Emergency Public Information (EPI) Subcommittee

Highlights

EPI Subcommittee Teleconference

Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 12:30–1:30 PM EST

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Welcome

The EPI Subcommittee met on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, via conference call.

2011–2012 Objectives Status

The EMI SIG EPI Subcommittee identified objectives for the 2011–2012 planning period at the 2011 EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop in Charleston, SC, prior to the EMI SIG Annual Meeting. The following objectives were identified and a status update is provided.

1) Develop policy guidance on EPI social media use within the DOE/NNSA Complex.

    Status Update: Ongoing

    The EPI Subcommittee developed a Social Media Task Group comprised of volunteers to develop policy guidance on EPI social-media use within the DOE/NNSA Complex. The Task Group developed a social-media questionnaire to survey a cross-section of sites as to social media use or potential future use. From the results, recommendations and suggested guidance will be developed for social-media use throughout the Complex during an emergency.

    To serve on the Task Group and participate in future Social Media Task Group discussions, contact, Holly Hardin (holly.hardin@orise.orau.gov) or Jim Giusti (james-r.giusti@srs.gov).

2) Develop a technology resource guide for Joint Information Center (JIC) media monitoring equipment.

    Status Update: Ongoing

    The Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) JIC recently purchased new technology equipment for media monitoring. ORR has developed a draft resource guide for other sites to use when purchasing new media monitoring equipment. The resource guide will be available by the 2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting.

3) Partner with other EMI SIG working groups/subcommittees (COOPSC, TECHWG, Ex-Drill SC, etc.) via conference call or Live Meeting during the annual planning period to discuss lessons learned, common issues and share ideas, specifically to share information on cloud computing and technology resources for EPI.

    Status Update: Complete

    The Technology Working Group and Training Subcommittee Chairs provided a briefing on Working Group/Subcommittee status and provided an information sharing session during the October 2011 EPI Subcommittee Live Meeting Webinar.

    Additionally, Marie Dunkle is the Training Subcommittee Liaison to the EPI Subcommittee. When EPI Subcommittee members need resources or input on EPI training, they are encouraged to work with Marie and the Training Subcommittee.

2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting

The 2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting will be held May 14–17, 2012, at the Marriot Renaissance Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Hotel registration is now open on the EMI SIG website at http://orise.orau.gov/emi/annual-meeting/2012/default.htm. Annual Meeting registration will open in early February 2012. Participant fee for the 2012 Meeting will be $100.

Those who submitted presentation proposals will be notified of acceptance in the coming weeks.

2012 EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting

The 2012 EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2012, at the Marriot Renaissance Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. The Subcommittee typically holds a full-day meeting, but may explore conducting a half-day meeting as to allow for members to attend other working group/subcommittee meetings.

Social media is a popular topic that may be a focus during the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting. Hands-on training on how to use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr may be offered in a mini-workshop during the Subcommittee Annual Meeting.

Additionally, lessons learned from previous exercises and the Los Conchas Fire may also be topics of interest. Subcommittee members are encouraged to provide input on proposed topics/presentations. If you would like to present during the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting, please contact Holly Hardin at holly.hardin@orise.orau.gov.

Live Meeting webinar connection may be offered for those unable to attend the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting in Seattle. Live Meeting is a free connection that allows the user to view presentations via a web link and listen to audio via a conference call line. Detailed information will be provided to EPI Subcommittee members closer to the Annual Meeting date.

EPI Subcommittee Chair and Co-Chair nomination forms will be distributed via the EPI Subcommittee Listserv in March. Nomination forms submitted will be tallied and results announced at the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to nominate to lead the Subcommittee to success in 2012-2013.

Site Updates

LANL will conduct an active shooter exercise in January. Additionally, LANL is revising its EPI Program and developing a new training program.

LLNL will conduct an active shooter exercise in February. Additionally, LLNL is updating its E-Plan.

Consecutive active shooter exercises from LANL and LLNL may be a discussion topic during the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting in Seattle.

The Training Subcommittee is looking for volunteers from a cross-section of the EMI SIG subcommittees and working groups to support updating the Training Subcommittee product, "Incorporating Lessons Learned/Best Practices into Emergency Management Training," which is available at: http://orise.orau.gov/emi/training/Files/Lessons_Learned_Best_Practices-April2010.pdf. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact Amparo Atencio at Amparo.atencio@orise.orau.gov.

Wrap-up

The next EPI Subcommittee quarterly conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 12:30–1:30 p.m. EST. The conference call agenda will be sent at a later date.