon, Carroll Co. HD; Kim Villers, Portage Co. HD; Tori Luyster, Stark Co. HD; Bob Walker, Robinson Memorial Hospital; Dave Randall, Richland Co. HD; Jessica Miles, Summit Co. HD; Joseph Diorio, Mahoning Co. DBoH, Susan Kovach, Mahoning Co. DBoH; Bruce Shade, RMRS Coordinator; Ray Herbst, Ashland Co. HD; Dianne Possage, Columbiana Co. HD

**FACILITATOR:** David Nunley

- Dean Langfitt from Integrated Precision Systems presented a demonstration on badging options through IPS. Handouts provided.
- MRC 101 Training – Tori reviewed the MRC training held in Stark County. She reported that it went well overall and offered suggestions for improvement, including outlining the nature of the training to the participants ahead of time and offering Saturday trainings.
- Background Checks – thoughts from the group
  - Focus on non-affiliated, non-licensed volunteers
  - Susan will check with the Volunteer Reception Center regarding their practices.
  - Kerry will check with the Red Cross and United Way in Summit County.
  - Probably can't be a regional decision, would depend on local resources.
  - What are criteria for exclusion?
  - Will the state provide any guidance?
  - Make it a recurring agenda item.
- Standardized Trainings – Discussion regarding whether the region would use the MRC 101 as the standard training. A big issue for some MRCs is the difficulty in getting CMEs and CEUs. May use 4-hour BDLs training instead. OPHCS and the regional website may be used as well.
- Registration Forms – Discussion regarding standardized registration forms across the region. Most MRCs are collecting the same information and are entering information on the state database from the hard copy that the volunteer fills out.
- Updates –
  - Tori's position has been made permanent.
  - Portage has hired a contracted person to work on MRC coordination. They are planning a postcard mailing in to update volunteers.
  - Summit County is working on a registration form and a brochure is being developed. A mailing is planned for July.
  - Richland just finished a CE with Search and Rescue for 100 EMS, volunteer firefighters and general volunteers.
  - Ashland is working on a MOU between hospitals, the mental health board, the Red Cross and the health department to use MRC volunteers across the board. Awaiting approval from the prosecutor's office.
- Notification of volunteers was discussed, may use HAN or reverse 911, but would depend on the event and the resources available.
- The next meeting will be held on August 21 at 9:00 at the Akron Regional Hospital Association.