



OPERATION WEATHER SURVIVAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 18, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.
St. Louis Society for the Blind Building
8770 Manchester Road

Attendees:

Dr. Douglas Adams – St. Louis County Department of Health
Kay Archer – United Way of Greater St. Louis
Lisa Beatty – Mid-East Area Agency on Aging
Julie Burkemper – St. Charles County Department of Health
Gary Christmann – St. Louis City Emergency Management Agency
Leslie Compton-Pruett – St. Louis City Department of Health
Valda Croskey – St. Louis City Department of Health
Julie Durchholz – Asthma & Allergy Foundation
Debbie Fagin – United Way of Greater St. Louis
Linda Hiette – St. Louis County Department of Health
Jackie Hutchinson – Human Development Corporation
Jim Kramper – National Weather Service
Rich Krueger – Community Action Agency of St. Louis County
Katie MacLean – St. Louis Area Agency on Aging
Molly Martin – Ameren
Julie Newman – Department of Health & Senior Services
Linda Renaud – The Salvation Army
Susan Rundblad – Jewish Family & Children's Services
Ellen Sherman – St. Louis County Office of Family & Community Services
Anneliese Stoeber – St. Louis Area Agency on Aging
Gloria Thirdkill – Laclede Gas Company
John Vincenzo – Home Services, Inc.
Becky White – American Red Cross

Because of the excessive heat, Channel 4 and KMOX were in attendance at the meeting and interviewed Jim & other members.

Meeting called to order by chair, Jim Kramper at 2:45 p.m. Introductions made around the room. Welcome Gary Christmann with the St. Louis City Emergency Management Agency, Dr. H. Douglas Adams with the St. Louis County Department of Health and everyone else attending this meeting.

Heat Warning

Jim reported that the National Weather Service was particularly concerned with the weather over the next two days. Dew point expected to be in the low to middle 70's which is extremely bad for the heat index. Expected highs to finally drop to the 90's on Friday.

What's been Happening

⇒ Telephone

- SLAAA – staff asking every caller if they have and use AC. Has prompted some requests for OWS/Ameren supplied AC units.
- County Older Residents Program – staff asking the same of their callers (314-615-4516)

Did you know?

- RUOK – 314-289-1988 Telephone reassurance program in St. Louis City through the St. Louis Fire Department. Elderly and/or disabled City residents can sign up for this service. An automated system calls the resident 7 days a week, if there is no live answer after the 3rd attempt the system notifies 9-1-1 dispatch to send emergency personnel to check on the resident. <http://stlouis.missouri.ogr/citygov/fire>
- ⇒ Home Services Update (staying busy)
 - 2 teams (1 adult and 2 youth) install new and maintain existing equipment
- ⇒ Neighborhood Stabilization (NSO's)
 - Valda set to meet with NSO liaison on 7/19/06
 - NSO's invaluable: know residents & can get info. out on available resources
- ⇒ Clergy Coalition Update
 - Debbie attended Clergy Coalition Executive Committee Meeting 7/12/06
 - Turn out was low but response was positive
- ⇒ Cooling Sites & Other Resources
 - Cooling Sites have been open, again low turn out
 - Salvation Army providing water to homeless & their cooling sites
 - American Red Cross provided water to HDC & YWCA
- ⇒ OWS Hot-Line (800-427-4626)
 - United Way attempting to form partnership with Life Crisis to respond to calls received “after hours”. This will, hopefully, satisfy the media's perception that a “live person” should answer calls 24 per day during heat warnings.
- ⇒ SLAAA Update
 - Requests for home delivered meals up
 - Muni night was attended by 50 seniors w/o incident

- ⇒ St. Louis City Health Department Update
- Tracking/Surveillance with hospitals and EMS
 - 29-49 heat related illness responses over the previous weekend (Oz Fest, Live on the Levee and Cardinals game)
 - Strategically placed “air pollution monitoring sites” provide temperature and humidity readings for the City of St. Louis – through the Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources this information is real-time on-line
 - Tracking has shown a 3 – 5 degree difference between the city and the county air temperature (city being higher)

What do we need?

Group discussed how to generate and mobilize resources.

- AC units (NEW 5,000 – 8,000 btu)
- Qualified persons to install
- Bottled water/ice

Question: Should OWS determine a fiscal agent in the event that \$\$ donations are made?

Other

August 9, 2006 the City of St. Louis Emergency Management Agency and other partners will conduct a “Catastrophic Event” mock disaster event at the new Busch Stadium.

HDC still has funds available for the summer cooling program.

Next Meeting Date:

August 15, 2006
2:30 p.m.—St. Louis Society for the Blind Building
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Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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