

Alert Evacuate and Shelter Training Conference Call March 10, 2008

Team Members in Attendance:

Beverly Connelly, South Carolina; Acquanetta Anderson, Washington D.C.; Ronald Anderson, Washington, D.C.; Mary Ann Marvil, Maryland; Seth Marvil, Maryland; Starla Garlick, Texas; Jeff Sallee, Oklahoma; Dian Graft, Louisiana; Shelbi Graft, Louisiana; Marty Calvert, Missouri; Bob Spalding, South Carolina; Tom Tate, USDA; Sherrie Guyott, Massachusetts; Lynette Black, Oregon; Susan Emmons, Nevada

Minutes:

Mary Ann and Seth Marvil, MD – Their community has a CERT training planned for March 29th and April 19th, and also April 29th and May 3rd. The CERT training will involve both the teen leaders and town's people; there were not enough teens to participate so they are joining the Sheriff's department to get a sizeable group. The training will consist of 2 full days, part lecture and part hands on activities. There are 11 modules involved teaching triage, terrorism, and flooding to name a few. If anybody else is interested in the Cert Training, call your Emergency Management office (this is how Seth got Maryland's training started) or the local Sheriff's Office (This is how Nevada's CERT training is scheduled). Seth has been busy collecting waypoints to mark houses so he can set up an evacuation route. Sharpsburg, Maryland consists of a lot of historic homes and a large battlefield, so luckily his area of work is fairly small. The Potomac River is very close and they sit on an aquifer which means they have a very high water table. They have had a meeting with the new EMS personnel, and he is excited about the evacuation maps and is brainstorming with Seth. Seth has been attending the monthly meetings with the city council, and the mayor wants the evacuation route maps. Mary Ann and Seth will be attending the televised training that Frank in Missouri is conducting this week. They will be participating from the Community College and also working on getting assistance there to partner up on teaching a course with GPS and GIS at the Kid College during the summer.

Bob Spalding SC – There are a few teams working on ESRI grants. The Spies youth group have been invited to do a training at the CYFAR Conference in May. Beverly Connelly and Howard van Dijk have been moving around state doing Teen CERT trainings. Howard van Dijk is the Extension Disaster contact person with Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN); please check out their website at <http://www.eden.lsu.edu/>. EDEN has a state contact in each state and was developed after the floods in the Midwest in the 1990's. There are 48 states with members and Howard is the South Carolina contact.

Lynette Black, OR – Pam and Lynette will be conducting phone interview for the AES evaluations during the week of March 17-21, 2008. All AES Team leaders have been receiving letters mentioning the next round of evaluations and the phone survey questions.

Justin McConaghy, OK – The State Emergency Manager has been involved with the bad ice storms lately. But after a tornado hit in Arkansas they thought they would do a GIS layout of shelter buildings and map out the location of rooms inside those buildings.

Shelbi and Dian Graft, LA – They have had a visit with their Homeland Security and also worked on a project called Safety Town that works with all of the kindergarteners in their parish over a 5 day span. This program teaches safety, do fingerprinting on the kids and the kids get to do a

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tricycle course. The good thing was that all of the first responders plus Dow chemical plant responders and employees attend and the 4-H'ers had a chance to build relationships. They have received names of contacts and they have a project now. Their 4-H agent has left the extension and they have not received their software yet but there is a training set up to train team leaders in the near future.

Beverly Connelly, SC – She has a Teen Cert training set up for March 28 & 29 as a joint training with teens and adults. For CYFAR they will be doing a GPS training and adding a twist for the workshop, which is possibly on May 7th. The conference is scheduled for May 6-9, 2008. Beverly can't attend but there will be two other agents and volunteers going. Teen CERT has been very good for the kids.

Samantha Ephgrave, OK – She has attended a CERT train-the-trainer and is certified now. She will be working on school teams and training a pilot site in a rural school. She will try to do more in the fall with the GIS/GPS teams assisting with this. There is a two day GIS Day to be held at the Oklahoma capitol. They have already contacted representatives and will be meeting with them. They will have a display and laptop to show off what they have been working on. They have received some backpacks for the CERT program from the County Emergency Management office. There might also be some Homeland Security grants out there to cover backpacks and supplies, check with your state emergency manager.

Starla Garlick, TX – They are starting tonight with a meeting. They plan on using the Benjamin-Harrison-Society power point in the training. They will have a group of 25 youth, with 12-15 youth to arrive tonight to start a project of GIS mapping. They also want to check out the Youth Favorite Places and do some downloading of information onto it. Both of her leaders are green, so she may start with Youth Favorite Places as a first project (<http://www.youthfavoriteplaces.org/>). They will talk to the kids to identify projects to do. Their meetings will be on Monday evenings.

Ronald Anderson, D.C. – They will be working on getting the power point set up onto their website, and we will try to set up a link onto the AES website to get you there when it is ready. Their group has been working with the Director of the District GIS program on layouts of floor plans. The first responders need current layouts of facilities. They have been doing an evaluation survey on household pets. This animal survey is to evaluate the community; there is not a true evacuation for pets right now. Their group wants to work on a pet aspect and they need to assess pet owners, clinics and shelters. Some are through email and many are sent through school kids. They attend monthly meetings with the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, there are about 200-234 representatives who each have about 2000 constituents. They also do a lunch club at McKinley and they have access to a lab with computers where they will be designing evacuation maps once a week. They also have a workshop on Saturdays at South Eastern University. Right now they have three lunch groups that will focus on high schools. The lunch hours right now focus on high school, but they will be looking at identifying labs for middle and elementary schools for the future. The DC public schools already have the GIS software because the special needs classes use this. All teachers have laptops in their classrooms so we want to get the school district to install the software onto their laptops to use in the classrooms. The Charter schools don't have the software so maybe they could apply for the ESRI grants.

Email Messages:

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Sharon Lone in South Carolina. "My students are not available at 12 noon and I have my little kids at 5 pm which makes a conference call hard to do. I will share that we have GPS'ed all the fire hydrants in Saluda County and are creating the maps which will be given to the county. We have two of our youth CERT trained."

Steven Karl in North Carolina- "We have started doing the 4-H work at the high school, and have interested several more students. We have a county map, and hope to meet with the county emergency manager this Thursday to identify required locations. We are working thru the notebook from Petersburg last year to add features."

AES Tools:

The Community Readiness Checklist is a great tool for approaching your Emergency Manager and Emergency Responders in your community. The Community Readiness Checklist letter and checklist are on the website at <http://www.crn4h.org>, click onto the Resources on the front page and then click onto Tools. Please fax the completed questionnaires to Susan Emmons in Nevada at 775-423-7594.

There are 4-H Webinars scheduled for once per month. There will be discussions of map generation every month in support of the AES Project. If you can't attend, please contact Esther Worker about getting a link afterwards, eworker@esri.com. The reminder emails will be sent through the 4-H GIS GPS [4HGISGPS@LISTS.UMN.EDU]. To sign up for the listserv please contact Trudy Dunham at dunha003@umn.edu.

The 2008 ESRI GIS Grant for U.S. 4-H Programs will be accepting applications for ESRI GIS software until March 31, 2008. You may download the 4-H Grant guidelines and the 4-H Grant application from www.esri.com/grants or www.esri.com/4-H.

AES website for resources, games and applications
Youth Favorite Places
Community Atlas information from ESRI

<http://www.crn4h.org>
<http://www.youthfavoriteplaces.org>
<http://esri.com/communityatlas>

Future dates of the AES Conference Calls:

- April 14th
- May 12th
- June 9th

Second Monday of every Month at the following times:

- 12 pm Eastern, 11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific Time, or
- 5 pm Eastern, 4 pm Central, 3 pm Mountain, 2 pm Pacific Time

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