

Regional Council Coordinating Committee / Senior Advisory Committee

March 19, 2015

KS Highway Patrol Academy ~ 2025 East Iron Ave ~ Salina, KS

Attendees

Chuck Magaha (KC), Kevin Jones (SE), Kris Kramer (KLERWG), Jim Leftwich (SC), Fred Simon (SC), Greg Klein (SC), Pam Kemp (NC), Don Button (SW), Vaughn Lorenson (SW), Sue Cooper (NC), Dennis Colsden (NC), Jeremy Jackson (KIFC), Toby Prine (NW), Butch Post (NW), Sherry Angell (NCRPC), Doug McKinney (NCRPC), Cathy Hernandez (SW), Angee Morgan (KDEM), Edna Cordner (KHP), Bryan Murdie (KDEM), Keith Jeffers (KDEM), Erin McGinnis (KDEM), Devan Tucking (KDEM), Melanie Lawrence (KHP), Karen Schultz (KHP), and Jason Bryant (TAG).

Welcome

The Chair (Magaha) opened the meeting with introductions from those present. The membership reviewed the December 18, 2014 meeting minutes and all members voted to approve the minutes as submitted. The Chair reviewed the agenda and opened any requests for additional agenda items.

Regional Council Highlights / Strategic Plan Implementation

Southeast Region

The region is working on trying to finish up FY13 funding. Strategic Planning process is moving very slow. We are having a Search and Rescue exercise in Pittsburg this weekend (March 20-21). Earthquake tabletop exercise went very well with 104 participants. The maps provided by Jesse Smith were excellent. There is a regional project is focused on Search and Rescue Mapping – started with Crawford and will include all 12 counties.

South Central Region

The region is finishing up FY13 funding. FY14 has a large Active Shooter project with several components. The original project manager has left the council and this was too big for a new project manager to successfully complete. Funds from the cancelled project were reallocated to the existing Bomb Squad/EOD project, additional light towers for the FAD Light Project and created a LEAD project for Thermal Imaging Bi-Oculars. They had over \$400,000 that in possible project presented before the council, so there are plenty of ideas for the FY15 funding.

Southwest Region

The region is finishing up FY13 funding. Majority of funds were used for the IMT. About half of the team went to the IMT Conference, and they are preparing for the IMT/SAR Exercise next week. KDA had two FAD Tabletops with much better than expected turnout in Cimarron and

Ulysses. The region is now working on FY14 funding with a couple of projects nearly complete. Radios are costing more than anticipated when the project was initiated. Citizen Emergency Preparedness Guides are ready for the printer, and have a vendor selected. This does have basic information, but also some of the deployable resources available to the public. Sue Cooper brought up how difficult would it be to set it up electronically to be able to put on county websites. Don Button will have Sue get with the Project Manager for more information.

Northwest

The region has been finishing up FY13 projects and has had delivery on some FY14 projects. 19 member of the IMT attend the IMT Seminar which was a very good training. NC and NW teams are working together. Working with NC on a Resource Unit Leader class and the information is now on KS-Train. Currently many have been busy with fires out west.

North Central

The regional meeting will be held next week at Crisis City. Our FY13 projects have been a struggle – the goofiest roadblocks have been tripping us up. The Safe and Prepared Schools had falling apart, but switching it into Intruderology. End product will be a DVD which can be used by anyone within the state of Kansas. Filming will occur next month. Dickinson County has stepped up and taken the lead, and if you are interested in borrowing the training please contact them. The idea is to get the information out of the Superintendent's office to be able to get anyone in the school trained on the right thing to do to save a kid. The teachers are hungry for this. Have had difficulty dealing with administration, but have been having more success with the school boards. Safe Plan is the company. Several months ago shelter carts have been ordered, and they were supposed to arrive at the beginning of March. Every year since the Council has been formed one the weaknesses discussed has been sheltering individuals. Each county has tried to put together a plan working with schools and churches, but don't have the cots or equipment. Red Cross does not have a presence in this region. Once this shipment arrives it will help out with one of our major identified gaps. Working on Accountability project to get training to ensure that counties are using their equipment as intended. They have had great turn-out and all but one county has attended. The fire group is working to get more infrared cameras into the fire departments. Many times we do not get good feedback after the equipment has been delivered. All of us need to be doing a better job of this. Our FAD Project has been derailed because of Chuck's turkey flu. An exercise next week is in the process of being rescheduled. Republic County is scheduled to have a FAD exercise next month. The NC Region invested heavily in the IMT Seminar. Two members were brand new with this being their first event. Will be going to the full scale exercise next week, and will need to work on identifying team needs. They are looking at trying at doing an exercise with more realistic environment conditions – such as poor lighting and lack of electrical access.-

ins. Active Shooter training has been expanded from just Law Enforcement to include a dispatcher course. Would like to get a training to include law enforcement, fire, and EMS, and there is one now available. Active Shooter training has been successful with LE and Dispatchers, and would like to get everyone involved that has boots on the ground.

Northeast

No Report

KC Metro

The region has been focusing on training and exercise sustainment. Seven IMT members attended the IMT Seminar. The week before we had an IMT Tabletop and the first time the IMT concept has been brought into the Metro Region. The set up was to have the IMT work Search and Rescue to demonstrate the support role. Having someone from the National Level explain the roles really helped, because many had felt the IMT would take over. Both Kansas and Missouri deployable resources integrated. The AAR review was held last Tuesday and was a big eye opener to the benefit of the IMT. The IMT is getting more involved with the IMT exercises. Chuck learned that he was going to need assistance from outside IMTs. Missouri is now coming on board. Had a Training and Exercise Workshop and Strategic Plan – based off the MARC's Strategic Plan. He was surprised that the PIO and brochure piece were important on the Kansas plan. Chuck would like to do a similar process next month with the RCCC/SAC Strategic Plan. Each city and each county in the Metro was asked to provide funding for coordinated planning, systems sustainment and training and exercises. The goal is to raise \$300,000 in year one with \$180,000 in new funds. (many agencies already contribute.) This is a base and will stretch the USAI and SHGP funds. KCMO does not receive SHGP funds when funding through the urban area program. There was a fire in an underground cave which is a huge food storage facility for several corporations. It was a 3 alarm fire. A few years ago funding purchased a positive pressure fan housed in Lenexa. This was great in clearing out the caves fast.

Emergency Communications Update - Jason Bryant

- In February had a meeting in Colby and included Colorado. Will be showing how radio communication is open on the border. Will look at including Oklahoma and Nebraska in future meetings. Currently there is great communication between the Kansas and Missouri border.
- First Net is realizing the funding is lacking for nationwide broadband. Kansas is trying to slow the process of two-way communication for 10 to 15 years.
- The grant has received an extension to 2018. The data asset gathering is something Jason cannot stress enough. He has the information on what is out there, but really needs to know how you are using this. First Net needs to know this as well. Please if you get

information, questionnaires please fill these out. There will be a meeting on June 17 with First Net. This is the only planned meeting with First Net and is by invitation only.

- Trying to harden communications.
- P25 standard is going to become more hard lined. I know costs are expensive, but they should be slowly coming down. Radios were sent out to Ferguson, Missouri. They have been used and returned now being resold. They do not come with batteries, but do with hand held microphones. **Please note: SHGP funding cannot purchase used equipment.**
- First Net is moving hard and fast. Region VII is opening up a position in a couple of weeks – it is a GS 15 Position and will telecommute from home. Second phase opened up quicker than expected. Unfortunately First Net is changing the verbiage – the opt out option is becoming more difficult. Jason has limited staff, but is trying to get information from everyone. If you have not been contacted yet please get with Jason.
- Kansas has to define public safety for the State, and this has been a challenge.
- First Net is designed to be self-sustaining by 2022.
- Satellite equipment is supposed to support the rural areas. Kansas is 90% rural. Jason is currently working with ODN with the current COWS. He figures that it will cost about \$20,000 a day to have satellite as the only option. For one week of usage we can build an entire tower site. Looking at the Speedway Race in October as a test – set it up and show them it does work, but are you going to be picking up the cost. The Act specifically states rural coverage must be with satellite, and there is no way that we can work around that requirement unless they change it.
- April 13 will be presenting what we have in DC.
- Many are worried about the funding down the road. There is no way we are going to be able to keep it out of commercial users. What they are planning on doing is leasing the public safety spectrum. Build the spectrum with the major mobile carriers and then let public safety on. There is a lot of interplay, but this will be a commercial system so there will not be security, generators, etc. There is a lot of what built into what we expect that is not built into commercial sites. No redundant back up system. First Net does not want our resources, but they are going after Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile

Working Group Updates

IMT Seminar Summary (Feb 24-26, 2015) - Don Button

- Very positive comments from the surveys. There was a 50% return.
- This was a good learning experience. There was some frustration when during the first part of the exercise, but many began to realize that you will not be walking into a perfect situation. There will always be chaos in the beginning.

- Many want to see more functional trainings before the exercise. This was the first time working in many of the positions and not sure how everything worked. A good team helps each other. What makes this exercise good is the teamwork.
- Everyone is ready to have another exercise. 53 or 54 IMT members are ready to play in the SAR/IMT full-scale exercise next week. This exercise will have everyone working from call, setting-up, and then working.
- We are doing this at the right time of the year. The vast majority was pleased with the facility and felt we maximized it.
- People did get frustrated with the Internet function. However, the NE brought in their satellite system and it improved. In a real world situation communications are always going to have faults.
- At first there was some difficulty with the NC and NW combination, but it worked well.
- Bringing in people from other states was challenging at times. Had heard this is not how we do it in Missouri, well, this is how we do it in Kansas and this is a Kansas exercise.

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group – Kris Kramer

- Last meeting was held on March 11 and discussed the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the State Preparedness Report, and the available training opportunities and needs.
- How is information disseminated? Each Region has a representative, along with Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation/Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Capability Assessment – Update - Bryan Murdie

- NE Project had a project to create a capability assessment that is a quantitative view of resources. It puts a hard number to resources, and is a PDF portfolio. Goal was to make it easy and user friendly. The Beta test brought out a few concerns which have been fixed with the Kansas Capability Assessment Tool.
- The Kansas Capability Assessment Tool: it is accessible from anywhere, always able to access the most recently completed assessment, no issues with readers or software versions, able to track progress (county and region), data is available immediately, ability for future enhancements without changing tools, and the ability to manipulation and query date regionally. Will be able to see what you have and what you need – where the gaps are without doing much work.
- Planned completion date will be May 1st and no later than June 1st.

- KansasCAT.com – Capability Assessment Tool. Each county will have a log in
- Is this possible to use this format for other assessments? Sue Cooper has a risk assessment developed for the Health Corp Coalition. Since KDEM owns the tool this could be possible.
- Who will have access to the results once everything is entered? The county EM would have the ability to input the data. Need to have the conversations about who needs to have this data regionally. KDEM has the ability to build out permissions as they do with the CRCMS. Currently the plan would be just to have Regional Chairs with access.
- Are you are tasking each county in the state to enter in information to make this a valuable tool? Yes, the benefits are many. We need to capture our resources – whether it is deployable or not.
- There are a few teams recognized, but this would mainly be for equipment.

Resource Accountability and Tracking Team RATT) – Concepts - Bryan Murdie

- How are we going to do disaster accountability? Effectiveness is a correlation between Equipment and Process. We have a lot of equipment that can do accountability; however, we do not have an outlined process to do this.
- Bryan is putting together an Accountability Working Group that will work on helping us reach effective disaster accountability.
- This group will focus on what do we need to track: tracking on-scene for responder safety, tracking hours for reimbursement, tracking volunteers, tracking equipment.
- Need to figure what we data we need to capture to analyze costs and possible reimbursement.
- This group will Identify limitations with the software, and present enhancement recommendations to the developer..
- Construct a Statewide Accountability SOP and Best Practices Guidance – this is the most important part of the group.
- Outline the deliverable of a RATT and local expectations when requested. Some things need to be provided by a local community when they request a RATT.
- Do we need to reallocate equipment that isn't being used?
- Value in utilizing regional teams: Rely on training/exercise individuals, equipment is tested/maintained/trusted, and the deployable process would be similar to other regional teams.
- Accountability hardware training would focus on team (number of needed training and cost effectiveness)
- Resource for pre-planned events and disasters should be utilized on a regular basis.

- Do you have a meeting date set? Bryan would like to have this at the first of April. Has been building a list of people, but has not scheduled a meeting. Would like to have an SOP in 4-6 months.
- Looking at bringing other states that are using Midwest Card and talk about best practices. Pulling the states together we would have better leverage to get what we need done to the system.
- We are moving in the right direction and a lot of work has been done to get us to this point.

Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center – Jeremy Jackson

- Outreach is what makes us successful.
- We have a great working relationship with the local level that we are able to look at what is going on the national level.
- What we are looking at now we cannot act on it, but can do the analysis and push it up to the national agencies.
- We focus hard on mitigation at the state level.
- Outreach is a struggle for us because we do a lot of analysis which makes it difficult to reach out. Would like to get advice on how to be successful to the different disciplines, and being able to push out information you need.
- Big picture 17 states are trying to do what Kansas is doing. Federal agencies are also looking at our Fusion Center. Because we have not had much money our analysts have had to be creative.
- Kansas has been the only data point for some information. We aren't the only one with the problem, but we can see it.
- Working on earlier notification of diseases overseas and what their vectors are.
- If you have people working specifically on cyber security let Jackson know so they can get them on a distribution list.
- Reluctant to build our own products on a weekly basis because it would weaken our analysis. We also know the cost is if we don't put something out regularly then people forget about you.
- We did have to make changes last year and you need to have a .org or a .gov email address for security.

Deployable Resources Training & Exercise Planning Workshop - Dennis Colsdan

- KDEM is trying to provide a full scale exercise at least once per year for deployable resources.

- For this upcoming TEPW Chair and Vice Chairs of the Deployable Resources groups along with different teams were invited.
- Help plan at the full scale exercise, planning to provide training and exercises that lead up to the full scale exercise throughout the year.
- This should help us to budget and plan our how to spend FY15 funding.
- We have not brought in public health and hospitals at this time.
- The process should help with budget planning and also plan out more in advance the full-scale exercise.
- Also need to bring in the fiscal agents.

Homeland Security Grant Updates – Lieutenant Edna Cordner

- Focus on your core capabilities
- We will let you know once we get the grant information
- We are expecting a very short turn around.

Discussion: 2016 Leadership Summit (Needs/Interest)

- 2016 will be the 10th anniversary of the group.
- Is there an interest in a leadership summit?
- Last year when we've invited the Congressional delegation the response was, "we have already seen it."
- Would it be beneficial to have this attached to the Full Scale Exercise?
- Audience would be the Regional Council members.
- One year people outside of the chair and vice-chair attend had helped educate and change the viewpoint of other members or potential members.
- Timeline – where we started in 2006 in Wichita throughout the evolution to now
 - Accountability System
 - Tower Completion
- Investments – the state used to write them and the locals receive 80% of the funding. Having investments done the way they are now is beneficial.
- Next meeting we need to have a date, time, location, and an idea of the cost.
- We need to let people outside of this group know what we have done.
- Leadership Summit should be focusing on the leadership
- Motion to move forward: Sue Cooper motioned and Greg Klein seconded that we proceed with a leadership summit for some time in 2016 with the date to be announced.

- Leadership Summit Committee: Chuck Magaha, Terri Ploger, Jim Leftwich, Vaughn Lorenson, and a member of the KHP will be on this committee. Chuck will get the first meeting together. Either Vaughn or Greg will be the chair.

Announcements / Questions

- How are Quarterly Reports? Project managers are doing a decent job of returning them. Only have to do the report until the project is complete.
- Projects are getting more difficult to change. It took us six weeks to collect the information we needed for the approval.
- We have to obtain all the information that we needed to gather for the 10% movement.
- H5N2 Update: Health Department plays a very minor role in Avian Influenza. This was a backyard flock and the animals kept getting sick. This is a migratory scenario with snow geese. GIS is very important for this response. KDA has developed an IMT which is now operating out of a fire station. Any given time they have 20 cars on the road. Currently the state is picking up the cost for the response. USDA has been busy in Oregon, Minnesota, and Missouri. Social Media has played an important role. People are upset because they cannot sell their chickens or eggs at the farmer's market. Law Enforcement has a big role to play because the USDA has a right to be on the property even if the owner does not want them there. Media coverage has been excellent. Backyard chickens are people's pets. Was in need of PPE – didn't plan on two incidents. Also there is a shelf life on PPE.

Next meeting: date and agenda items

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Motion to adjourn: Don Button and seconded by Pam Kemp, all voted in favor to adjourn.