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Area F Counties Receive Disaster Supplies for Mass Care Sheltering

Thirteen Mid-Missouri counties recently received supplies for emergency mass care sheltering. Each county received $18,778 of cots, blankets, pillows, and a box trailer for transporting the supplies to shelter locations. Area F counties receiving supplies include Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, and Osage counties. The supplies are part of a mass care disaster preparedness project approved by the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC). Other aspects of the project include identifying disaster shelter locations, and training volunteers to assist in the shelters.

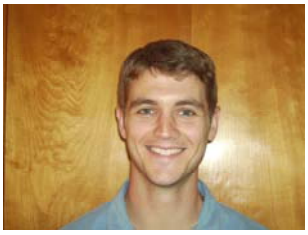
"If a disaster occurs in Mid-Missouri, this project will better prepare our counties to provide shelter for citizens," states Gary Woodson, RHSOC Chair. "It also provides emergency assets that can be shared between counties." Funding for the project was provided by United States Department of Homeland Security and was designated by the Area RHSOC. Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for RHSOC and coordinated the purchase and distribution of the supplies to each county. Local volunteers and businesses assisted with distribution.

The RHSOC works through the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and State Emergency Management Agency to administer plans, projects, and grant programs at the regional level. The RHSOC is comprised of one representative of fifteen core disciplines - Emergency Management, Police, Sheriff, Fire, Health, Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT), Public Works, Municipal Governments, County Governments, Private Industry/Utility, Emergency Medical Service, 911, Volunteer sector, Agriculture, and Education.

MidMO RPC Staff Updates

Curtis Owens joined the staff of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission as Regional Planner on Aug 11, 2008. Prior to MidMO RPC, Curtis worked at Ozarks Transportation Organization as Transportation Planning Intern where he assisted with Federal and local funding of transportation issues in the Springfield, MO metropolitan area.

Curtis received both his Bachelor of City Planning with emphasis in Tourism Planning and Development and Minor of Community and Regional Planning from the Missouri State University in Springfield , MO and holds memberships with the American Planning Association, Missouri Planning Association and Missouri Association of Planning Students. His email is: curtisowens@mmrpc.org.



Conor Henley is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri with degrees in English and Geography (with Geographic Information Systems certification). Since joining Mid-Mo RPC on August 13, he has worked on the City of Ashland Comprehensive Plan updating maps and graphics.

Prior to joining MidMO RPC, Conor gained experience working in air quality through the NASA DEVELOP Program and in water quality interning with the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources. He also works with Dr. Elizabeth Barham on the University of Missouri-Extension Missouri Regional Cuisines Project.

Conor is originally from Eldon, Missouri. Email him at conorhenley@mmrpc.org.

Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Plan

In August 2005, Congress passed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), reauthorizing the surface transportation act. A locally developed and adopted Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Plan is required for the funding process.

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors adopted this plan in August 2008, meeting the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirement for funding programs that include; Transportation for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (5310), Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC 5316) and The New Freedom Initiative (5317). With the adoption of this plan funding programs can continue forward. The Mid-Missouri RPC non-urban areas are current with the FTA funding requirement of Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Plan with this adoption.

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Announcements, Conference, and Grant Opportunities

FY2009 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (includes Pre Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Repetitive Flood Claim, and Severe Repetitive Loss grants) . Application deadline November 21, 2008 for all programs. See SEMA website http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitigation

Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District- FY2009. The Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District has announced the Application and Guidance Document for the FY2009 District grant cycle. Application forms are available at the District's website- www.swmd.org.

Large Grant deadlines: Preliminary- Nov. 14, 2008, Final- January 5, 2009

Small Grant deadlines: September 26, 2008, January 5 and March 27, 2009

To receive a packet in the mail or for additional information about workshops contact Cindy Jolly, District Coordinator, PO Box 6015, 701 East Broadway, 4th Floor, Columbia, MO 65205. e-mail: **CRJ@GoColumbiaMo.com**, phone:573-874-7574, or visit the website.

Missouri Safe Routes to School. 2nd Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2008 Branson, MO, at the Chateau on the Lake, and registration is underway. The Safe Routes to School program is designed to encourage children to walk, ride or wheel to school. In addition to public awareness and outreach efforts, the program works to improve biking and walking conditions around schools.

The first day of the conference will provide a one-day National SRTS Course from the University of North Carolina's National Center for Safe Routes to School involving the 5 E's; engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation. Another option on the first day is the one-day Walking School Bus Coordinator's workshop provided by the PedNet Coalition from Columbia. The second and third days of the conference will involve presentations about the SRTS efforts from the federal, state and local levels. A more detailed agenda will be posted in the near future. For questions about the SRTS conference please contact Todd Messenger at 800-800-2358 or Todd.Messenger@modot.mo.gov.

Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference. September 7-10, 2008 University Plaza Hotel - Springfield Expo Center, Springfield, Mo. See www.mocities.com for conference and registration details.

Governor's Conference of Economic Development. September 10-12, 2008. Hyatt Regency Hotel and Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. This year's theme- "Missouri's Future Prepare to Profit". 2 1/2 day program with keynote speakers and break-out sessions discussing Missouri's economic future, and tools to enhance development programs for regions and cities. See www.missouridevelopment.org or call 1-866-647-3633 for additional details.

Missouri Community Betterment: Celebrating 45 Years of Accomplishments. The 45th Annual Missouri Community Betterment Conference will be held on October 19 and 20, 2008 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Early Bird pricing is available on registrations received by 10/10/2008. For more details call Jan Simon at 417-334-3474 or visit www.mocommunitybetterment.com.

Calendar

Sept 4.–Missouri Association of Council of Governments. Jefferson City.

Sept. 18–Missouri Economic Development Council District 4 meeting. Meeting begins at 1 pm at the Mid District Fire Protection District Headquarters in Camdenton.

Sept. 24–Transportation Advisory Committee. 4:30 pm. Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland. Followed by Dinner at 6:00 pm and the MMRPC meeting.

Sept. 24–MidMO RPC Meeting. 6:30 pm. Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland.

MidMO RPC Annual Dinner Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 pm - Southern Boone Senior Center, Ashland, Missouri

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