

Summary Minutes

Local Emergency Communications Committee – Operational Area 9
(Charlotte – Lee – Hendry – Glades – Collier)

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Collier County Emergency Operations Center

Naples, Florida

August 14, 2007, 1:00 PM

Name	Affiliation
Rick Zyvoloski, past LECC Co-Chair	Collier County Emergency Management
Dan Summers, LECC Co-Chair	Collier County Emergency Management
Rich Carroll, LECC Co-Chair	WGPU - TV/FM
John Daly	Collier Co. Information Technology
Bob Finney III	Collier Co. Sheriff's Office
Fred Edwards	Collier County Emergency Management
Sandra Arnold	Collier Co. Communications & Customer Relations
Kimberly Silva	FCC-Tampa Office
Anthony Burgos	FCC-Tampa Office
Alfredo Hernandez	WAFZ - Radio
Rosa Arciga	WAFZ - Radio
John Fleming	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Luc Martin	WGPU - Public Media
Amy Tardif	WGPU - FM
Mike Stepp	WGPU – Public Media

1. Rick Zyvoloski, Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 1:15 PM with introductions around the room.
2. John Fleming, FDEM, gave a presentation about the history of the Emergency Alerting System (EAS), the EAS activation process, emerging technology with EAS and information about the State EAS plan. (See: <http://www.colliergov.net/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=13380>)
3. **Election of Co-Chairs:** Presiding co-chair briefed the group that the LECC typically has two co-chairs: one from the emergency management community and one from the broadcasting community. Dan Summers was elected to represent the emergency management community for FY 08 and Rich Carroll, FGCU-TV/FM was elected to represent the broadcast industry.
4. **Updating the State EAS Plan.** The following items were addressed:
 - Procedure for Updating the Plan: Rick Z would collect information from the participating county emergency managers and update Annex B with the information received. Then we would meet once more nearing the beginning of October and ratify the updates and transmit them to Tallahassee.
 - Stations & Frequencies: There is a requirement for the participating Stations in the region to monitor two stations, one being the LP1. The LP1 for the region is WGPU FM and it transmits on the 92 kHz

sub carrier for CPI. There was a concern that the broadcast community was not aware of that fact. FDEM said they'd get with the Collier EM office and identify those who need to be aware.

- Responsible Parties, General Manager, Operations Manager & Chief Engineer: This information is necessary to maintain an up-to-date contact sheet.
 - Unique Items to OA 9: John Fleming explained that the procedure to activate the EAS in the area is that which works for us. After some discussion it was determined that the counties, for now, would activate the system through agreed upon procedures worked out between each county's respective weather service office; with the State Warning Point, as a back up. WGCU would monitor both servicing WFOs and retransmit Civil Emergency Messages (CEM), Tornado Watches/Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings. The group recognized that not all decoders possessed by broadcasters could recognize the variety of non-weather related codes. This is the reason that only CEM would be used for non-weather related emergency management EAS activations. **(NOTE: Since the meeting Rick Z has asked John Fleming where this procedure would be addressed in the State Plan. No response received as of yet.)**
5. **Presentation by FDLE on AMBER Plan:** None made.
 6. **Presentation by FCC on Rules & Regulations:** Kim Silva's presentation can be view through the following URL: <http://www.colliergov.net/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=13379>
 7. **Presentation by Florida Association of Broadcasters (FAB):** None made.
 8. **DISCUSSION:**
 - The turnout for the meeting by both Emergency Management and the Broadcasters was very disappointing. Local EM must establish and maintain contacts with their own broadcaster community; to include making notifications of up coming meetings.
 - As the WFOs are key components to making the system work effectively, it was unfortunate that they also could not make the meeting. **(NOTE: A follow on conference call between Collier EM, WGCU and the WFOs was set for 22 August at 3PM. All but the Tampa WFO called in. The main take-away from that call was raised by WGCU. They said that the State Plan should include information on NOAA WX transmitters that relay FIPS codes for areas other than their area of responsibility(AOR), e.g., the Ft. Myers transmitter (under Tampa AOR) also relays Collier, Hendry and Glades FIPs coded information because the NOAA WX transmitter in Collier may not reach those areas under Miami WFO AOR.**
 - Future Meetings: After the State Plan Update meeting, the LECC members, present, decided to meet once a year to air and address issues raised during the year.
 9. Next Meeting: ?????