

Regional Council Coordinating Committee / Senior Advisory Committee
June 18, 2015
Minutes

Attendees

Keith Haberer (NW), Don Button (SW), Vaughn Lorenson (SW), Cathy Hernandez (KDEM), Chancy Smith (NC), Dennis Colsden (KDEM), Pam Kemp (NC), Pat Collins (NE), Alan Radcliffe (NE), Matt May (KC), Chuck Magaha (KC), Scott Wiltse (SE), Jim Leftwich (KDEM), Greg Klein (SC), Fred Simon (SC), Angee Morgan (KDEM), Brandt Haehn (KDEM), Jonathan York (KDEM), Erin McGinnis (KDEM), Devan Tucking (KDEM), Bryan Murdie (KDEM), Sandy Johnson (KDA), Michael McNulty (KDHE), Eric Sauer (KHP), Edna Cordner (KHP), Melanie Lawrence (KHP), Doug Jorgensen (KSFMO), Jason Bryant (KOEM), Edward Kalas (Public Health Emergency Prep), Kris Kramer (Law Enforcement Working Group), Karl McNorton (Fire Service Working Group), Fred Rinne (Hospital Preparedness Program), Terry David (MERGe), Sherry Angell (Fiscal Agent), Lisa Peters (Fiscal Agent), Erin Lynch (Fiscal Agent), and Doug McKinney (Fiscal Agent)

Welcome

Chuck Magaha called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Review of Minutes (March 19, 2015)

Don Button moved to approved and Pat Collins second. All approved.

Regional Council Highlights / Strategic Plan Implementation

Northeast

- Working hard on the notification system and it has to be done by July 1.
- Moving from IRIS to Everbridge.
- Did not have a June meeting but will have one in July.
- Strategic Plan: Trying to extend the information from each of our counties/jurisdictions/organizations back to who they represent. Council meetings have had approximately 17-20 in attendance.
- Capabilities Assessment is being pushed out to all the counties.

North Central

- Completed the Intruderology Project which is a series of lecture DVDs that are entertaining to watch about creating Safe Schools. They are broken out into three (3) segments lasting approximately one (1) hour each.
- It is available to other regions, but cannot leave the State of Kansas. Please talk to Chancy Smith with Dickinson County Emergency Management
- It is a good program – goes into different classrooms to discuss where to hide, how you might be able to escape. This is geared for the teachers, substitute teachers, janitors and lunch room personnel, however, the concepts apply to any government employee and building.

Northwest

- The Region just hosted Resource Unit leader training which was mainly attended by the IMT, but had some emergency managers attend as well.
- A recent arrest has made mean consider bringing the Cross Match fingerprinting technology into the NW Region. Captain Sauer had mentioned a mobile fingerprint system that the KHP is currently testing. Currently is not performing as advertised, but please feel free to contact Sauer for information on the system.

Southwest

- FY13 funding is complete and working on FY14 projects.
- Strategic Planning – one part of the plan was to put information out on the Councils. The Region did a Preparedness Guide in 2006 when the councils started. It has been updated with FY13 funds. Developed an FY15 project to offer a Spanish version of the guide. An electronic copy available for other Regions. The cost came in just under a dollar a piece.
- Every county will have at least one portable light tower/generator with FY14 and FY15 funding. The Region is looking at getting some portable signs to spread throughout the region.
- A meeting will occur in July.

South Central

- Finished out the FY13 funding with the help of KHP for some problems we had with a project – down to the last minute.
- ESF#8 has created a Notebook guide which is also on-line for the partners. It is easy to update and keep current. This goes with the notification in the Strategic Plan.
- By-laws were not quite right and are revamping the by-laws to fit the needs and additions of the Council.

Southeast

- The FY13 projects are finished.
- In the process of planning a Search and Rescue Exercise.

KC Metro

- Regional Council meets on a regular basis and discusses strategic planning then break into working groups.
- Held a TEPW at the end of February and followed with Strategic Planning. Worked with each discipline to discuss their needs and establish a priority list. The results are the 2015 projects.
- FY13 was completed with the help of KHP was able to fully expend dollars and had issues receiving a Hurst cutter for Olathe FD.
- Homeland Security Coordinating Committee endorsed an active shooter frame working which developed and agreed on how to approach an active shooter with LE, Fire, and EMS working together

- After two years the region endorsed an evacuation plan – getting a group of folks across disciplines to discuss localized evacuation was helpful.
- Another planning initiative under way is developing a metro wide strategy to a civil disturbance. Have had two meetings bringing law enforcement partners from Kansas, Missouri and State together. Encouraging seeing law enforcement looking at this as necessary and working with other agencies to make this happen.
- Exercise at the Speedway had over 300 hundred participants over four days. Have a huge amount of cameras. The federal side could not see them and they have an app they were able to share and were given access. There might be better ways of doing this but it was an effective way of doing this. This application may be getting removed and the new one may not have the ability to do this, so it has been included in the after action as a positive. Lots of other exercises are going on in the Region.
- The Region has figured they need to have \$2.3 million dollars needed to maintain what has been established with grant funding. We have money today, but what happens if this goes away. Chuck Magaha discussed that strategic plan, but this has been helpful to our region. Go back to your regions and look at what you want, what do you need to sustain

State Homeland Security Project Highlights

- Not many changes between FY14 to FY15 – but the performance period was extended an additional 12 months going from 24 to 36 months.
- Each region discussed their projects. Projects are available on datacounts.net – please ask EnVisage or KHP for the password.
- Agriculture – completed FY13 funds and will be doing more work with SE and SC Kansas.
- The Border projects were started in 2007 have been completed except for the KC Metro.
- KDA will be doing some animal holding workshops across the state.
- Focus on working with the industry and consultant Larry Hollis about business continuity. Invisible Fire 2015 will be an exercise this year.
- Aviation Influenza had been in Leavenworth and Crawford counties. There were also 400 cows killed by tornado debris – 250 had to be euthanized.
- Have been creating go-kits and charts. Figuring out how area command will work in a national event.

2016 Leadership Summit

- Lot of ideas came out on the conference call. They are going to need help. Where are we and where are we going to go in the next 10 years?
- Suggested locations have been the Preparedness Center in Wichita or the Webster Center in Salina. There are positives and negatives for both locations. Other ideas?
- Need to determine when the best time would be to hold this. May? Before the next grant cycle? June and combine with this meeting?
- Recommend facilitators – Dave Young and Hannas from KC Metro
- If we truly want to do this we can all contribute funds. ½ first day, full day, and ½ day.
- Talked about 4 to 5 per Regional Council as attendees and maybe a guest.
- Idea of a 10 year commemorative pin.

- Committee Volunteers:
 - Jim Leftwick
 - Greg Kline
 - Chuck Magaha
 - Terri Ploger
 - Vaughn Lorensen
 - Pat Collins
 - Edna Cordner

Capability Assessment Tool – Demonstration

- Started as a NE Project and was developed by Bryan Murdie and a NE Working Group.
- Identified issues to have this as a PDF Portfolio and not much that could be done to advance the tool.
- Began using the Kansas Capability Assessment Tool (KCAT)
- Available from anywhere with an internet connection, No compiling assessment, stores assessments, and also you can see where people are at in completing their assessment.
- Recommend each county will be able to complete their assessment.
- Pat Collins brought in each ESF for Riley County and worked through the scenario they would have involvement.

Homeland Security Grant Updates

- FY13 is pretty much complete
- FY14 is progressing better than FY13 did this time last year. Better project monitoring has helped.
- FY15 went over the capabilities and POETE categories
- The Search and Rescue has been moved under the State Fire Marshal's Office and will be run similar to the HazMat program.
- Cybersecurity – is a challenge with so many different systems once you get it secure it is hacked. TEEX will be in Kansas on August 12 for a cybersecurity course. It is focused on giving a broad understanding, how attacks can happen, and broad idea of what you can do with IT to prevent it.
- Conflict of Interest – has come up again and will be working with the Fiscal agents.

Working Group Updates

Deployable Resources Working Group / TEW

- Will be having one to two meetings annually – State Wide Training and Exercise Workshop and then a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan. Was held in April and was very well attended.
- Provided a platform for participants to share information
- Talked about gaps and capabilities
- Developing a training and exercise plan

Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

- Developing a training in reference to Ferguson at KLETC
- Picked a Exercise Development Team
- Talked about getting law enforcement more involved in Regional Meetings, riot gear, and typing into the CRMCS system.
- Civil Unrest – would like to have the National Guard play as well and would be interested in doing this as a two day weekend drill

Fire Service Working Group

- Have not meet since December and that was to discuss the roll out of people and equipment as deployable resources.

Incident Management Team Working Group

- Met yesterday for 4 hours and discussed the Exercise AAR and Conference.
- Began planning next year's conference and those that will attend the national conference.
- Next meeting will be in August and will hope to have some answers for questions that were unanswered.
- EMAC – National Standards for Type III teams. Kansas was 3 years ahead. All teams meet or exceed type 3 levels. Jonathan York and Alan Radcliffe will begin discussion on two different levels of teams – those that only do in-state deployments and those that will go outside of the state. Will need to get those to have deployable package and meet credentialing requirements.
- York and Radcliffe will work together for information on charter change to the CEPR.

Search and Rescue Working Group

- Is now under the Fire Marshal supervision which allows for more funding than what was available in the past. Maybe even have a larger state team.
- Monthly Advisory Group meeting – first one will be next week.
- Planning for Tech Rescue Conference in October.
- The NE is working on a project for position specific training in search and rescue.

Senior Advisory Committee – Updates

- Discussed the Charter is the purpose of the SAC and its goals.
- Motion to accept charter: Eric Sauer motioned and Pat Collins seconded. All agreed.

Office of Emergency Communications – Update

FirstNet Initial Consultation (June 17)

- Had a group of people meet with FirstNet yesterday. Everyone is beginning to see how big this is.
- CAD data is imperative. We need to see where the calls of service are outside of their coverage area. Surveys have been sent out and please send back. While they may only need a sampling the larger the sample the better the data is.

- Surveys were emailed out to the contacts Office of Emergency Communications. They have not been mailed out to the state agencies yet. Forward them on anyone that would have the information to fill out. Pull the PDF first and read the questions before doing the survey. You will have questions about the questions. The questions are not intuitive.
- NEPA and Historical preservation are also in these questions. What fiber is in the ground? Who owns the towers and how much space is available?
- Per capita we have more responders per density because we have so many volunteers.
- Only way FirstNet can get customers is to be competitive – and the only way to make this happen is to get them the information to show them what we need.

Announcements / Questions

- EMPG – will start making awards in July/August to the qualifying counties.
- The State Department of Administration will be having a meeting with the changes on the Supercircular changes, grant management, and grant writing. Two day course at the historical museum. For more information please contact the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office
- NCRPC is looking at policies and conflict of interest statement.

Next meeting: date and agenda items

September 25, 2015

10:00 AM to 3 PM