

Commission on Emergency Planning and Response
Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Members Present:

Jack Taylor, CEPR Chair, Fire Fighters
John Prather, CEPR Vice-Chair, Transportation, Trucking and Rail
Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General
Melissa Dinsmore, Hospitals
Patricia Eakes, Disabilities
Tim East, Wolf Creek
Sandy Johnson, representing Josh Svaty, Department of Agriculture
Ken Keller, Emergency Medical Services
Colonel Terry Maple, Kansas Highway Patrol
Warren Porter, Public Works
Michael McNulty, representing Mindee Reece, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Troy Sorenson, representing Karen Schuyler, Business/Industry
Jim Ogle, Broadcasters
Randy Duncan, County Emergency Managers
Leo G. Henning, representing Roderick Bremby, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Robert Blecha, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Ken Schremmer, Counties
Dr. Bill Brown, Kansas Animal Health Department

Members Not In Attendance:

Clayton Huseman, Agriculture, Crop or Livestock
Carole Jordan, Department of Commerce
David Kerr
Elizabeth Ticer, Public Health
Mark Krentz, representing Catherine Patrick, Department of Transportation
Dick Heitschmidt, Law Enforcement
Pat Collins, Regional Councils

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jack Taylor, Chair

9:13 called to order and Tina Fike called the roll

Introductions

Angee Morgan

Introduced Nancy Lamb as new Planner for KDEM; also introduced Frank Coots as the new Crisis City Manager.

Consent Agenda Review

Minutes of previous meeting
County Emergency Plans (CEOP) report
State Hazard Mitigation Group
COOP Working Group Committee report
LEPC Appointment Committee Report

HLS Working Group Committee Report
Spill Report

Welcome to Crisis City

Frank Coots

Gave an overview of the site and the types of training available.

The Adjutant General did bring input from many disciplines to make this a useful facility.

Remarks from Commission Members / Public

Jack Taylor, Chair

Jim Ogle: Take a look online to Kiplinger Magazine. Topeka, KS made the Top 10 cities to live in for the very first time with cities such as Austin, TX and Burlington, VT.

Randy Duncan: One of the biggest things on our radar is the Disaster Supplemental for FEMA. No guarantee that it is going to go through so our disaster funds are still tied up in there. Only immediate needs funding and funds that have been obligated will be paid. FEMA disaster funding is getting low.

Sandy Johnson: Will be a part of an upcoming Ag stakeholder workshop that will discuss communication and resource sharing among ag stakeholders in regards to disasters; new group that will collaborate with KSU Extension will have first meeting on June 22, 2010; Will participate in a border exercise with Nebraska in 2011 & Missouri is working on developing an exercise also; Symposium on Food & Agriculture Security will be held in Madison, Wisconsin on October 18-20, 2010; agency is in the early planning stages of a Food Protection Conference to be held in Kansas, place TBD, date – possibly November or December 2010; spoke about the most current Agricultural disaster designations.

Patricia Eakes: Have a new website encouraging employers to hire people with disabilities. Employers and put job vacancies up free of charge and people can post resumes.

Melissa Dinsmore: Closing out the grant year and working on next grant cycle with less funding. Fire Departments are getting more involved with decon training. Many different activities are going on that she would like to report on at a future meeting.

Ken Keller: Steve Sutton has been the administrator for the Board of EMS and is going to be hiring a new Board Administrator. Money is tight and equipment is getting older. No real issues with EMS. 20 years ago Kansas protocols have been created by the Kansas Medical Society which is difficult since they don't have any regulatory powers. Have been pushed down to a County Medical Society. The Board is exploring this and wanting to get involved with the approval process. Developing a minimum standard is not easy to do because many counties provide advanced care with more things like ventilators becoming more common. Concerns about State protocol holding them back.

Terry Maple: We have been in partnership with many different agencies: Grant has been submitted for FY 2010. State Preparedness Report has been submitted in May. Response and K-9s have been doing vulnerability assessments with schools. Participated in a Wolf Creek Drill. 403 applications 203 awarded and \$250,000 went to Johnson County in a competitive grant and \$500,000 in a non-competitive to Sedgwick County.

Tod Bunting: Watching the Gulf, the Border and storms. Beth Freeman the new FEMA Administration came to the EOC, and continue the great relationship with FEMA. Kansas is the only state to have had a Governor visit the Joint Field Office. Hopefully we will get to the point where we don't have a Joint Field Office. We

have the COWs, CALFs, and the little PIGGY will be visiting today. All the concrete was donated by private companies in Kansas, and KDOT hauled in all the concrete for the rubble pile for only the cost of diesel fuel.

John Prather: In the industry a junk shot is going on today that will be heard around the world, and hope that it is successful (oil leak in the Gulf). Showed a picture of a loaded gasoline tanker trucks outside of Forbes Field that was a victim of inattentive driving by another car. The current thing going is the National TRANSCAER is the training arm of the CHEMTRAK. Will be meeting on July 19, and John will be briefing on Crisis City and shared preparedness in the Kansas communities.

Bill Brown: Several strategic initiatives to change the way Kansas Animal Health Department is operating and much of this has to do with Border states. Will report more later.

Michael McNulty: Currently preparing for 2010 CDC grants to continue to fund hospitals and public health departments with funding.

Ken Schremmer: Things has been looking good for agriculture in the west. Financially many small counties are struggling do to budget. We are all looking at yearly budgets and there will be quite a few cuts, but will manage.

Tim East: Seeing an uptick in regulations that are being formed. 13 rules specific to emergency management that should be issued by late this year or early next. We will need to figure out how to respond to those but difficult until you see the final wording. Have been doing many drills. Latest one was with the SEOC, Forward Staging Area, County EOC, and EOF. It was a good drill in preparation for the FRMAC drill in November. Kansas is the only state that does a mid-cycle drill for practice rather than wait for the required 6 years. FRMAC only goes to the actual drill and not any of the practices, so we are doing this on a non-graded year. Working mainly with KDEM and KDHE, but will be working with all agencies.

Jack Taylor: If you are unable to attend you can send a proxy. Please remember for future reference. Tragic year for firefighting losing several firefighters. Have been working with the legislature to try to get new residential buildings to have sprinklers installed. This was passed in a renters rights bill. There will be one year that cities can work towards compliance, and will meet later for further legislation. There is talk about mandated certification for firefighters. It is a good thing but meets resistance from the volunteers. Not sure what agency would oversee the national certification process. Last meeting George Teagarden and Sasse both retired from the Commission. Would like to do a better job of tracking to recognize their time.

Jacob Gray: Freeze on funds has affected mitigation. Leavenworth school was 1.8 million away from receiving funding – they couldn't wait for the unfreezing of funding. They did proceed with the building of the safe room. This may continue to happen.

Election of Chair

Commission

Each June the Chair is open for election. Last year it was not done until September, and this year's meeting is being held in May. Jack Taylor has been chair for two years now. A two-year chairman ship is expected. Had previous discussion of having the Vice-Chair take the Chairmanship.

Patricia Eakes nominations John Prather and Randy Duncan seconds the nomination. Hearing no other nominations Jack moves for a unanimous vote to elect John as Chair.

The Chair selects the Vice-Chair. With him being from the Private Sector to choose from the Public Sector. This is also voted upon.

Melissa Dinsmore expresses how thankful she has been for Jack's leadership.

Committee Reports:

Public Assistance / Disaster Update

Steve Harsha

Joint Field Office has been open for 11 months and will be open until July.

DR-1885-KS qualified 51 counties

Osage County received record snow

These numbers are fluid because we continue to find damages and many sites are ineligible .

This winter storm has been the most difficult to get damage assistance. Many regions didn't allow states to collect on snow removal unless it was a record snow. FEMA Region VII allowed this, and they also realized once the snow melted to have 30 extra days for snow to melt to see road damages.

Do you or other KDEM know when we got IA? 1699 and 1711 Greensburg and SE Kansas Flooding. Got SBA for Chapman but were not close for IA.

Deployable Resources report

Bill Brubaker

Have spent about a million dollars on deployable resources.

IMT has chosen not to go the train-the-trainer route but continue with having the same trainers train all regions.

Newly created Law Enforcement Working Group originally brought in the Bomb Teams. Decided to bring in all the law enforcement partners to create a strategic plan to have them all talk in the same language and ask for the same equipment to the regional councils.

Credentials and Resource Typing – MARC is using a different vendor. Working on a project to make the two systems talk.

What is the credentialing group working on? Wanted to make sure a duck is a duck. NIMS guidelines don't fit what we are doing – we are a three and four, not a Type 1. Will be putting in rules with the credentials. Looking at the hardware of making the card and the layout of the card. Locals can password in and find what they need along with the state.

Idea is to communicate with all systems. We are using Salamander. Would eventually have credentials on the driver's license. At the end of the event you can print out everyone that was there with cost codes.

Big issue when you cross the state line. May need to have the Governor all the bordering state governor to suspend that regulation – example a nurse is a nurse and shouldn't matter if you are in Kansas or Missouri. Scope of practice question about when practicing out of jurisdiction whose response. If it is EMAC it is covered.

New Business:

EPA Report

Fatima Ndiaye

New administration and new administrator in place

In response to the Paperwork Reduction Act the EPA has created a web-based data base for industry to enter in specific information. Is much more timely.

Rapid Response Team and EPA is getting involved with animal health.

Proposed LEPC for Metro Region

Bob Evans

Currently it is difficult for people to distinguish what city they are in.

Many of the same people would be required to go to each county's LEPC meeting.

Extract and join together a regional book because they already have regional teams.

Miami County is a recently added to the MARC region to make it a nine county region

MARC has done a good job with management and getting information out – media covers the entire Metro. While Kansas has not been a part of it in the past they have benefited.

Maintain the current Board that MARC has established

Make this a true regional approach to an LEPC.

This makes a lot of sense to Jack Taylor. We are going to be seeing more and more people working together like this as long as it works with State laws.

Randy Duncan is enthusiastically supporting this proposal. Academic studies on regional councils and it is becoming apparent that councils of governments do not function. One of the reason why MARC functions is they have outlined a shared vision, a culture of team work, and a process.

Randy makes a motion to make this happen.

John Prather says this makes sense to the Private sector. This has helped with the political issues of state boundary. Private Sector has a hard time understand who's on first in a metro area – they would endorse multi-jurisdiction and multi-state unification.

The Kansas side originally had a different approach, but has realized that this approach is going to work better. It is a different structure but is a partnership structure.

Miami County is not currently part of this proposal. They are currently walking their way into the various committees right now. The possibility exists for them to eventually move this direction.

TAG has gone all over the country and has not seen anyone do what MARC has done. Shows what can happen when people decide to work together. If you decide this isn't want you want you can walk away.

Know the quality of their structure and product – Kansas does not want to compromise that

Randy motions to endorse the concept outlined by Mr. Evans and the staff to execute as need, and seconded by Tim East with the motion all agreeing passing.

Announcements & Adjournment

Kansas GIS Response Team Working Group

Jessica Frye would like to have a Working Group established under the Deployable Resources Committee;

This group is already established and would like to have them under the CEPR;

Jack Taylor usually do not like to have something like this brought up at last minute. This does seem to be simple and if the CEPR chooses to table this they are welcome to do that.

Randy Duncan motions to charter GIS Working Group under the Deployable Resources Sub-Committee and seconded by Jim Ogle. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2010