

# **Commission on Emergency Planning and Response Minutes Thursday, September 3, 2009**

## **Members Present:**

Jack Taylor, CEPR Chair, Fire Fighters  
John Prather, CEPR Vice-Chair, Transportation, Trucking or Rail  
Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General  
Pat Collins, Regional Councils  
Melissa Dinsmore, Hospitals  
Patricia Eakes, Disabilities  
Tim East, representing Steve Hedges, Wolf Creek  
Dick Heitschmidt, Law Enforcement  
Sandy Johnson, Representing Josh Svaty, Acting Director, Department of Agriculture  
Mark Krentz, Representing Catherine Patrick, Department of Transportation  
Ken Keller, Emergency Medical Services  
Karl McNorton, Representing Dan McLaughlin, State Fire Marshal's Office  
Dr. Lyle Noordhoek, by conference call, Business/Industry  
Captain Eric Pippin, representing Col. Terry Maple, Kansas Highway Patrol  
Warren Porter, Public Works  
Mindee Reece, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Karen Schuyler, Business/Industry  
George Teagarden, Animal Health Department  
Elizabeth Ticer, Public Health

## **Members Not In Attendance:**

Robert Blecha, Kansas Bureau of Investigation  
Roderick Bremby  
Clayton Huseman, Agriculture, Crop or Livestock  
Carole Jordan, Department of Commerce  
David Kerr  
Jim Ogle, Broadcasters  
Ken Schremmer, Counties  
Paul Sasse, Cities  
Randy Duncan, County Emergency Managers

## **Call to Order and Roll Call**

10:04 called to order and Tina called the roll

**Jack Taylor Chair**

## **Consent Agenda Review**

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

Introduction of guests:

From FEMA – Charlie Kohler, Mary Ellen Mango, Mike Reed, Brenda Hine, Mike Scott

Pat Collins moved and Karl McNorton seconded that the consent agenda be accepted. The motion passed.

### **Remarks from Committee Members/Public**

--Pat Collins reported that the Regional Councils are putting together 2009 reports.

Melissa Dinsmore submitted a two page report (in packet) as an overview of the Kansas Hospital Assoc.

--Major General Tod Bunting had a pandemic summit a few weeks ago and it went well. A Ribbon Cutting for Crisis City will take place in Manhattan on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sixteen hundred people have been trained for COOP; Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> will be preparedness training at the State Fair

--John Prather things have been pretty quiet; a lot of training is still going on. He reported on a TOPS program through the Highway Patrol – taking pictures of cars going around semis, similar program on Rails – called Lifewatch.

--Pat Eakes – Received an award last week, lots of credit to KDEM, Maj Gen. Bunting and Brandt for their work as well. Dept. of Commerce got to hear a lot about work going on.

--Mark Krentz – Was in California with the Transportation Research Board working on a guide for all hazards and an emergency evacuation plan. He will return to DC in December to work on this two year project. He is the chair for this committee at a National Level. There is also a Special Committee on Emergency Management on Highway Transportation. They would like to have a government coordinating council to relate with TSA about security issues. Some training will take place, if anyone is interested contact Mark Krentz.

--Karl McNorton reported that next week the Search and Rescue conference will take place at the Training Center and at Crisis City, 70 are already enrolled. The week of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> week, ethanol plant will have a test burn; it is fire prevention week as well. There is a need to resolve issues with conflicts in the code.

--Tim East, reported that an exercise was held in June – thanks for all who helped out, KDHE, KDAT, etc., great team work!

--Col. Terry Maple (Highway Patrol) - Special Response Team has been working with people in Schwans in Salina

--Jack Taylor reported that lots of good work is happening on behalf of the State of Kansas. The State Fire Chief's conference is coming up in October. The Joint Field Office is having a booth at the Kansas State Fair as well.

### **Election of Chair**

John Prather nominated Jack Taylor for another year and Melissa Dinsmore seconded along with Pat Collins. Karl McNorton moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote which passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **COOP Working Group Committee Report**

**Brandt Haehn**

The numbers of people trained has not been changed from the first phase. The second phase was to get plans made. We are now entering the third phase to look at the issues that have been table topped and address them. There are 67 agencies in various stages that have plans. Working groups have been constructed including people from private partnerships who come together and work as a team.

A slide show presented information about the division of various working groups:

- Alternative Facility Working Group chaired by the Facilities Management (DOA)
- Situation Assessment Working Group, Co-Chairs: KDEM and State ADA,

Communications, Notifications and Evacuations Working Group, chaired by the Juvenile Justice Authority

- Finance Working Group, chaired by the Department of Revenue (KDOR)

- Training chaired by the Department of Agriculture
- Human Resource Policies, chaired by the Department of Commerce
- County COOP Project, KDEM wants to provide resources needed at local levels
  1. Telephone and Internet Support for Period of Contract (Nov 2011)
  2. Regional and County Emergency Manager COOP Training
  3. County Agency COOP Training Seminars
  4. COOP Plan Review

Pat Collins asked if there is good participation on Transportation group? Yes, and would like to get more participation with IT groups. What about a network with Highway Patrol – yes, Melanie is participating and they are open to adding anyone suggested. Brandt will take note to Juvenile Justice and report next time.

### **Deployable Resources Report**

**Bill Brubaker**

- Gave a timeline progress report on various projects.
- Want to start training and using tracking resource systems
- Command and General Staff classes have started, State Partners are on board and will be also with credentials once the system is ready.
- Karl and Bill attended a National SAR Conference.
- All groups participated in the Vigilant Guard, will do specific training for different branches.
- Have purchased and Received the State Credentialing and Accountability program
- Shared about Resource Status: services, equipment, funds and personnel
- Issues – including equipment shortage, dwindling funds, partnerships are going very well
- New Issues include the budget, acquisition of specialized equipment, lack of funds for SAR training

Clarification questions: Training from A & M – Major Bunting asked who that specifically is- TEAKS. KU is helping. Will there be another training level? It looks like a 2 or 3 year project and where they will use the same trainings to continue with so that all training will be alike.

### **Public Private Partnership**

#### **Business and Industry Forum/Crisis City Tour**

**John Prather**

- Have been busy with the business and industry forum. Lots of “what ifs” asked but a nice eye opening presentation. A direct result was having a safety officer attend a forum at the ethanol plant.
- Jennifer did a “live burn” demonstration, understood what CPER was about and asked for assistance from the public sector. Lyons will have a nice presentation soon.
- H1N1 summit went well. Watching things closely, good common sense responses. Presentation from a school superintendent showed protocol for any school district and went well.
- We will see a clip about the Crisis City tour in the movie.
- Went to a tour in Wichita and saw Federal, State and Local cooperation, gained good information.
- Showed a 4 minute video
- Jack Taylor pointed out that Major General Bunting, while giving praise to many others, has done a fantastic job of leading all that has taken place. John Prather also recognized all the great work that is being accomplished.

### **Public Assistance/Disaster Update**

**Steve Harsha**

Brief on two current presidential declarations

Thanks to Jessica who put slide show together and Tina

- Map (March 26-29)- after sending information to FEMA, it seemed to drop out of existence until Major General Bunting called FEMA. 139 applicants, 32 Counties, Marion county received approval for

FEMA inclusion. Category B (Record Snow Fall) Counties: 18. Total Estimated Cost: \$18,402,194. This well could go up.

- Second Declaration Map (April 25-May 16) shows: 191 applicants, total counties: 28, Category C (Road and Bridge) Estimate: \$8,250,000. Total Estimated Cost: \$14,725,000
- Have had public assistance, cost mitigation and other trainings.
- Had a weather front on July 8<sup>th</sup> that pelted Sedgwick County with Hail. Then 5 other counties got hit with straightline winds. We have been working to get a governor's declaration. Now have an incident period for 6 counties starting July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Sedgwick county turned in over \$4 million in damage from the Hail. Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Franklin and Lynn Counties as well. \$3.5 million requested for this declaration. This will be the third consecutive year to have three declarations in a year. They just added two counties yesterday, Wyandotte and McPherson counties who turned in damage reports.
- Jack Taylor asked: How many open disasters do we have? 12-13 open. Disasters are never finally closed until FEMA Region 7 says they are. Still have some open from 2004, it takes a while to complete.

Question about snow removal of counties in yellow on First map slide from March 26-29? We do get the snow removal.

John Prather asked if these declarations will be worked out from the same office? It is not Steve's ideal, but we will have to see.

Sandy Johnson, does FEMA look at weighing in Agriculture effects with the declarations? Mike Scott says they can try to, but sometimes timing doesn't coordinate to work it out. Duplication can not happen with an agency, according to Major General Bunting. Warren Porter pointed out that it isn't limited to Agriculture, but also to KDOT issues, and other side issues that compound things.

Steve commented that there has been more support from FEMA, but their hands are tied in what they can help with. Sandy asked if there are ways we can help to push things along. Angie answered that there needs to be more involvement between the Agriculture Department and the Field Office. More cooperation is needed between agencies and partnerships!

Pat Collins, do we still have IA's open? Still have two open.

## **Critical Infrastructure Report**

**Ed Holm**

- During the past 4 years, nominations have been submitted for the Tier II program.
- Slides described a basic understanding of the Tier II list which is a national list of Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources developed by DHS with input by the states. In 2009, DHS changed submission criteria for the 18 sectors. It is now consequence based. No sites were found this year.
- Need help on criteria for State and Local Lists
- Need a governing body for 2010 State Criteria,

Karl McNorton commented that there needs to be more explanation and clarification of Tier I and II lists. This information is classified secret, so you can't ask about it.

Discussion about this list took place and expressed need for help on this project.

Consideration of whether this commission is the appropriate body to take over governing this project or not. The process begins in February and ends in April.

Dick Heitschmidt moved and Mindee Reece seconded that this commission become the governing body for the Tier II Submission Program. The motion carried. Jack asked for a volunteer to chair a subcommittee to take this on. No one responded so the chair will appoint someone.

## **New Business:**

### **Spill Database Consolidation**

**Jennifer Clark**

\*\*\*Requesting approval for a project they want to introduce.

- Presented slide show, contained in packet about CEPR.
- The problem is communicating and sharing information in various databases, making schedules and information available in a timely basis. A request is to create a “spill data base working group” to get the project up and running.

--Jack asked whether KDHE and KCC have been approached. They have both been informed and there is some resistance, but they are aware.

--Mindee Reece commented that Leo Henning was here to look at this.

--Mr. Henning said one concern is cost and another is that he doesn't know if they feel good about CEPR having the authority to tell others what has to be done. But KDHE would voluntarily cooperate as they feel comfortable.

--Sandy Johnson asked about a transition where the Environment side is represented separately from the Health side of KDHE.

- George Teagarden moved that a working group be set up to research and give suggestions but not mandate anything, at least get things seconded. Karl McNorton seconded it.

--John Prather requested that the committee obtain information from business and industry as well.

--Tim East asked if they are envisioning a place to display and also a place to make notification. --Jennifer says there is a section who mediates. They are looking specifically at a spill database.

--Melissa Dinsmore asked where emergency managers fit into this plan. Spillers are supposed to make the notification, not the emergency manager. Spiller notifies both the KDHE and local group.

--Pat Collins agreed that some private sector needs to be included in the input.

--Sandy Johnson commented the point is to collect the information and have it where all who need it can find it.

--There is a website where the public can see where things are submitted. KDHE doesn't have a publically visible site. It's restricted to only seeing your own county. KDHE sees a lot broader scope of things, but KDEM wants to be aware of what all is going on and how it affects all together.

- The motion has been made and seconded to interface databases. The motion carried.

## **Foreign Animal Disease TT Report**

**George Teagarden**

- The Vigilant Guard/Ardent Sentry FAD Exercise that happened on June 18, 2009
- Slide show included information about a Foot and Mouth Outbreak due to exposure from Iowa. Need to have timely and effective communication. Need to upgrade the plan and clarify the Governor's Declaration. The next exercise is the Stop Movement Exercise on October 22, 2009.
- Pat Collins asked if there will be a film crew to show what the needs are. Yes, plus they would like a fly over with the Governor. Need a mass media blitz to let the public know what is happening.
- A mixing strip is where salt and sand is laid out and mixed.
- Ken Keller asked how long an animal can be in transit. It partly depends on the temperature outside to be realistic. A stop movement could take 20 minutes and if it is really hot, that is too long for the animals.

## **Pan Flu/H1N1 Update**

**Mindee Reece**

Slide show about this global epidemic.

- Kansas was the first non-border state with two confirmed cases, on April 25. There are confirmed cases in all 50 states. An unusual age pattern, in America, most cases are in age groups 5-24 and 25-49 years old. Average age of people in KS confirmed with H1N1 is 17.
- Federal funding for Kansas. Phase I \$2,364,516 Phase II: \$2,991,464, Phase III: \$ 8,697,946
- Received one time funding of \$816,422 for hospitals – this includes mass vaccination for hospital employees, personal protective equipment, public communication to guide the effective allocation of

first responder and healthcare assets in response to cases of pandemic flu, Medical Situational Awareness.

- Moved now toward aggregate surveillance rather than individual case counts.
- Educate the public. Hygiene messages: wash hands, cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- Biggest challenge is preparing for the arrival of vaccine. They are trying to prioritize groups to get the vaccine—pregnant women and mothers or caregivers of children under 6 months of age, then health care workers and EMS personnel. Children 6 months through 4 years of age, and children with chronic medical conditions. Series of two shots. Ultimately, the vaccine will be available to everyone. Next in line are adults 25-64 years of age.
- Updating information: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization.
- Insurance coverage – private providers can bill insurance for an administration fee, but there is a method for the public sector.
- John Prather commented get your common flu shot, don't wait around for this vaccine to get the seasonal flu shot. No evidence that this has or will mutate.
- Governor's declaration is ready for use when needed and there is a plan for setting a process in motion.

Lots of discussion about the process and priorities and who it includes and doesn't and having communication down to all levels so people are informed. Note it is all still voluntary to get the vaccine.

### **Next Meeting: December 3, 2009**

Jack said everyone is doing a great job. Elizabeth Ticer said if you are sick during the next meeting, please don't come. John Prather mentioned that perhaps a meeting could be held in Salina at Crisis City sometime in 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.