



OPERATION WEATHER SURVIVAL

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions: Molly Martin, Debbie Fagin, Anneliese Stoever, Kelli McCurdy, Pat Ferrell, Lizzie Kucinich, Colleen Beckwith, Ellen Sherman, Becky White, Gloria Thirdkill, Jim Kramper, Linda White, Bob Hardy, Cindy Riordan, Rich Kruegar, Dennis Diehl

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Weather Forecast: We have been in a warm and wet pattern for a month. Missouri is 12-13 inches above normal for rainfall. We have had big rains in the upper Midwest and significant flooding is predicted for the next week. The prediction for July and August is that Missouri will have below normal temperatures due to a cooler northwest wind pattern, but keep in mind that anything beyond a 7-day prediction is difficult. June 22nd-28th is the Missouri Summer Weather Safety Week and the information will focus on lightning and hot weather safety. Molly stated that Jim did an excellent job in being interviewed during the severe weather.

Website: Jim is updating the OWS website. Last winter Jim created a wind chill briefing page. He has now produced an excessive heat webpage. Jim will change the link for the "Are You Ok" program to link directly with the page. Debbie is in the process of updating the cooling site list and Jim will post it when completed. Jim has posted the excessive heat plan on the website.

Energy Report: Molly Martin stated that CAASTL and HDC received ECIP funds June 4th. Mid July they will allocate \$150,000 dollars of Dollar More funds. FEMA money has been released and they are almost used up. Home Services has funds for air conditioners. Ameren gave air conditioners to Cool Down St. Louis and Salvation Army. On July 2nd the Urban League will receive air conditioners.

Cold Weather: Gloria announced that customers are able to access their accounts on the Laclede website. go in on their gas accounts on the Laclede website, review their bills, get bill explanations...Energy prices will be extremely high this Winter.

The public service commission, CAA, Office of Public Counsel and come up with budgeting, payment arrangement info to distribute to the community Message to conserve energy. Energy prices will be double or more than what people are used to. Low income affordability conference will be next month in Denver, Colorado. A Hot Topic presentation will be done on the different collaborations in Missouri (OWS will be featured). Rich asked if energy conservation workshops could be publicized on the AmerenUE and Laclede Gas websites. Quarterly webpage.

Summer Outreach: Brochures, magnets, and posters for “Meet the Heat” are being printed. University of Missouri will call to alert people of the program and then will make follow-up calls at the end of summer to check on outcomes. Molly is working with the Girl Scouts to see if they can train kids to be heat buddies and earn a patch or a pin. Rich is doing energy awareness classes. Upon finishing the class, each participant receives 2 fans and is shown how to use them in conjunction with air conditioners. Molly is working with DHSS, the Missouri Association of Community Action Agencies, 211 and the AAA’s to get the message out.

Summer time recipes are included with the “Meet the Heat” information to encourage people to hold on to the brochures. Salvation Army and the Citizen’s Service Bureau offered to assist. Salvation Army asked if there is a reminder to encourage people to take their medications with them. Anneliese announced that the Special Needs Registry does have that capacity. “Ready in 3” materials were also suggested. Anneliese announced that the Hot Weather Safety fliers have been distributed to all of the home delivered meal recipients, the congregate meal recipients, and seniors at health fairs/senior independent living presentations. Linda suggested distributing the information at MEAAA’s health fair. Anneliese said she would e-mail Linda and Lisa to see if they are doing so or if Linda should have it at her table. Jeff. County Health Department went to the Strawberry Festival and distributed information, sunscreen, and water to participants.

Special Needs Registry: Kelli announced that there was a beta test on the Special Needs Registry and it has been completed. SLAAA is waiting on the Mayor’s press release to officially announce the special needs registry.

Media: Jacque is in the process of doing the Media Packets. Jim offered to be a Media Contact for OWS.

SNR:

Fire Department:

Next Meeting Date: July 15 at 2:30 at St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired