

Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 14, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Attendees

Sisko, Megan (MNIT)
Wakefield, Sally (MNIT)
David Phillips
Jared B (Unverified)
Britta Maddox
Kim Flanagan
Lane, Barret
David Brandt
Kassaye, Engdawork (She/Her/Hers) (DOT)
Mike Candy
Richter, Cory
Contreras, Angela (DPS)
Tranby, Cindy (DNR)
Lynn Boergerhoff
Ryan Stovern
Farole, Allison (DPS)
read.ai meeting notes (Unverified)
Jay Forstner
Matthew Goodman
Stacey Stark (Unverified)
Conor Murphy
Randy Knippel (Unverified)
Douglas Gawtry
David Yapel
Thurnau, Kory (MNIT)
Janice Chezick
Sam Giebner
Barnett, Vic
Bob Basques (Unverified)
Mason Bates
McCarty, Charles (MNIT)

Agenda Items

Bots in Meetings

- Executive Committee of GAC reached out to MNIT regarding allowing AI bots in meetings
- Leegal stated GAC can have its own policy; bots are not “the public” and therefore do not have a right to attendance at a public meeting
- GAC Policy states that bots are not allowed at meetings and will be removed at the start of meetings
- Notes are being taken and will be provided after the meeting

MnGeo Updates

- MnGeo working with HSEM at SEOC – will be present during activations
- Partnership for increased training and capacity

Critical Infrastructure Workgroup

- Stacey Stark
- Efforts spanning 6 years
- Published statewide datasets to the GeoCommons – supported by MnGeo now
- Process for endorsing dataset as 'best available' for critical infrastructure moving to GAC for approval this summer – supported by Data Endorsement Committee now
- CANDO committee determined process for contributing to nationwide datasets
- Workgroup has moved into a coordinating and sharing role now and other workgroups are finalizing the pieces of the work
- Sunset document will come at the next meeting from Stacey Stark for this committee and next steps for critical infrastructure
- One Priority Project assigned to this committee – will need to relocate that priority to other committee or redefine it – Stacey, Britta, Tanya will follow up on what to do with that

Education Workgroup

- Working on coursework assembly to support professional levels of GIS Emergency Management Specialist (GEMS)
- Next meeting is right after this one

Fire Risk Assessment Tool Workgroup

- ESRI Community Risk Reduction solution likely to be the solution
- Workgroup to help define needs for what the tool should do to make it most effective and useful
- Why are departments not using the current tool?
- What would need to be included to make it more useful?
- [Workgroup charter](#) with deliverables – approved
- Workgroup will also promote the utilization of whatever tool comes out of this

US National Grid

- Randy Knippel
- Help us by advocating for the use of US National Grid

Indoor School Mapping Data Maintenance Planning

- Matt Goodman, Vice-Chair
- Funding for the indoor school mapping project has resulted in 1000's of schools mapped already and the work continues
- The next question is how to maintain this information?
- Hoping local jurisdictions can download the information and maintain locally over time, but this process is still being sorted out
- Legislative language was a little restrictive on who can access the data so may need to do some additional clarifying work there as well

Open Topics

- Curt Carlson – NG911 and Indoor School Mapping Project
- Continue to gather more NG911 data statewide – actively working on the last 5 counties to get them loaded
- DPS/ECN overseeing the NG911 Program hired a consulting vendor to aid in the development of a NG911 Transition Roadmap
- Vendor going to host listening and knowledge transfer sessions across the state the week of June 1st
- Indoor School Mapping Project
- Overseen by MESB Jill Rohret
- CRG (Critical Resource Group) mapping about 30 schools per day
- Demo – CRG Portal and Preplans
- Lynn Boergerhoff
- Working on mapping townhome associates and HOAs in the Metro area

Presentation: PANO AI, Conor Murphy

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