

# **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

## **Exercise Tangaroa**

The National Exercise Programme Governance Group (NEP) and MCDEM decided to proceed with the exercise despite the Canterbury earthquake. An outline of the exercise, agency participation, roles and responsibilities, are to be discussed by the CDEM Group.

## **EMIS Training (Emergency Management Information System)**

Training of the EMIS software was undertaken by myself and Jacqui Nielsen at the National Crisis Management Centre, (NCMC Beehive). Jacqui had volunteered to work in the EOC after the Feb tsunami event and will also be responsible for using the EMIS software. MCDEM are hoping to hold an exercise using the EMIS in February 2011.

## **Annual Training/NEP schedule**

CDEM Group annual training schedule to be confirmed with the NEP

## **Resilience Fund Transitional Arrangements**

The CDEM resilience fund was established to support the development of CDEM capability in local government. MCDEM has approved an arrangement that will replace the previous reimbursement by the central government of a proportion of local authority CDEM expenditure. A review of the allocation of the subsidy determined that this approach was delivering poor value for money. On that basis, the Minister agreed that the subsidy should be replaced with a contestable fund process that the allocation of funds would be linked to demonstrated improvements in CDEM and community resilience.

The Ministry has developed a process for the management of the CDEM resilience fund and to determine the priorities for the allocation of the fund, MCDEM will establish a forum of the 16 Chairs to meet in October to enable the chairs to discuss possible priorities and areas for collaboration for the 2011/2012 financial year onwards.

Local authorities are requested to apply for funding for projects in the CDEM area by 10 October as long as the proposals are compatible with the principles and criteria for eligibility outlined in the guideline for the CDEM resilience fund and are within the proposed allocation for that local authority.

## **Second Generation CDEM Group Plan**

Work is near completion of the hazard analysis/Risk profile section of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Plan. A date to workshop this needs to be set with the HLG, it will then go to MCDEM, CDEM Group and Council before adoption.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation of the Chatham Islands CDEM Group**

The process for CDEM Group capability assessments, as part of the national capability assessment, involves both quantitative and qualitative components. The quantitative component involved several members of each organisation, including emergency management staff, senior management, and Controller, completing a detailed self assessment of the CDEM Group. This took four hours to complete.

The qualitative component involved a panel interviewing key members of the CDEM Group, to get their opinion on the functioning of the group, its organisational structures, processes, procedures, role and responsibilities. The interviews gathered feedback on the functioning of CDEM Group more generally, including legislation, leadership, plans, policies, processes, procedures and future directions. This was undertaken from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September by MCDEM and the Chatham Islands CDEM Group report will take 2-3 months to complete.

## **Regional CDEM Managers Forum**

Discussion took place in a closed session with issues that the sector wished to raise with Director. David (National Control) discussed the EMIS and training that MCDEM were going to provide. David also discussed issues regarding tsunami and Exercise Tangaroa.

Ljibica (MCDEM) discussed registration and the agreement with Red Cross and a scoping project to look at information for E-Sponder. Jane (MCDEM) spoke about welfare and resilience and the welfare guideline which is now out.

Alan (MCDEM) discussed the CIMS and the foundation for CIMS which will stay the same but may be modified in future. (There are some changes refer to the RCMF minutes) Lisa once again asked the question whether it was time to standardise on the domain names. General agreement was expressed. Tsunami signage – it is now up to each TA to decide when and where to put up the tsunami signs. Regional round up

## **NZ Deployment Plan Mass Casualties**

First draft is back from MCDEM for comment

## **Emergency Management Web Page**

Update Chatham Islands Council emergency management web site page. Check out the new list under Minutes these titles will house all the governance group's minutes and the Response Teams minutes so anyone can check out what's going on. Emergency Contact details have been changed and up dated and is now live on the site.

## **Rural Fire**

This year I as (PRFO) took Greg Horler (DPRFO) to the Rural Fire Conference to meet those in New Zealand involved with rural fire. He has an informed appreciation of what is involved in rural fire and a better understanding of why we have to do the things we do. I am hoping that next year the DPRFO and the team leader can attend the conference without me. I have been working closely with the PRFO of Porirua City to include the DPRFO and Team leader in with their rural fire leaders course, to undertake the qualifications that they are required to hold as a minimum to be legally allowed on the fire ground.

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