

# SECC Meeting

## December 14, 2016 Meeting Agenda 10 AM CST Conference Call

Common Acronyms	
CAP	Common Alerting Protocol
COG	Collaborative Operating Group
EAN	Emergency Alert Notification
EAS	Emergency Alert System
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert & Warning System
LECC	Local Emergency Communications Committee
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
SP/SR	State Primary / State Relay Network
WEA	Wireless Emergency Alerts

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Rod Zeigler called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Member Name	Organization	Representing
Al Krause	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications	State Primary
Troy Harris	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	NEMA
Jim Skinner	KPTM/KXVO	Broadcast Television
Jim Timm	Nebraska Broadcast Association	Radio/Television
Rod Zeigler, Chair	Rural Radio Network / KRVN	Broadcast Radio
Philip Brown	Great Plains Communications	Cable
Paul Johnson	Douglas County Emergency Management	Emergency Management

*Members not in attendance:* Jeromy McCoy, Nebraska State patrol; Ray Richards, NPSCC; Brian Smith, NOAA

*Other Attendees:* Nick Paden, Cox; Janell Walther, PPC, Secretary

### 2. Approval of Sept. 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Rod Zeigler made a motion to approve the minutes. Al Krause seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Election Results

Electronic votes were recorded prior to the meeting; all nominations passed unanimously. Rod Zeigler will serve as SECC Chair; Al Krause will serve as SECC Vice Chair. The Public Policy Center will continue as secretary. Philip Brown was elected to serve as the cable representative.

#### 4. Discussion of National Periodic Test

The National Periodic Test went well. Everywhere, NET's feed came in within a minute of the IPAWs feed. It is helpful to poll often, but not too often so it doesn't create a drag in reception. On television, the crawl was generic, unless it was getting input from CAP, and then it would run full text. This was a national issue that the FCC and FEMA are examining. NET will look in to see if the NET live web stream ran the alert online.

*\*\*Update: The NPT did go out via the NET live web stream.*

#### 5. Discussion of 2017 RMT Schedule

Jim Skinner made a motion to adopt the RMT schedule for 2017. Al Krause seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. The schedule is posted online at: <http://ne-eas.org/>.

#### 6. Discussion of Multi-lingual Alerting

The SECC has one year to collect information on the multi-lingual alerting. Getting information and creating a database of contacts is a big task. This may be particularly difficult in reaching programmers at larger organizations. We are open to multi-lingual alerting as an option, but a mandate to a volunteer SECC group is onerous. Currently, stations have the option of choosing a language already, depending on the box used. It's possible with a new administration, FCC priorities will be changed.

#### 7. Discussion of Old Business

**State CAP alerts.** NEMA currently has the ability to issue CAP alerts as of last week. Now, there are two people who can issue alerts; and new accounts are being added. NEMA's plan is to issue state-wide alerts online. The State Patrol, who is also a COG, does not have the same authorized individuals available to issue alerts. Troy will be meeting with the State Patrol to review who can issue alerts. They have the equipment, but they don't currently have the operators. NSP can issue alerts once they identify an authorized person. First, individual have to apply for an MOA with NEMA to use IPAWS, and that goes through Troy and/or AlertSense. That will take 2-3 months to approve. The local entities are also asked to produce a standard operating procedure or guide of what they will be doing and how they will alert. Operators have to complete 2 independent study courses from FEMA; one in general citizenry and one on alerting. Once complete, the MOA comes back from NEMA, the application is completed, and digital certificates are issued four months later.

#### 8. Discussion of New Business

**Amber Alerts v. CAE.** Alerts for Amber language should be used with caution and follow proper protocol. Child abduction alerts will be made through alert sense, but are different than Amber language. The WEA portion of an Amber Alert, you cannot issue a WEA for an Amber or CAE alert; that has to come through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Can a WEA be sent for a missing person in a small local area? You can send event codes for avalanche, civil danger, evacuation, law enforcement, local area, and others through WEA. If you send an administrative message, child watch, etc., those only go out via EAS and HazCollect. It's important to look at the process and language to do more localized alerting when the technology allows for it. It's important to not over-alert the public, as was the testimony of some

broadcasters who testified to the state legislature. There was one suggestion to put all the endangered person alerts under one umbrella alert. If you have suggestions, please send them to Jim Timm related to his work on the Amber Alert.

**FCC Release about SECCs & EAS.** The FCC is sending information on 12/15 about EAS and SECC, but the included information is yet unknown.

**9. Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 15 at 11:00 AM** via conference call (tentatively).

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.