

Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee for the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009 2:30 - 5:00 PM

Location: Washington DC Convention Center; Room 306

Present:

Keith Richter, (Fire Chief, Contra Costa County, CA; NAPSG Chair)

Ed Plaughter (IAFC, Director, National Programs)

Paul Brooks (CPSE, Exec Dir)

Jennifer Schottke (ESRI)

Rob Martin (e-Copernicus)

Minutes:

The spring meeting of the steering committee for the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS (NA-PSG) was held to review the NAPSG Mission Statement and Governance Structure; to update on NAPSG progress; to consider additional partners for the alliance; and to consider recommendations on upcoming activities.

Chief Keith Richter was acknowledged as the new Chair of the Steering Committee representing IAFC and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs. Richter facilitated introductions of existing and new participants and reviewed the Alliance Mission.

A consensus decision was made to update the existing governance documents to separate the mission and governance document from the ongoing strategic plan. Two documents were presented for approval to accomplish this and are available for review on the NAPSG website. Neither document represents substantive changes to the original NAPSG mission and focus of activities.

1. Charter Agreement
2. Operational Visioning

During the introductions and opening comments, charter members summarized progress on NAPSG related activities since the previous Steering Committee meeting.

IAFC, Ed Plaughter: Reviewed success of the LTRAC project, Recently awarded a 3 year, 3 million \$ grant to unfold regional collaboration to build regional entities to deal with disasters. Part of TCL refinement process. IAFC partnered successfully with the major City Chiefs, and Johns Hopkins.

IAFC has hired additional staff to support these activities: Melissa Hebert; Peter West; Greg Cade; Bill Peterson.

CPSE, Paul Brooks: Would very much like to incorporate the concept of evaluating risks into their accreditation model. This will drive the behavior change we discussed yesterday. Looking to identify where and how CPSE can engage more pro-actively in the Alliance, and specifically interested in engaging pro-actively in the training and workshops task force. CPSE offered to assume leadership of the Workshops and Training Task force.

IAFF, Jonathan Moore: Described IAFF's long history and significant success with building a GIS team to support the fire mission. They have become actively engaged in support for standards work – codifying methods. An important area which needs effort is disaster work. That is where they are seeing the most significant data inconsistency.

Discussion on the need to embrace more inclusive participation of all public safety disciplines.

- Schottke and Richter agreed to confirm participation of existing partners not represented at this meeting (ICMA; IAEM; NACCHO and NENA)
- It was generally agreed that law enforcement outreach should happen by personal invitation of existing NAPSG members.
- Expressions of interest in membership have been received by NFPA and NASFM and members present expressed unanimous support.

The status of other task forces and activities was deferred to a followup conference call to be scheduled in March.

Next Steps:

Followup conference call