

COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE MINUTES

June 5, 2008

Member Attendees:

Jack Taylor, CEPR Chairman, Fire Chief – City of Emporia
Bill Chornyak, Kansas Emergency Management
Jason Bolt, Emergency Medical Services
Mark Krentz, Kansas Department of Transportation
Timothy East, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Center
Ken Schremmer, Butler County Commissioner
John Prather, Transportation, Trucking, Rail
Clayton Huseman, Kansas Livestock Association, Executive Director – Feedlot Division
Elizabeth Ticer, Public Health
Patricia Eakes, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns
Melissa Dinsmore, Hospitals
Karen Schuyler, Astaris
Joshua Buffington, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Karen Domer, Kansas Animal Health – representing George Teagarden
Patrick Collins, Homeland Security Counsel
Warren Porter, Public Works
Karl McNorton, Kansas Fire Marshal's Office
Sandy Johnson, Kansas Department of Agriculture, representing Adrian Polansky
Bill Guy, Reno County Emergency Manager – representing Randall Duncan and Dick Heitschmidt

Members not in Attendance:

Lt. John Eichkorn, KHP
Jeanne Stinson, Secretary of Commerce
Paul Sasse, City Manager Representative
Dick Heitschmidt, Police Department, City of Hutchinson
Randall Duncan, Director of Sedgwick County Emergency Management
Adrian Polansky, Kansas Department of Agriculture
George Teagarden, Kansas Animal Health

Meeting

- Meeting opened at 10:04 AM
- Introductions and Appointments
 - Motion made to approve minutes from March 6 meeting, Karl McNorton seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - Introduction of John Prather as new vice chairman.
- Floor opened for public and committee comments

Committee Reports

- COOP – State Agencies Angee Morgan
 - Motion for one single source software and similar format. Resolution by all members unanimously has Adjutant General go to the Governor’s Office for comments about the resolution.
 - Department of Agriculture is ready for this to move forward.
 - Regarding the resolution; Jack Taylor asks for the movement to be passed; Ken Schremmer seconded this movement; movement passed.

- State Hazard Mitigation Report Charlie McGonigle
 - 83 grants, only 13-14 counties not funded.
 - Update from last report: last quarter had lots of progress; approximately 300 requests of new residence from SE Kansas flooding. FEMA funds 41 million, half of which is committed from ice storm. Looking for 110 million for mitigation funds. Fifteen school safe room applications and about 140 throughout the state.
 - Questions:
 - What are the basic priorities of the funds? Basic projects include flood loss, school safety, updating electrical systems, and waste products.

- LEPC Appointment Committee Report Jennifer Clark
 - Announce fifteen nominations for commission’s approval including: Brown, Cheyenne, Doniphan, Jewel, Kingman, Lincoln, Wichita, Stevens, Franklin, Lyon, Pawnee, Rawlins, and Thomas.
 - The process goes from counties by federal law – and so must fulfill all or most positions.
 - LEPC is developing handbook on by-laws and responsibilities, to be completed at the end of the year, tentatively.
 - Motion to approve letters by Timothy East; Doc Hollins seconds the motion and is approved unanimously.

- HLS Working Group Committee Report Randy Mettner
 - Business Industry Forum
 - Report on meeting – 58 People attended in Salina. About twenty businesses, including AT&T, etc.
 - Two Goals of the Forum were to develop private resources, private partnership, and working for response and recovery.
 - Meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with large membership from both state and federal.
 - Private Sector – Rail/ trucking services, most private sector run from disaster; keep commerce moving somewhere else. In-lies the need for reconnection of services and shows things that can be done in the private sector by working together.
 - Public Sector – Ask for volunteers. Tracking special needs after Hurricane Rita, adding information. Industry rapidly jumping in to help.

- Homeland Security State Training Advisory Team - Paula Phillips
 - Next meeting is June, 4, 2008, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - Agenda:
 - Review Charter
 - Training needs and issues
 - Training initiatives
 - Workgroup tasks
 - HLS Training Consortium
 - Free state preparedness
 - Pandemic Information Plan and Preparedness – 67 participants
 - WMB Technical Emergency Response Training – 85 participants
 - Anyone can take these courses.
 - New Courses: Managing Terrorist Bombing, Understanding and Planning
 - Kansas Delivery: Threat and Risk Assessment, WMD/Terrorism Incident Defense
 - LSU: Kansas Delivery:
 - Computer Aided and Manage of Emergency Operations
 - Kansas Emergency Management Training:
 - NIMS/ICS Courses; 84 courses, 2,552 participants — this is a much targeted group, so a smaller number on average.
 - General Emergency Management Courses:
 - 8 Request Course— SE/NW
 - 212 Participants
 - In Maryland, community specific course of 75-80 key decision-makers doing week long capability building.
- Legislative Update 2008 Session Randy Mettner
 - SB416 – KDEM set up volunteer organization
 - S417 – Housing development grant program, housing incentive for areas DR-1711 and DR-1699; died in committee
 - HB2805 – Protection for amateur radio operators
 - HB2811 – Restriction firearms seizure of guns; died in committee
 - HB2905 – Require agency in capital complex to designate a security liaison to work with the highway patrol/ capital police over security concerns.
 - HB2926 – Allowing certain cities under DR-1711 to request KDOT to remove debris from demolished homes.
 - KDEM Budget – Funded the Regional Coordinator, 100% by state; **new name:** Emergency Management Coordinators.
- Kansas Incident Management Team Update Matt Mercer
 - Stated what IMT is and does. Concerning the construction of teams, per region.
 - How can you get help? A county emergency manager can request IMT assistance through KDEM. State agencies request IMT through KDEM. KDEM coordinates with requested team manager.
 - Who pays? The state or federal disaster, KDEM. Local disaster or mutual aid, requesting jurisdiction/agency.

- Recommend direction of commission on what to continue or begin doing? Dan McLaughlin moves for charter committee and is seconded by Ken Shremmer, passed unanimously.

○ Public Assistance

Jim Williams

- DR-1741-KS
 - Severe winter storm incidental period, December, 6-19, 2007. 65 counties declared.
 - Damage assessment next week (from June, 5, 2008,) 25-26 counties or more.

○ After Action Update

Terri Ploger-McCool

- DR-1675: 44 counties
 - Strengths: Civil Air Patrol, Kansas Department of Transportation, National Weather Service, Amateur radio stations, emergency support functions
 - Actions: Created an air branch in state EOC, conference calls, The *Communicator* system, training, system for tracking utilities data.
- DR-1699:
 - Strengths: National Weather Service, Kansas Department of Transportation, 9-1-1 dispatch, 1610 AM radio transmitter, debris specialist position, incidental management team, discovery recovery center, expeditionary medical support, base camp, and efforts to rebuild GIS data/mapping capabilities.
 - Actions: New emphasis on COOP planning, further development of deployable resources, identification/accountability systems.
- DR-1711:
 - Strengths: Strong Emergency Support Function leads in state EOC, daily conference calls, town hall meetings, debris specialist/debris analysis team.
 - Actions: Enhancing protocol, logistics/resource request forms, Multi-Agency Coordination (701) training.
- DR-1741:
 - Strengths: Federal resource coordination- Army Corps of Engineers, Westar representative in the SEOC- help manage rumor control, resource requests/tracking, sheltering capabilities.
 - Actions: Enhance *Communicator* capabilities registration, State Integrated Emergency Management; expand upon mass care capabilities, resource typing initiatives, and Preparedness Day activities— September 8, 2008, State Fair.
- Commission to establish a committee; look at reports for recommendations to take action upon by the CEPR. Looking for membership (volunteers):
 - Pat Collins
 - Elizabeth Ticer

○ KDEM'S Technical Hazards Security Update

Jennifer Clark

- 2008 HMEP Grant
 - Total Funds= \$230,885
 - Planning= \$83,715
 - Training= \$91,730
 - KPEM Admin.= \$55,440

- \$30,000 of which goes toward Western Wyandotte County Project
 - Funds to re-district on need basis
- Vulnerability Assessments:
 - Chemical Facilities for summer: Reser's (Topeka), Tyson Food (Olathe, Hutchinson), Farmland Foods (Wichita), Occidental (Wichita).
 - Western Wyandotte County Project:
 - Provide assistance in chemical area
- Emergency Response Guidebooks:
 - Kansas ordered 26,000 copies received only 19,960 copies.
 - Reduce all requests by 12% and decline all training requests.
 - 68 Counties have sent requests
 - Electronic version on U.S. DOT's webpage
 - CD expected to be issued late this summer.
- Interoperability Committee Report Jason Moses
 - Executive Committee Planning Session was held May 12th, in Salina and had 59 attendees.
 - Discussed 1) Talk group template radio system 2) Stand operation Moto-Bridge to be completed by September 2010.
- At the next Commission On Emergency Planning and Response Meeting:
 - Meet on the first Thursday of the month, and every third month beginning today. The next meeting will be held September 4th, and then again, every third month, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - Requested update on State Emergency Alert System for next meeting (Sept.)
 - Jack Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned, 1:57 PM, passing unanimously.