

**Alert Evacuate and Shelter Training Conference Call
Participants from the Virginia and Maryland AES Trainings
September 25th and 26th, 2007**

Team Members in Attendance:

Colleen Karl, North Carolina; Dough Crouse, Delaware; Mary Ann Marvil, Maryland; Ronald Anderson, Washington, DC; Seth Marvil, Maryland; Sharon Lone, South Carolina; Stephen Karl, North Carolina; Sylvia Lynch, Washington, DC; Vicky Carrasco, University of Maryland; Esther Worker, ESRI; Frank Wideman, University of Missouri; Jim Kahler, USDA; Nathan Mattox, University of Missouri; Robi Gray, University of Georgia; Susan Emmons, University of Nevada

Proposed Agenda:

1) Report from Each County/State Team leader on their plan for fall 2007...

Ronald Anderson – Benjamin Harrison Society

Their group will be working on evacuation maps. They have a Girl Scout troop interested and they are working on some charter schools in the area. For the scouts this would be a merit badge for them to work on. They are also looking at little known or out of the way museum and monument sites to map out. They have received the grant and now have fifty seats for software expansion. So far they have been moving around to different locations but have not made contact with National Capital Planning and they have a GIS site for planning and they agreed to work with the group with 10 computers. They may do a train-the-trainer type of training session to start with. Ronald has received a GIS training through USDA and has met a lot of instructors and has been asking them to assist. This is how he has wound up with help from the National Capital Planning site person who is a GIS professional. He also teaches an introductory class to the ESRI software. Question for Esther: Can we get a copy of the ArcExplorer CD because they have an old version. It is best to download it off of the website at <http://www.esri.com/software/arcexplorer/download.html>.

Mary Ann and Seth Marvil – Maryland 4-H

They have received their grant software now. They will be getting new equipment. They have a proposal ready to offer the town council and for the 4-H office. They will be mapping the town and the 4-H camp site. The camp director is on board and will offer CERT training for the counselors and Seth will be helping to train his fellow camp counselors on how to use a GPS receiver and how to do a GPS map of the camp site. Seth will attend a meeting with the town counsel next week to discuss evacuation mapping for the town. Seth will be organizing a project to offer 72-Hour Emergency Kits for senior citizens this winter. Seth has been in the 4-H newsletter about his AES training and opportunities ahead which was released prior to the September Emergency Preparedness month. They have a state delegate onboard to assist with the town policy and will get other partners involved with this project.

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Sharon Lone – South Carolina

They have a project set up to map out fire hydrants and rail roads for the whole county. They had some issues with the Emergency Preparation director at first but now he has changed his mind. Paulette Gay from Midland did CERT training and two of Sharon's youth attended. Sharon has agreed to do a training using her Red Cross certification in Saluda County. There has been an Opportunity Club formed at the high school on Fridays, and they will be learning about AES, mapping, and entrepreneurial ship. Their county is in need of a Recreation/Community Center and they will present this to the town and county council meetings in the future. Their small university will be presenting small business training to the high school Opportunity Club. Their backbone of the group is the ROTC youth and they have been preparing for their inspection today, so they will have more free time after this event.

Sylvia Lynch – Washington DC National Guard

It has been difficult getting the youth together right now to work on a project. The youth have been working on their globalization initiative project in conjunction with the University. They will have done 12 sessions by November 8th. They will start an emergency project in November by getting their CPR certificates from the Red Cross.

Sharon Lone had a question regarding working with the National Guard. She has been having some problems getting them involved with her group in South Carolina. The Emergency Manager states he can't work with the National Guard/Civil Guard unless the governor has called them in. How can a group work with the National Guard with the blessing of their hierarchy? They have good mapping capabilities. To get the commanders in the state office to allow them to work together, write a letter to the TAG with your objectives listed. The TAG will respond in a letter with the unit noted that will be able to help your group.

Steve Karl – North Carolina

They have a group of youth that has been working on the Century Farm project for the last year. Some of these kids will be a part of the GIS group in High School. They will have a meeting every Wednesday to teach GIS. There were 10 students meeting today and a couple of them have done some mapping already. The team will be comprised of some advanced students and new students. Since there is a large percentage of Hispanic youth in the county, they want to create brochure in Spanish. Their County Emergency Manager is willing to help with this project and they will be meeting with him.

Colleen Karl – North Carolina

They have been meeting through the high school which gives them a wide variety of interested youth that are not 4-H youth. This way they are connecting these youth to 4-H through the GIS. The youth are very excited and they have several learning levels now. They will have some youth working on forested areas to show an energy offset, some involved in emergency evacuation and the GIS technology opportunity.

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Doug Crouse - Delaware

Their team will start tomorrow night, and the current Technology Team will be leading the project. The youth will be made aware of the AES training, and two of the current members came to the Maryland AES training. The two GIS specialists who attended the AES training will be at the meeting tomorrow, and they have monthly meetings planned. There are Capitol City individuals interested in helping the kids with the project and building a partnership. They also have joined with a sister county in hopes to jump start another team there.

2) NAE4HA Conference October 21-27, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia...NAE4HA

Geospatial Journeys– the 4-H Way! An opportunity to learn more about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) on **Sunday, October 21st, 2007 from 8:30am to 4:00pm- workshop time**

Monday, October 22nd is a Teen Cert program – 1:30 pm

Tuesday October 23rd is a GPS/GIS program – 1015 am

“Who’s Prepared?” The South Carolina youth are the Spies and they will take participants through the use of GPS units in finding facilities ideal for shelters. The Georgia youth are the Pirates who will have an introduction of evacuation mapping and will show the beginning part of the AES presentation.

3) Community Readiness Network Checklist

The Community Readiness Network Checklist is an excellent resource for finding out what your community has available. We need every team to do this checklist and fax the entire sheet to Nevada. Susan will be sending out reminders to all of the teams with the checklist attached. Please do this task as soon as possible. This is also a great way to get the youth to meet the Emergency Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, etc.

4) AES website... www.crn4h.org

We ask everyone to continually check back to the website for resources, a refresher on the training material or to find out contact information. If you should have any questions regarding the software, how to do something or where to find something please email me and I will get you in contact with the correct instructor. We will be re-organizing the website in the near future and you will have an easier time finding the resources. If you have found resources that we do not have, please email them to Susan Emmons at emmonss@unce.unr.edu and we will link them onto our website. Thank you.

5) Evaluation Plans...

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6) Other topic suggestions for future calls...

- **Communication Portal for participants to contact each other**

Is there some way or a form that can be set up for the youth to communicate with each other after the trainings? Maybe have a way to contact participants from other states.

Missouri 4-H'ers currently have discussions on www.Facebook.com. If the leaders will teach them to use the safety features there is more security on Facebook than MySpace. The youth can communicate amongst themselves and we can set up a supervisor from among the trainers. We might want to look at this for the future. Maybe set up a group for GIS/GPS/AES participants to open a portal. Facebook was originally set up for college students, but a good deal of high school groups have joined it now. There are always technological minded kids who like to experiment on the internet and maybe we could guide them towards Facebook over the MySpace location. We want to discuss the need to set up security so they are not wide open.

Jim Kahler from the USDA stated that there will be a new 4-H portal that will be discussed at the NAE4HA conference next month. The National 4-H Council started a launch with their 4H.org domain for this portal. This youth portal will be a secure, built on safety, networking possibility for youth. This is based on software that was built by a 4-H alumnus and is designed specifically for youth to do fun things, build their own page and for communicate with extra security measure in mind. They are still negotiating and it will be tested by SET youth. It is not ready yet.

Vicky Carrasco from the University of Maryland stated that they have been exploring Wiki as a communication portal. Individuals would sign up and insert questions, documents, and share information in a secure atmosphere. It has worked well for smaller groups for the university. Participants can take a look at who has been asking questions and also who has been answering them.

The Cyfernet Technology group has done some training with wiki's. Trudy Dunham has been doing this for almost 2 years now with instructions on how to use it.

****NOTE****

- Please contact Esther Worker for additional ESRI literature for your trainings. There will be an ESRI booth set up at the NAE4HA conference. Please contact Esther Worker at eworker@esri.com
- We do want to make sure anyone interested in receiving GIS/GPS information has signed up to receive messages through the 4HGIS/GPS list serve. Please email Jim Kahler at JKAHLER@CSREES.USDA.GOV by Friday, September 28,

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2007. Or email Trudy Dunham at dunha003@umn.edu beginning Monday, October 1st, 2007. Thank you.

- If you are interested in finding out where your state civil support team is, please check this website: <http://c21.maxwell.af.mil/wmd-cst.htm#stateguard>.