

**Commission on Emergency Planning and Response**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2010**  
**Eisenhower Center**  
**2722 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS**

**Members Present:**

Pat Collins, Regional Councils  
Warren Porter, Public Works  
Karen Schuyler, Business / Industry  
Pat Eakes, Disabilities  
Ken Keller, Emergency Medical Services  
Jack Taylor, Firefighters  
Maj. General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General  
Michael McNulty, representing Mindee Reece, KDHE  
James Heitschmidt, Law Enforcement  
Melissa Dinsmore, Hospitals  
Tim East, Energy  
Jeremy Goodwin, representing Jim Ogle, Business / Industry - Broadcasting  
Elizabeth Ticer, Public Health  
Colonel Terry Maple, KHP  
Catherine Patrick, KDOT  
Sandy Johnson, representing Josh Svaty, Ks. Dept. of Ag.  
Dr. William Becker, representing Dr. Lyle Noordhoek, Business / Industry  
John Prather, CEPR Chairperson, Transportation, Trucking & Rail  
Steve Hewitt, Cities

**Members Not Present:**

Ken Schremmer, Counties  
Carole Jordan, Commerce  
Dan McLaughlin, KS Fire Marshal's Office  
Bill Brown, Ks. Dept. of Animal Health  
Clayton Huseman, Agriculture, Crop, or Livestock  
Randy Duncan, County Emergency Managers  
Robert Blecha, KBI

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Consent Agenda Review**

- **Minutes of previous meeting**
- **County Emergency Plans (CEOP) report**

- **State Hazard Mitigation Committee report**

Three times Wallace County had been offered the Mitigation Grant. The last time everything was filled out except for a signature, and it was never returned. It is now felt that the county needs to take some responsibility to complete a Mitigation Plan.

- **COOP Working Group Committee report**

- **LEPC Appointment Committee Report**

- **HLS Working Group Committee Report**

- **Spill Report**

KDHE and KDEM are still doing separate reports, but are working to create one report.

### **Remarks from Commission Members / Public**

- Jessica Frye is the point of contact for the EAS (Emergency Alert System) Board.
- FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant has been closed. FY2007 has extension for the end of the year. FY2010 will soon be release. Working on MOUs with Homeland Regional Councils because the money is suppose to go to the locals and the locals have decided to pool their money and work with KDOT to enhance more communication towers in Western Kansas. It is very exciting to see everyone working together for a common goal.
- Had been one of four states asked to speak at a Homeland Security Conference for best practices.
- FY2011 funding should be similar to what we received last year, and the guidance should be release about Thanksgiving time.
- Leadership Summit – Terri Ploger-McCool has been very helpful in setting this up with Pat Collins.
- Animal Health and KDEM are partnering to update the State FAD plan along with many other partners.
- Kansas Response Plan has been submitted to a contractor for final editing and crosswalk.
- Conducted a Wolf Creek Exercise on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next exercise on November 4<sup>th</sup> is a non-evaluated ingestion pathway exercise in which Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) will be participating.
- Operation Smokey Hill conducted at Crisis City and many disciplines at all levels participated. The second half of the exercise included the Nebraska National Guard.
- Received a SBA only disaster for Riley County. This always eligible homeowners, renters, and businesses to apply for disaster loans.
- DR-1932 was declared a major declaration on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The incident period is June 7 to July 21. Currently there are 34 declared counties. We have asked that seven additional counties have been added.
- Conducted the conference calls with county emergency managers yesterday. Does not appear to be enough damage for storms for August 8–14 time period. There is a possibility that the storms between August 23–24 may be eligible. We have teams working with Ellis County and Fort Hays State University to collect detailed estimates.
- Attended Kiowa County school dedication in Greensburg.

- Governor Parkinson held his June Cabinet meeting with KDEM.
- State Preparedness at the State Fair is September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- KEMA Conference will be at the Ramada Inn in Topeka from September 15-17<sup>th</sup>.
- Safe and Prepared School Conference is September 27-28<sup>th</sup>.
- Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) hosted at Crisis City on September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.
- First time that KDHE has worked with algae bloom and they expect this to happen every year.
- H1N1 Response Grant has been extended, and the pandemic officially ended last month. Health Departments are now gearing up for the next flu season. They are receiving the seasonal flu vaccine very early this year.
- The Regional Councils are partnerships that are working toward a common goal. They are willing to accept ideas on different projects that will improve Kansas.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Fire Chief Conference. Currently working on a sprinkler bill.
- Fire Prevention Week will be the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Encouraging people to be fire safe and to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.
- Getting ready for the State Fair.
- Graduated 20 Troopers from the Academy. This was made possible from a grant through the Justice Department.
- Been working with the Attorney General's office with the Fusion Center
- Last week Transportation Hazards Security Workshop in California with KDOT, KDA, and KHP to present on Foreign Animal Disease.
- Marketing new website encouraging employers to hire people with disabilities. Has been encouraging businesses to develop COOP plans.
- Grants have been distributed to local hospitals and this focuses on equipment, training, and exercises. Right now many hospitals have been focusing on exercises with evacuation of hospitals, medical surge, active shooters, and decontamination. In the SC area are looking at deploying a field hospital.
- South Central ESF #8 Symposium in Wichita on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- A lot of things are changing on how people get their information and this is impacting public services. There was a Red Cross survey that Chairman Prather would like to have incorporated into the next meeting. How does social networking affect response and policies?
- Wolf Creek has been working with KDEM. Wolf Creek is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Has a graded exercise with Coffey County Hospital coming up. Will also be working with the ingestion pathway drill, and we are the only state that seems to be practicing ingestion pathway even when it isn't required. Tim East would like to thank the state for their willingness to be proactive.
- EMS curriculum is changing. Kansas Medical Society is getting involved with medical protocol. Right now training is focused on Train-the-Trainer. Interviews for the Director of the Board of EMS will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Jeremy Goodwin has a total of four Facebook pages. One that is personal, one that is for work but has a limit of 5,000 friends so that is being converted to a Fan Page, and has created a fan page for Skywatch 13.
- Preparedness grants have been sent to hospitals and health departments.
- Michael McNulty had attended a social networking conference that discussed fatality management.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>-26 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) meeting: Kansas Department of Agriculture's Homeland Security Specialist participated in a panel presentation to describe SAMS-KO exercise and lessons learned to state and federal transportation officials. The Transportation Research Board provided a webinar of the proceedings for all state DOT's and 12 sites and participated remotely. IAEM and DHS (S&T) requested additional presentations in the future. Funding may be an issue.
- Border State Coordination: Attended workshops in Jefferson City, Missouri and Lincoln, Nebraska to observe the decision-making process other state agriculture departments will go through in the event of an agriculture emergency that would necessitate the use of border traffic control. Both workshops were highly productive and a lot of progress was made. The contractor will use the information gleaned from the workshops to develop a draft state level movement control SOG that can be revised as each state works with other border states and continues the process of refining these plans and guidelines. (These workshops were funding out for the KS contribution to the MSP – 2007)
- The Multi-State Partnership, USDA, DHS and Iowa State are hosting a symposium on Food and Agriculture Security October 18-20 in Madison, Wisconsin. Kansas panelists include representatives from KHP and KDOT. Sandy Johnson is moderating the panel titled: "New Perspectives in Controlled Movement: Lessons Learned in the KS/OK Exercise." Other panelists include representatives from Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Wisconsin Highway Patrol, and the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.
- Continuity of Operations Planning continues at the Department. We are piloting a new program to encourage employee resiliency that involves training and the preparation of family preparedness plan. Training will begin in October as we travel the state to offer open enrollment briefings. Several games and tabletop exercise are scheduled to be conducted prior to January.
- Strengthen Community Agriculture Preparedness (S-CAP) Workshops will be conducted in October and November. We are partnering with KSU to bring this extension training to Wabaunsee and Scott Counties. The course will be open to anyone, but targeted to community planning groups so they can get their standard operating procedures (to support local ESF 11 and FAD plans) drafted as they go through the training. We have received an abundance of emails from health department personnel who would like to attend the trainings and we are encouraging them to host future trainings with their workgroups. The course will be loaded into KS TRAIN next week.

- KDA is serving on the scenario development group for the November 4 Ingestion Pathway exercise. Goal is to exercise functions unique to the post plume phase and we are reviewing our legal authorities and SOPs.
- USDA Secretarial Declarations: Governor Parkinson requested USDA Secretarial declarations for the following counties on July 15: Chase, Cloud, Gove, Jewell, Lyon, Marshall, Rooks, Smith, and Trego. On August 20, an amended request was sent to add Osborne and Republic Counties. The declaration for the first nine counties was approved before the addendum was received. We anticipate a new declaration for the two additional counties in the next few weeks.
- Last year the chemical industry representative's company was off 25% in volume compared to 2008. Now down to 10% in volume. Will be getting new products into Lawrence and St. Louis.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **CEPR 101**

**Jennifer Clark**

- Expertise from different disciplines makes for stronger planning.
- All activities for the EPCRA are currently performed by the state agencies.
- EPCRA gives the CEPR many authorizations, and everything else is just advisory.
- Will the annual report continue to be the voice of CEPR? What can CEPR do to collectively outreach to the legislature and the public?
- All disasters begin at the 911 Centers and they are not visibly represented on the CEPR. This would tie into the social media. There is not a state agency that is responsible for 911 Centers. A representative would need to come from the current charter or it would need to go to the legislature to add in a 911 representative.
- Appointments are made by the Governor, but this is a salutatory commission.
- There are issues that affect many of those in attendance by those that are not in attendance.
- Need to have a review of 911 to determine if we need to take the steps to add them to the Commission.
- Jennifer Clark struggles to come up with information to add, and would like Commission Members to help.

- **PA / Disaster Update**

**Jim Williams**

- **Deployable Resources report**

**Bill Brubaker**

- The GIS Working Group has been training.
- Hope to certify some Kansas Search and Rescue canines at the conference November 3 – 5.
- Gary Denny has replaced Randy Hill for the Search and Rescue group.
- Have asked Wildlife and Parks to be part of the Law Enforcement Working Group.
- Negotiations with the Salamander Credentialing system involve the developing fee. Kansas should not pay for the developing of something they are going to sell across the country.
- Once we figure out how the system is going to work will then look with the different Emergency Support Functions (ESF).

- **EPA Report** **Stephen Wunder**
  - EPA is having a regional conference in Nebraska on July 28 – 30 2011. Social Media will be one of the topics. There are tracks for responders and health and safety.
  - Trying to get electronic reporting for a quick turn-around. What used to take a year has been reduced to a month.
  - There is a new ordinance on idling diesel vehicles and air quality.
- **Public / Private Partnership** **John Prather**
  1. **Video on TransCAER**
    - TransCAER offers quite a bit of training. Will be doing two on anhydrous ammonia in Kansas – one in a rural area and one in an urban and that will probably be Olathe.
    - Makes sure that all industry is at the same level with placarding.
    - Please let John Prather know if you are interested in joining TransCAER.
- **EAS Charter Update** **Jonathan York**
  - Would like to have representatives from each region serve on the committee.
  - Next month or the following month the FCC will be releasing their EAS guidance and the state will have a year after that to get it complete.
  - The EAS Charter should have been included in this meeting, however, there was a miscommunication. It will be included in the next meeting.
  - The only requirement that Jonathan York can remember is that it includes 15 members.
  - Jonathan would like the plan to go through Anthony Fadale, the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) to approve it. Do not see the need to have them serve on the committee.
  - Jonathan's recommend expansion was approved by the CEPR.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Business & Industry Forum AAR**

**Angee Morgan**

- Audience is expanding and diversifying.
- Would like to have the CEPR continue to meet the morning of the first day.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Kansas Smoke Management Plan**

**Doug Watson**

- The intention is not to eliminate burning in the Flint Hills, but everyone would burn on the same weekend thus affecting Kansas air quality.
- This would not be a state wide plan, just one for the Flint Hills.
- Satellite photos show that fires are down into Oklahoma and in other states, the amount that Kansas is burning is more.
- Most of this is voluntarily, however, if this plan doesn't work then it will have to be revisited and further restriction.
- Would like to have people call in with how many acres they are planning on burning and then following up with how many acres were actually burned.

- Angee Morgan would like to have them include Brandt Haehn to find out if there is anything that needs to be added to the County Emergency Operations Plan. She would also like to develop this process further.

### **KDOT Overview**

**Catherine Patrick**

- 149 projects for \$378,000 dollars with the last one being started in June.
- The Bill focused on preservation of our transportation system which includes roadways, rail, and air.
- Have done local consult about projects they feel would benefit their regions. This gives you an idea of what the public thinks is important. This goes into expansion and modernization.
- Now this is the time to show local governments with these are the projects deemed important and this is the amount of money we can spend, and letting the locals decide what projects will be done for their community. This will be in October. Presented to the new Governor for approval in February.
- Modernization is adding in shoulders, curbs, and getting rid of curves and hills.
- Looking at things a bit differently. A road may not have had a shoulder. With right away issues many would do a 6 -10 foot shoulder, but a 2 foot shoulder would be better than no shoulder.
- Some bridges have been made too wide so they are looking at how to deal with this.
- KDOT will be having a webinar next week on their website: [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) and please look at this for more information.
- Main purpose for the message boards were for snow conditions going to Colorado. They are being used for Amber Alerts. Posting construction and accidents. Are using them as needed and very cautious. They don't want people to get too used to them or make actions while driving. Are working with the National Weather Service to create a weather policy.
- John Prather recommends contacting the DOT in Wyoming. They have theirs up and running and do a very good job.
- Jeremy Goodwin stated that if you put "Tornado Warning" on the signs you will have cars parked under the next overpass.

### **Announcements & Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: December 2, 2010**