



**Northeast Central Ohio Region 5**  
**REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS**  
**September 18, 2007**

**MRC**

Present: Diane Possage, Susan Kovach, Dennis O'Hara, Jessica Miles, Kim Villers, Bruce Shade, Tim Adams, Kerry Kernen, Kathy Coleman, Tori Luyster, Tom Decker, Jim Hubert

**BADGING**

- Multiple systems already in place; no direction from the state
- Consider purchasing a badging system for the region if regional funding comes through; individual units would purchase their own supplies
- Region 2 has already done much of the legwork; they use "Identaphoto"
- Credentialing issues – consider credentialing on site using Ohio E-License website
- Badging ahead of time – caution that badging cannot be used as a security measure
- Must develop a regional plan for the deployment of MRC volunteers and address issues of registration, credentialing, assignment, etc. Possible incompatibility between MRC and VRC volunteers. This will be added to next month's agenda. SMALL group should work on developing this plan.
- Kerry will talk to Rebecca in Cuyahoga County to see what they have in place. She'll provide that information to Jessica, who will develop a template for a standardized badge and share with the group.
- Kerry is going to send out to the group the Table of Contents for the MRC Guidebook
- Susan is going to try to speak with the VRC in their area about the VRC manual. Units may be able to tweak that for individual use instead of developing their own. Carl Roach will be invited to the next meeting. Tori will bring her manual.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS**

- It was decided that volunteers would just be advised that they would be subject to random background checks, with no further details provided.
- Kerry is going to resend the information on mybackgroundcheck.com

**OPHCS vs. REGIONAL WEBSITE**

- It was decided to utilize the regional website to share MRC information due to easier accessibility.
- Documents should be sent to Kathy for posting. Kathy's email address is [kcoleman@schd.org](mailto:kcoleman@schd.org) and the regional website is [www.neco5.org](http://www.neco5.org). The password for the library is "necolibrary".

**NOTIFICATION OF VOLUNTEERS**

- Tabled

**RECRUITMENT IDEAS**

- Ideas from the state MRC meeting: newspapers, fairs and mailing have had so/so results. Most successful has been word of mouth.
- Consider recruiting Ohio police/fire retirees and retired military.
- Flyers at PODs, rec centers and libraries

**TRAINING IDEAS**

- Obtaining CEUs continues to be a problem for some. Mahoning and Medina did not offer CEUs for their MRC 101 trainings.
- Tom is going to share the PowerPoint training they developed – may be able to recruit more MDs if the training is offered online.
- Consider bringing BDLS training to the region? Free for MRC volunteers, but it's geared toward medical people, not non-meds. Look into further at next meeting.

**USE OF MRC VOLUNTEERS FOR EXERCISES**

- Tabled

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 FROM 1:30 – 3:00 AT ARHA.**