

# **SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**7:30 pm Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
Manchester Village Hall – Lower Level  
912 City Road  
Manchester, MI 48158**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:34 by Chairman Ron Mann
2. **Introductions** – David Archer (WCSD), Ken Ascher, Marc Breckinridge, R. Cole, Tony Cuevas, Peter DeLoof, Doug Fuller (WCRC), Laurie Fromhart, Jan Godek, Shirley Haussler, Sybil Kolon, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Herb Mahony, Ron Mann, Jolea Mull, Corey Nygaard, John Ochs, Susan Ochs, Karl Racenis, Mark Roby, Donna Sabourin, Roger Simpson, Dwayne Vaillencourt, Pat Vaillencourt, Dale Weidmayer, Sue Weidmayer, Donna Sabrin, Jeff Wallace.

3. **Informational Discussion – DISASTER PREPARDNESS**  
**Washtenaw Emergency Management – Marc Breckenridge**  
**Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security**  
**734-973-4734 / breckenm@eWashtenaw.org**

Discussed FEMA changes nationwide and Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division.

Mitigation / Preparation / Response / Recovery responsibilities

- 1) Collaboration with list of partners
- 2) Assess hazards (54 hazardous industrial facilities in County)
- 3) Planning to protect citizens and first responders
- 4) Communications/Warning Systems
- 5) Enhancing response capabilities
- 6) Promote information and awareness
- 7) Exercising plans and test systems
- 8) Role of local government units (recommends that SWWCOG group designate a representative for multi-jurisdiction emergency.

<http://emergency.eWashtenaw.org>

#### **American Red Cross – Corey Nygaard**

##### **Director of Emergency Services**

Responds to all disasters in County requiring evacuation,  
even single family home fire (~50/year).

Canteening for emergency responders.

Done primarily with community contributions.

#### **Huron Valley Ambulance – Roger Simpson**

##### **Vice President for Central Operations 734-477-6363 / rsimpson@hva.org**

Serves 8 Counties in SE Michigan.

Started in 1981 in Washtenaw County.

Respond to medical emergency and non-emergency calls.

Have responded to national emergencies at FEMA requests.

Special vehicles in addition to 92 ambulances-

Mobile Emergency Response vehicle serves within 100 mile radius.

Specially equipped ATV's (Gators) as special ambulances.  
HazMat vehicle.  
Disaster trailer with supplies for 100 people.  
Specialty teams, including SWAT Team medics for east side of Michigan.  
Specialized medics for County Emergency Management team.  
Dispatch Center. Now working with City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to set up centralized dispatch center.  
Currently dispatch Fire Departments for 9 municipalities.  
Contract with County for Medical Examiners.  
Manchester Township difficult to service because of location. HVA partners with MFD to place ambulance staffed by Firemen at Township facility. Have expanded program into Dexter and Saline areas.

**Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept. – Herb Mahony**

**Washtenaw County Undersheriff/Chief Deputy**

Well-exercised emergency management plans.  
Defined mutual aid agreements between agencies.  
County has effective Emergency Operations Center.  
Can respond with up to 60 officers in Condition Red FEMA Emergency.

**Mich. State Police – Post #26 Commander – Sergeant Tony Cuevas 734-482-1211**

Cooperates with Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.  
Support for emergencies from other Posts (Jackson, Lansing, etc.)  
Communications Division provides radios for emergency responders.  
Public Affairs Division can handle media relations.

**Community Support & Treatment Services – Donna Sabourin**

**Department Director (Human Services Emergency Response Network)**

Community collaborative project for human services.  
Started with 100 families from Hurricane Katrina evacuation.  
Developing network of social service agencies in County (45 agencies interested).  
One of the first groups in the country implementing this.  
Starting enrollment phase for agencies.  
All Sergeants trained in emergency Incident Command.

**Communication Electronics – Ken Ascher CEO 734-996-8888 / [kascher@usascan.com](mailto:kascher@usascan.com)**

Provide communications equipment for emergency responders for 39 years.  
Emergency telephone access (landline and wireless) for municipal officials from Federal Government.

- Government Emergency Telecommunication System (GETS)  
<http://gets.ncd.gov>
- WPS Wireless Priority Service <http://wps.ncd.gov> / 866-NCS-CALL
- NS/EP (National Security Emergency Preparedness)

**4. Questions**

**5. Adjourn at 9:30 PM**

**The next regular meeting will be November 12, 2008 – Sharon Township**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Racenis-Secretary