

REVC Meeting Notes

May 18, 2018

10:00am to 12:00pm

Mission: *To respond to radiological emergencies and events in support of local, regional, and state requests for setup and staffing of radiation screening/monitoring stations, in particular at designated reception and congregate care centers.*

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Members Present: Joe Comello, James Young, Chris Puckett

2. Program Updates

- a. REVC Status
 - i. MRC Reporting (Dixon) – The March meeting and the Wake County Reception Center Exercise have been reported. Our MRC profile is up to date with all other known events.
- b. REVC Coordination
 - i. NCMRC (Comello/Thorpe)
 1. REVC-MRC Participation – J. Comello announced that Peggy Handon has retired from NCOEMS and as State MRC Coordinator. He will coordinate with N. Thorpe regarding MRC participation with the REVC.
 - ii. NCEM-REP
 1. REVC-REP Integration (J. Comello)
 - a. McGuire TF – No meeting. Discussed the integration of REVC into EPZ county training. Mecklenberg and Lincoln counties have been open to this but no other counties have come forward yet. Consensus was to continue to focus on those two counties for now. See Lincoln Co. Reception Center training below. Will need to start over with Mecklenberg since Ben Wooten has left Charlotte Fire for a position with NCEM.
 - b. Catawba TF – Attended the Statewide Task Force Meeting 3/26. D. Moye (Union Co.) discussed dates in June for reception center training involving the REVC but no details provided since and no reply to follow-up. J. Young stated that since Union Co. is not scheduled for an exercise it will probably forgo any reception center training. Mecklenberg is also in transition (see above). Consensus is to continue focus on Union and Mecklenberg counties.
 - c. Brunswick TF – Attended 4/12 and 5/10 meetings. C. Radford represented the REVC on 4/12 and gave summary of REVC involvement with the Wake Co. RC training/ex. At this time, Brunswick (S. Garner) has many “pre-conditions” to accepting REVC volunteers. New Hanover (Z. Whicker) remains open to integration of REVC into their training/ex events in the future and offered to host the next Annual REVC Meeting

& Training. J. Young suggested asking and agreed to ask Z. Whicker if 1 or 2 REVC Team Leaders could attend upcoming RC training for New Hanover volunteers. Consensus is to focus on New Hanover for now. Brunswick Dress rehearsal 6/26 and Exercise on 7/31.

d. Harris TF – Attended 4/26 meeting. Provided update on the participation of 20 REVC volunteers at the 4/3 Wake Co. reception center training (see below). Discussed that Wake, Harnett, and Chatham counties are all open to integration of REVC into their training/ex events in the future. Consensus is to continue to focus on these counties.

iii. TOREV/NCHPS/NCRPS

1. TOREV ServNC Administrator - No changes / updates
2. NCSRT (Greenberg) - No changes

3. Planning (Mission/Bylaws/SOPs)

a. Review of New/Revised REVC documents (Comello)

- i. REVC Activation Checklist – In progress. J. Comello working on documents for EMS, PH to activate volunteer's permission.
- ii. State REVC Volunteer Map- In progress, still need to contact NCAG-GIS section for mapping.

iii. REVC Volunteer Packing List (J. Comello)

1. Back packs – In progress. Leadership Group feedback over the past two meetings has been to purchase better quality packs available with standard MRC logo instead of packs and patches.

4. Membership and Communication

a. REVC Leadership Group/Volunteer Recruitment and Outreach

i. Identify/contact potential members for participation

1. Public Health (Midyette, Radford, Lott) – No report.
2. County EM Representative (M. Burton) - No report.
3. REVC/ServNC Registration Update (J. Comello) - 74 members accepted, 2 pending. Three new members are from the Brunswick TF area and have been active in the Wake Co. Exercise and Catawba Drill. Still need to follow-up recruiting options through professional organizations with B. Greenberg and C. Puckett.

b. REVC Volunteer Registry & Emergency Communications (ServNC): The June 30th phase-out of the ServNC system was discussed. Currently working to develop alternatives for emergency communication since TERMS will not be ready for use before June 30th. Also, registry info will be downloaded, and available for use, but cannot be uploaded into TERMS. REVC volunteers will have to input some or all of their information into TERMS. REVC volunteers that are already registered in TERMS will have less to do. Similar to ServNC, a registry tool for TERMS will be developed and sent out to volunteers with specific instructions for registration.

c. REVC Media/Presentations (Comello)

- i. Website – Reviewed and updated all areas 3/10-15/18.
- ii. Other Media (Poster, Banners, Brochures) – No report.

d. REVC Equipment/Supplies

- i. Survey Meters (M. Burton) – All meters calibrated and ready.

5. Training and Exercise Events

a. REVC Training Programs

- i. REVC Training Report 2018 – The group reviewed and discussed this report, based on preliminary analysis of REVC training records from 7/1/16 to 5/1/18, conducted by J. Comello (final review will capture records to 7/1/18). Based on training records, volunteers were categorized into five (5) groups: None, Both, Basic, Practical, and Satisfied. Results were as follows:
 1. **None (3)**: Volunteers that had not participated in any training, exercise, or communication drill over the time period. Except where these individuals are new members (1), these individuals will be required to attend the Annual Training on August 22nd to remain in the REVC.
 2. **Both (21)**: Volunteers that have participated in one or more communication drills but have not attended a basic or practical training event over the time period. These individuals will be asked to attend the Lincoln Co. Reception Center Training (July 18-23) and/or the Annual Training on August 22nd.
 3. **Basic (8)**: Volunteers that have participated in one or more communication drill and practical training but have not attended a basic training event over the time period. These individuals will be asked to attend the Annual Training on August 22nd.
 4. **Practical (13)**: Volunteers that have participated in one or more communication drills and basic training but have not attended a practical training event over the time period. These individuals will be asked to attend the Lincoln Co. Reception Center Training (July 18-23).
 5. **Satisfied (28)**: Volunteers that have participated in one or more communication drills and have attended at least one basic and practical training event over the time period. These individuals have currently satisfied REVC training requirements.
- ii. Wake Co. Reception Center Training/Exercise (April 3, 2018) – Twenty (20) REVC volunteers attended roles as monitors and survivors. Feedback from Wake Co. on the participation was very positive. V. Lott, C. Radford, B. Midyette, B. Greenberg, and C. Puckett were there from LG and did an excellent job getting volunteers integrated within Wake Co. teams. After Action Survey (created 4/11/18 in SurveyMonkey) covering event content, roles, value, and improvements was reviewed. Overall rating in all areas was positive. Improvements included: 1) Need for additional trainers at work stations (Portals, Metering, Decon, etc.), 2) More time for survey meter, dosimetry, PPE training, 3) Improved integration of REVC volunteers. Feedback will be shared with Wake Co. (D. Patel) and will request Wake Co. AAR info. Suggest pre-event meetings with Wake Co. officials to improve integration.
- iii. Lincoln Co. Reception Center Training (June 18-23, 2018) - Training Advisory was sent out May 15th via ServNC. Of 74 volunteers we received 46 responses (62%) with 15 (20%) committed to attend. J. Comello will be following up with those that did not respond or responded “I cannot attend” but are due for “practical” training. Will communicate results to M. Burton for planning purposes.
- iv. Annual Membership Meeting & Training – J. Young reported that August 20-24 would be the best time for this event at the SEOC. After discussion, **Wednesday, August 22nd** was selected. J. Young will reserve room for that time and J. Comello will get the word out

to the REVC membership. Other topics discussed included adding an “advanced” or “practical” training track to the event which could take place in another room. Ideas for this training included:

1. “Team Leader” training that covers the Job Action Sheet step-by-step from the Advisory to Alert to Activation to Staging/Check-In to Integration into the Requesting Organization – “What to expect at the County Reception Center” (County operations). Could be taught by combination of REVC/County EM staff.
 2. “Review of the REVC SOG”. All members have this document or have access to this document but probably few know what it says. The SOG covers established REVC procedures and expected conduct on deployment. J. Comello could put together a presentation.
- b. Advanced/Other Training Programs (CTOS, etc.)
- i. NCEM Online Training (Basic, Meters, etc.) – No report
 - ii. CTOS - No report
 - iii. NCSRT (B. Greenberg) – J. Comello reported that he was in contact with the NCSRT education committee (table fee reduced to \$100.00) but could not attend the NCSRT Annual Meeting (4/11-13/2018) in Asheboro due to prior commitments.
 - iv. Continuing Education Credit (B. Greenberg) – No report.

6. Funding

- a. **2017-18 Budget:** Backpacks, will purchase better quality packs available with standard MRC logo instead of packs and patches. Will be purchased as part of Annual Training Conference Authorization similar to how the polo shirts were purchased last year.
- b. **2018-19 Budget:** ASPR Grant funds have been budgeted to cover the annual meeting in August 2018.

7. Adjourn

The next meeting is planned for July 20th.