



## NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SETS BASIS FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is an outgrowth of the federal Homeland Security program, which is itself now only a decade old. Subsequently, those involved are constantly tweaking with the system, modifying administrative structure as first responders learn from experience during incidents like the Greensburg and Joplin tornados; hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; and floods like those seen along the Mississippi River. It is thus important to understand that many underlying assumptions related to NIMS can and will change, while the structure of NIMS is constant.

NIMS began on February 28, 2003, when then President Bush directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This came as a response to September 11th given the enormity of the incident and was done to ensure there were nationwide standards that federal, state, tribal and local governments, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations, could follow when preparing for and/or when addressing an emergency.

In and of itself, NIMS is not an operational plan, but rather a core



The IMT State Working Group met January 11 in Salina to discuss an educational program and the group's strategic plan. Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Manager for Franklin County, serves as chair. (Article and photo provided by John Cyr, Special Projects Manager)

set of concepts, terminology, and organizational processes that integrates the efforts of those involved to provide effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management. It is comprehensive and applies to all jurisdictional levels and functional disciplines, thereby improving the effectiveness of emergency management and response personnel across a broad range of potential incidents and hazard scenarios.

In short, NIMS sets a basis of understanding for all when either

organizing a disaster response or responding to one.

There are five (5) major NIMS components that work together to form the national framework for preventing, responding to, and recovering from all types of domestic incidents. The five components are: Preparedness; Communications & Information Management; Resource Management; Command and Management; and On-going Management & Maintenance.

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### Leadership : NCRPC Executive Board

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## Disaster Loan Assistance Available for Businesses

Application deadlines are approaching for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program.

This is a direct loan from the government at 4% interest. The maximum loan amount is \$2 million, with the loan amount available to each business being based on financial impact of the drought.

Maximum term is 30 years.

This program is for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster. Farmers and ranchers are *not* eligible for the SBA EIDL Program unless the majority of their income is from custom work.

Counties in North Central Kansas are eligible under three different drought declarations.

### *Declaration #13160:*

Ellsworth, Lincoln and Saline Counties. Deadline March 23.

### *Declaration #13206:*

Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Jewell, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, and Washington Counties.

Deadline April 8.

### *Declaration #13250:*

Marshall County.

Deadline April 22.

Questions about the program can be referred to Debra Peters, NCRPC Business Finance Director, at 785-738-2218 or by email at [dpeters@nckcn.com](mailto:dpeters@nckcn.com).

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For the NCRPC, Preparedness is perhaps the most relevant topic, since in its role as fiscal agent for the six regional Homeland Security councils, the NCRPC is involved in Planning, setting Procedures and Protocols, defining and procuring Training and Exercise services to train personnel, as well as acquiring specialized equipment deemed necessary by the various councils. This function brings NCRPC staff into contact with emergency managers, fire and rescue personnel, health and medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and various

volunteer organizations (i.e., Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.) plus other governmental officials.

All federal departments and agencies are required to adopt and use NIMS as they carry out their responsibilities in response to incidents. The Presidential Directive set forth by Bush also stated that adoption and compliance with NIMS is a condition of federal preparedness assistance, so it is important for local government to ensure its personnel and policies are in compliance with NIMS standards otherwise they risk losing access to such federal support.

## Board Members Recognized for Service



Outgoing NCRPC Executive Board members were recently recognized for their years of service to the organization. Pictured at top left is Steve Errebo receiving a certificate from NCRPC Executive Director Doug McKinney. Errebo served on the NCRPC Board as a representative of Lincoln County since 2005. Pictured above is NCRPC Board Chair Johnita Crawford presenting a certificate to Virgil Palen who served on the NCRPC Board as a representative of Mitchell County since 2001. At left is McKinney presenting a certificate to Ray McGavran who served on the NCRPC

Board as a representative of Ottawa County since 2008. We wish to thank these individuals for their time and dedication to serving North Central Kansas.

## looking ahead : Meetings, Deadlines, and More

### Thursday, January 31, 2013

Executive Board Meeting  
Beloit Main Office, 2 p.m.

### Friday, February 1, 2013

CDBG Downtown Commercial  
Rehabilitation Application Deadline  
(Round 1)

### Friday, February 15, 2013

CDBG Kan Step Deadline (Round 2)

### Thursday, February 28, 2013

Executive Board Meeting  
Beloit Main Office, 2 p.m.



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## New Year Offers Time to Reflect, Plan for Future

Welcome to 2013, North Central Kansans. As we welcome in the new year, often it is a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. In 2012 there were a number of divisive elections amongst local, state and national campaigns. It also saw significant challenges for teamwork pertaining to disaster responsiveness as well as economic ups and downs on local and national levels. Crop failures were evident in much of this region, though fortunately some parts were spared the extreme drought conditions. Partial subsurface relief in the form of snow showers took place at year's end. This event should remind us of the many dedicated equipment operators hard at work to ease travel concerns in early January.

In 2013 the North Central Regional Planning Commission will begin the process of updating its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the five years beginning in 2014. NCRPC has engaged a few regional partners who assist your businesses and communities in various forms and thus help the organization accomplish its mission. Some of the basic services we have offered of late and may continue pending executive board authorization include being a legislative topical informer, providing specialized business financing, community development



Doug McKinney is NCRPC Executive Director.

planning and project administration, cost benefit analyses, regional health program coordination, homeland security fiscal management for several regional councils in Kansas, housing rehabilitation planning and project administration, workforce housing management in a local arena, providing staff and oversight of the NCKCN Internet service provisions, continuing to assist local and regional projects with the regional Rural Business Development Tax Credit Initiative, and managing the large area weatherization

home assistance program. These offerings and some of the other service provisions will be discussed further at NCRPC Executive Board meetings and at local city and county undertakings throughout the year. Your feedback is invited.

It is encouraged for local units of government, business and educational institutions to work effectively toward beneficial objectives. Entities have a lot in common in the region. We make use of our cultural similarities and unique strengths to build stronger bonds in the near and distant future. One manner in which we accomplish this is by engaging neighbors before, during and after times of crises. Inevitably, such will likely occur again.

I hope this year is preparatory, productive, safe and healthy for each of you and for the region as a whole. Remember, NCRPC can be of assistance in this realm.

## Hartman Joins NCRPC Executive Board

Heather Hartman joined the NCRPC Executive Board in November 2012 after becoming the Mitchell County Community Development Director. Her position is a partnership between the City of Beloit and Mitchell County and is under the supervision of an advisory committee made up of a Mitchell County Commissioner, the Beloit City Administrator, and President of Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. Heather serves as the area wide resource for development issues including housing, retail base retention and expansion, industrial development, tourism, and economic development programs and projects.



Heather Hartman

A native of Beloit, Heather has owned her own local business for the past 10 years. As a graduate of Kansas State University, she

previously held sales and management positions for several large companies.

Heather is passionate about her North Central Kansas roots.

"I have always been proud of where I came from and I am very vocal about the benefits and privileges of small town living," Heather says.

Heather also is involved with the Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce, Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc., and Mitchell County Tourism and was a member of the Leadership Mitchell County Class III.

Heather and her husband, Scott, have a daughter, Isabella (13), and a son, Jack (8). In her spare time, Heather enjoys water skiing, reading and spending time on the lake.

## NCRPC Banquet Keynote Speech on Video

The video of Dr. Peter Bishop's keynote address at the October 23, 2012 NCRPC 40th Anniversary Banquet is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhlf9EWyzZQ>. Bishop is an Associate Professor of Strategic Foresight at the University of Houston.

## Loan Helps Purchase Three Cardboard Balers for Twin Valley Recycling Program

A recent project to purchase three cardboard balers for the recycling program at the Twin Valley Workshop located in Beattie has been beneficial, according to Ed Henry, CEO of Twin Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

Twin Valley Developmental Services, Inc., with headquarters in Greenleaf, is a provider of services for individuals in Marshall and Washington counties in Kansas with developmental disabilities. Incorporated in October 1976, Twin Valley continually expands the programs and services they provide to better meet the needs of clients.

“We sometimes struggle to find things for our clients to work on so this recycling program provides jobs and helps tremendously with that,” Henry says. “It also is astounding at how much cardboard has been collected that is not going into a landfill.”

Twin Valley has a partnership with Marshall County, which picks up cardboard from various businesses and locations in the county and delivers it to the Twin Valley Workshop at Beattie for

baling. Each bale of cardboard weighs anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. The bales are then transported by Marshall County to Howie’s Recycling in Manhattan and the proceeds are split between the county and Twin Valley Developmental Services.

Prior to the purchase of the three used vertical balers, a large horizontal baler had been leased.

“The larger baler really was too much for what we were doing,” Henry says. “This loan project allowed us to no longer have to lease a machine and by going with refurbished we were able to purchase three balers.”

Twin Valley began its cardboard recycling program about six years ago, although it began independently of the county.

“The county partnership we have now is a valuable one for us,” Henry says. “It also works well for the county because they don’t have to put on a big staff or provide the space to do it in.”



Staff prepare to remove a completed cardboard bale from a baler at the Twin Valley Workshop in Beattie.

Photo Courtesy of Twin Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

Paper, newspaper and magazines also can be baled and the workshop offers paper shredding services.

The Twin Valley Workshop operates each weekday and employs four to seven individuals daily.

This project was made possible with cooperation and funding from Marshall County and Citizens State Bank/Four Rivers NCK Business Development Fund Loan Pool.

For more information about the financing programs used contact Debra Peters, NCRPC Business Finance Director, at 785-738-2218 or by email at [dpeters@nckcn.com](mailto:dpeters@nckcn.com).

