



**Northeast Central Ohio Region 5**  
**REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS**  
**October 30, 2007**

**MRC**

Present: Diane Possage, Dennis O'Hara, Karl Roach, Kerry Kernan, Dave Randall, Jackie Brinegar, Tory Luyster, Tim Adams, Jessica Miles, Ray Herbst, Jim Hubert, Bruce Shade, Sarah Metzger, Kathy Coleman

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER**

- Karl Roach spoke to the group about VRCs and provided an overview of their structure and function. The key elements to a successful VRC are pre-planning, communication and practice.
- Tori Luyster and Jim Hubert attended a VRC exercise in Tuscarawas County which was designed to address previous staffing issues by re-orienting volunteers to the process. A drill is planned for the spring.

**BADGING**

- Tabled

**VEST COLOR – OMRC MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

- Dr. Smith proposed during the monthly conference call that all volunteers wear a royal blue vest. He is requesting input from the LHDs. Concerns were raised from the group that royal blue is an established vest color within the Incident Command system and could lead to confusion. The consensus was that there will not be a regional standard, but the local entities should email their feedback to Tim Adams, who will then forward a message on to the David O'Reilly with NECO 5's input.

**RECRUITING LHD PERSONNEL**

- Tori requested input from the group as to whether LHD staff is being requested/required to register as volunteers and go through the 4-hour training. Summit County reported that they are having their LHD staff do so, as is Richland County.
- It was clarified that out-of-county volunteers are acceptable.

**MRC VOLUNTEERS / EXERCISES**

- Columbiana County held an MRC 101 training with 65 volunteers attending. They incorporated ICS700 training in their program. They reported that 4-5 doctors and one dentist attended, even though they did not offer CEUs.
- Saturday trainings have been requested from some volunteers.
- Summit County held an MRC orientation on October 29, with a morning and evening session. There were approximately 170 volunteers in attendance and free flu shots were offered. An MRC 101 training is planned for January.

**UPDATES FROM THE REGION**

- Stark County will be using MRC volunteers in their flu clinics on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Stark and Richland both send a quarterly newsletter to their volunteers.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007 AT 1:30PM AT ARHA.**