

# Commission on Emergency Planning & Response

## Minutes

### June 6, 2013

#### Members Present:

- Oscar Thomasson, representing Regional Councils
- Russ Tomevi, representing Public Works
- Martha Gabehart, representing Individuals with Disabilities
- Mark Willis, representing Emergency Services
- Angee Morgan, proxy for BG Lee Tafanelli, KS Adjutant General
- Mike McNulty, representing KDHE, Health side
- Danny Shanks, representing Law Enforcement
- Tim East, CEPR Vice-Chair and representing Energy
- Kent Cornish, representing Business / Industry – Broadcasting
- Darryn Gillihan, representing Business / Industry
- Doug Grauer, representing Business / Industry
- Capt. Eric Pippin, proxy for Col. Ernest Garcia, KHP
- Clay Adams, proxy for Mike King, representing KDOT
- Sandy Johnson, proxy for Dale Rodman, Department of Agriculture
- Scott Briggs, representing Counties
- Frank Papish, proxy for Kirk Thompson, representing KBI
- Doug Jorgensen, representing KS Fire Marshal's Office
- Keith Meyers, representing Dept. of Commerce
- Charles Keeton, representing Hospitals
- Chris Howell, representing Tribes
- Leo Henning, proxy for Dr. Robert Moser, KDHE, Environment side

#### Members Not Present:

- Jack Taylor, CEPR Chair and representing Fire Fighters
- Ashley Goss, representing Public Health
- Henry Hungerbeeler, representing Transportation, Trucking and Rail
- John Sweet, representing Cities

#### **Call to Order / Roll Call: Chairman**

- Meeting was called to order at 1000.
- Roll Call was called by Tina Fike at 1001.
- Note made by Vice-Chair that everyone needs to sign registration form due to funding changes.

#### **Consent Agenda Review: Chairman**

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Martha Gabehart, seconded by Kent Cornish. Motion carried.

## Presentations:

- Deployable Resources Update Dennis Colsden, KDEM
  - Not a lot of new information since last update; have not needed to deploy them;
  - Deployable resources list includes (but is not limited to):
    - Incident Management Teams (IMTs);
    - Search & Rescue (SAR) Teams;
    - Equipment that goes around the state for disaster response;
  - Making comprehensive list of deployable resources & creating user agreements for items equipment goes out for special events or other large events that are not disaster related;
  - Q: Have there been any requests come in from Oklahoma? A: Have not had any equipment requests, but have had one EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) request for Public Information Officer (PIO).
- IMT Working Group Update Dennis Colsden, KDEM
  - Supporting IMTs; trained with them in a large event last week at Crisis City;
  - Recently accepted the IMTs Strategic Plan;
  - Maintaining trainings / exercises for teams;
- GIS Working Group Jesse Smith, KDEM
  - Have 2 interns currently, finishing projects in the northeast region & getting ready to start a project in the northwest region;
  - Have 8+ people in the GIS Response volunteer team cadre that can deploy with response vehicle or can come in to a state or local EOC to work;
  - Maps are the most requested item, but also do web applications & data services;
  - Have 2 main web applications:
    - KS Map: used in State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as a situational awareness tool; most county emergency managers use it as well; can be used for locating burn bans, can do models for chemical releases, evacuation routes, locate resources, etc;
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  - Have a vehicle that supports both GIS & the PIOs, called PI/GI (piggy); was built in response to the Greensburg tornado disaster;
    - Has 2 mapping stations, 2 public information workstations, satellite internet and TV, etc;
    - Has been deployed for the Harveyville & Reading tornadoes & the Missouri River flooding;
  - Roles:
    - Work in EOC to give mapping details (how many people are in path of a storm, how high could water get, what roads are open / closed, etc)
    - On Scene: response team could be in local EOC or supporting IMT teams;
    - State, Regional & Local support- make maps for state plans, KS Response Plan, Mitigation Plan, etc; finishing up a statewide regional project collecting data for 50 different data layers;
  - Q: What does GIS stand for? A: Geographic Information System – is a way to view information.
  - Q: For the Reading tornado response, was there a lot of mapping done or was the vehicle deployed more for the PIO? A: Approximately 300-400 maps were done at Reading; for instance: IMTs were asking for what the damage path was; how many people were located in the damage path; marking areas already searched; also can use the similar maps for

debris removal; data is burned to a DVD & given to Incident Commander (IC) & to FEMA so that the local jurisdiction is reimbursed as much money as possible;

- Law Enforcement Working Group

Eric Pippin, KHP

- Charter was approved July 2010 & identified 5 points of functions, powers & responsibilities of the working group;
- Meeting was held 02/14/13 & those 5 points were discussed;
  - 1: Review specialized law enforcement capabilities throughout the state & identify enhancements necessary. Working Group identified that the State Administrative Authority (SAA) (KHP), the Regional Homeland Security Councils & CEPR already do this;
  - 2: Develop & adopt standards to include personnel, equipment, & training necessary for specialized law enforcement units to perform specific missions. Working Group feels that this has been accomplished & a copy of these have been provided to commission members; a copy is also within the Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS); 8 agencies are already using CRMCS;
  - 3: Review & recommend curriculum to the KS Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST) for specialized training & certification. Working Group would like this to be removed from the charter as CPOST already has a process in place;
  - 4: Coordinate with Homeland Security Regions to ensure that funding is being allocated to law enforcement entities specified. Working Group identified that this is being done through the Working Group, Regional Homeland Security Councils, and the SAA;
  - 5: Develop policies and procedures for identification, activation, and deployment of specialized law enforcement resources. This is being addressed by the CRMCS policy;
- Asking CEPR to modify Charter to remove points 3, 4, & 5; think it would create gaps in partnerships if sheriff offices are required to have certain amount of trainings, etc.
- Q: Can we get a briefing on how CRMCS works? Are they the sole way to deploy resources?  
A: The policy is in county EOPs, KS response plan; CRMCS is not the sole way; we can have the link to the CRMCS policy displayed during lunch break;
- Q: Is there any DHS strings attached to this? A: Yes & no; there are FEMA standards, but there are standards within KS as well and it is not feasible to tell every sheriff's office what they can name their resources;
- Motion to accept recommendation of changing the KLEWG charter made by Oscar Thomasson, seconded by Danny Shanks. Motion carried.

- Fire Service Working Group

Ross Hauck, KS Forest Service

- Have approx. 15,000 firefighters within KS that have different amounts & types of trainings, so standards needed to be developed;
- Will work with just the deployable resources that are intra-state resources;
  - Have to have a minimum amount of training;
  - Have come up with tentative ideas – 4 types of deployable people – basic firefighter, wildland firefighter, driver / operator, & a fire officer;
  - Have not dealt with equipment yet;
- Q: On the criteria, since a lot of the local fire departments are also first responders, are they going to be identified as well? A: If it's a local jurisdiction, then it's up to them;
- Q: How many of those 15,000 firefighters within the state, how many are voluntary? A: There are approximately 13,500 volunteers and the rest are full-time;

- Crisis City Update

Dennis Colsdon, KDEM

- Have new employee – Joe Pruitt, is the program consultant & training / exercise specialist; main priority will be to market Crisis City & generate more interest;
- Showed short video highlighting Crisis City;
- Since the beginning of 2013, 3 separate 5-day active shooter trainings have taken place, training approximately 90 officers; have had a lot of interest in class from other law enforcement agencies;
- Some venues have changeable floor plans, so can meet different training needs of agencies;
- Have several trainings coming up;
- Have a prospective partnership with Operation Lifesaver; they would like to come out & do a rail crossing training;
- Pipeline Association wants to continue partnership & help build new venues;
- Last week Crisis City hosted a large scale exercise – had over 300 people each day (includes visitors & participants);
  - Only time that this type of training is available for responders that isn't fictitious;
- Q: When someone comes out, do they come out for a specific training or is it several types?  
A: It depends on what the agency wants, if they want a specific venue to train at, then that is made available; if they want to use several, then all of those is made available; we speak to each participant to see what they liked & didn't like so improvements can be made;
- Q: Are there trainings at night? A: Yes, have had several & there are some that are coming up; also have weekend trainings;
- Have been approved as one of the top 10 training facilities for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) in the nation;
- Please like The Adjutant General's Department and Crisis City's Facebook pages & Twitter accounts as there are training pictures posted;
- Q: Is there a plan to get a larger water pipe brought out there? A: There is a contract that still needs to be vetted, but there is a project for that that is supposed to be completed in September; got a pumper available from Salina Fire Department;
- Q: Is there low cost lodging available? A: Yes, Nickell Barracks in Salina are \$30 per room; also have lodging on Range Control grounds, the barracks are \$30 for a unit & will hold approximately 40 people; have shower / restroom facilities but are like those at campgrounds (outside);

- Disaster Update

Steve Harsha, KDEM

- Public Assistance (PA) is a federally funded grant program, once a disaster gets a presidential disaster declaration, it becomes the states' responsibility along with FEMA partners to disburse the funds approved / given out under that declaration;
- Showed slides of disasters & monies received and disbursed;
- DR1699: disaster was recently fiscally closed out; amounts listed on slides are only the eligible damages that were certified by the federal government & state, it does not include all damages caused by disaster;
- DR1885: was very difficult to meet FEMA qualifications to be eligible for snow removal;
- DR4112: most current disaster; was able to only certify snow removal costs for disaster. Due to that, could only qualify 23 of the affected counties. Did not set up a Joint Field Office (JFO) for disaster or a processing center mainly because it was cost prohibitive. There are currently 123 projects ongoing for this disaster, 148 damage reports and have already been able to obligate monies for 24 of those reports.
- Next week will be conducting conference calls with emergency managers in 40-50 counties across the state regarding weather events that occurred in May; doubt the state will not come close to meeting the state threshold; but were able to certify for National Weather Service requirements;

- Q: Can you explain the different between the current amounts, federal share amounts & obligated amounts on your slides? A: PA program is based on a cost share; eligible damage costs are reimbursed 75% by FEMA, state reimburses 10%, and the applicant(s) are responsible for the remaining 15%;
- Q: You told us of a few disasters that are closed, are the rest of them still open? A: Yes; there are a number of reasons as to why; if there are back-to-back disasters, workforces may not be available to help applicants immediately after a disaster, budget constraints, etc.; FEMA is very good at working with us, we have asked & received extensions on their time frames to keep working on disasters;
- Q: Do you have an idea how many dollars Kansas receives over a 5 year period for disasters or where the state ranks with other states? A: Have not done that comparison, but have just recently been advised that the amount paid to Rural Electric Cooperatives (RECs)s by the state & federal government since 2007 is close to \$600 million in damages;
- Q: Why are snow storms so hard to qualify for? A: Because there are questions being raised as to whether or not the federal government should get involved in the basic snow removal business. To qualify for snow removal costs, it is based on whether there has been a record or near record snowfall data within that county;
- EMAP Update Jackie Miller
  - On May 17, 2013, received notification from Emergency Management Accreditation Program that the State of Kansas Emergency Management Program received accreditation;
  - There are 64 standards with 40 additional sub-standards that must any EM program must be compliant in to receive accreditation;
  - When assessment was finished, it was determined that the program was compliant in 101 out of 104 areas; program was given additional time to become compliant in the remaining areas;
  - EMAP is in the process of scheduling an awards ceremony; notification to commission will happen once the scheduling is finalized;

### Remarks from Committee Members:

- Doug Jorgensen: There has been some discussion over last 6-8 months at the state level about helping coordinate the Regional Search and Rescue teams, there is no state agency that serves as their umbrella, so the Fire Marshal's office will be that state agency; attended a national search & rescue conference where the state fire marshal's office was recognized at the federal & state level as the state's search & rescue coordinator, so the KS Fire Marshal's Office will be working through the next legislative session to get legislative approval to continue that & develop a funding mechanism to continue training & equipment purchases;
  - Looking for any input / suggestions on how to best structure program; looking to structure it more like the hazmat response teams;
  - Q: Are you referring to specific teams or all SAR teams? A: Yes, all the regional SAR teams that were established with HLS funds would fall under fire marshal's office; will continue the current working group as an advisory group that will work with the teams both individually & as a whole;
  - Since 2007, have invested over \$5 million of HLS dollars in SAR groups in the state; funding has gone away, so will work something out at the state level to continue to fund them;
  - Q: How many teams are there? A: There are 7 teams around the state & they are made up of fire department personnel just like the hazmat teams; now contract with local fire departments to support the hazmat response teams;
- Oscar Thomasson: Region Councils that will be presenting their HLS projects shortly have done

incredible amount of work to get them done, in regards to events happening across the nation;

- Sandy Johnson: Ground was recently broken for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan; KS has allocated funds to build laboratory; groundbreaking for Dept of Ag building will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan;
- Charles Keeton: The 7 hospital regions which mirror the 7 HLS regions, have established a health care coalition; they are a multi-disciplinary groups that are set up to approve health care preparedness; KDHE & KS Hospitals Association have partnered together to put together a statewide coalition to help improve effectiveness of the 7 regions;

#### **Remarks from Public:**

- John Eichkorn, KHP: National Preparedness Awareness for Kansas is in September, which coincides with the state fair;

#### **2013 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant and Updates**

- Due to the sensitive nature of these presentations, minutes were not taken.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: September 5, 2013 at the Eisenhower Center, Topeka, KS**