



Structural Engineers Association of North Carolina

Structural Engineering Emergency Response (SEER) Committee

MEETING NOTES

DATE: November 26, 2014

LOCATION: Conference Call

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT
CB Cameron Bryant	Y
TG Theresa Giles	Y
ML Mike Lester	Y
KP Klaus Perkins	Y
CR Clinton Robertson	--
RS Rob Stevenson	Y
BZ Brian Zapata	--

Discussion Items:

1. Introductions with background and interest in emergency response
 - a. CB: Structural engineer for 22 years in the Energy Division at Black & Veatch
 - b. TG: 20 years experience as structural engineer, last 8 years at Laurene Rickher & Sorrell; impressed by FEMA response to Oklahoma City bombing
 - c. ML: Forensic engineer with 20 yrs experience; active with ASCE Forensic Engineering committee; ATC certified
 - d. KP: Structural engineering department head at Clark Nexsen for last 7years; background included 7 yrs of forensic engineering
 - e. RS: 24 years experience as structural engineer, last 6 at LHC Structural Engineers; involved in repairs after 1993 World Trade Center bombing in NYC
2. Members are encouraged to read through the NCSEA SEERPlan Manual
3. Committee will reach out to and collaborate with the NCSEA SEER Committee
4. Biggest obstacle for most states is drafting a Good Samaritan Law but North Carolina already has a very good law in place
5. In some states, SEER committee collaborates with AIA and ASCE
 - a. RS has spoken already with David Crawford, Executive Director of the AIA in NC, and they are interested in collaborating if we will take the lead.
 - b. State of Rhode Island has recently formalized emergency response with such a collaboration; RS to distribute info.
6. Reviewed the Disaster Responder Submittal Requirements downloaded from NCSEA website
 - a. PE's who are members of NCSEA meeting technical licensing requirement
 - b. Technical training can be ICC or California EMA SAP; NCSEA recommends and supports the California EMA SAP training
 - c. CPR certification required for types 1 and 2 2nd responders
 - d. Also required are 6 different online FEMA classes that go over protocol, communications, etc.
7. NCSEA offers web based California EMA SAP training that requires a proctor
 - a. Committee to research options and costs; would be nice to get live training

- b. ML reported that he and his business partner have gone through this training; cost was around \$140
- 8. Committee will reach out to the SEA of NC membership to identify who wants to be listed in the emergence responder database
 - a. Inquire about who has ATC training and who needs training
- 9. Committee to research current “chain of command” for emergencies and then work on plan for getting formally plugged in
 - a. Local – State – Regional (FEMA)
- 10. SEA of NC has funds available to support the committee for training, equipment, etc.
- 11. Next meeting in January. Action items before next meeting are as follows
 - a. KP – research details for obtaining training, both the NCSEA California EMA SAP and FEMA online courses
 - b. Research current emergency response protocol in North Carolina
 - i. TG – City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County
 - ii. RS – City of Raleigh, Wake County
 - iii. CB – State of North Carolina
 - c. RS – Contact NCSEA SEER Committee and set up conference call
 - d. ML – Research state of Rhode Island program (RS to forward info)
 - e. KP – Draft email to SEA of NC membership inquiring about interest and training experience.