

COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE MINUTES

September 4, 2008

Member Attendees:

Jack Taylor, CEPR Chairman, Fire Chief - City of Emporia
Bill Chornyak, Deputy Director - Kansas Emergency Management
Mark Krentz, Kansas Department of Transportation
Timothy East, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Center
Ken Schremmer, Butler County Commissioner
John Prather, Groendyke Transportation - Transportation, Trucking, Rail
Elizabeth Ticer, Public Health
Patricia Eakes, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns
Melissa Dinsmore, Hospitals
Karen Schuyler, ICL
Warren Porter, Public Works
Karl McNorton, Kansas Fire Marshal's Office
Sandy Johnson, Kansas Department of Agriculture, representing Adrian Polansky
Capt. John Eichorn, Kansas Highway Patrol, representing Col. Terry Maple
Maj. Gen. Todd Bunting, Adjutant General
Clayton Huseman, Agriculture, Crop or Livestock
Paul Sasse, Cities
Dick Heitschmidt, Police Department, City of Hutchinson
Catherine Patrick, Kansas Department of Transportation
Randy Duncan, Director, Sedgwick County Emergency Management
Alan Radcliff, Franklin County Emergency Manager

Members not in Attendance:

Dr. Lyle Noordboek, Central Plains Lab, Hays
Robert Blecha, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Col. Terry Maple, Kansas Highway Patrol
Dennis Okruhlik, Kansas Department of Commerce
Jim Ogle, Broadcasters
Jason Bolt, Emergency Medical Services

Meeting:

- Meeting opened at 10:06 a.m.
- Introductions and Appointments
 - Motion to approve minutes of June 5, 2008, meeting by John Prather, seconded by Randy Duncan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Floor opened for public and committee comments.

- Bill Chornyak updated the Commission members on hurricane activity. Hurricane Gustav has been downgraded and is moving through southeast Missouri and creating 1-2” of rain; Hurricane Hanna is southeast of Wilmington, SC, and has a predicted storm surge of 1-3’. Hurricane Ike is south of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and is now a Category 3; and Hurricane Josephine is west of the Cape Verde Islands.
- FEMA had seven temporary shelters which were not used, due to the self-evacuation of people in the storm area. The Red Cross had constructed a shelter in Kemper Arena but it has been dismantled.
- A twelve-member Incident Management Team has been deployed to Louisiana, and five Emergency Management personnel have been sent to the Mississippi Operations Center.
- On Friday, 60 volunteer REC linemen depart for Louisiana to assist in the restoration of power to that area.

Les Gellhaus apprised the Commission on the National Guard’s activities during the hurricanes and conditions in the affected areas.

- Maps showing current conditions in the tracking of Hanna, Ike and Josephine;
- Weather impacts of the approaching storms;
- Flood data – heavy rains in Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri;
- 1.4 million residents without electric power;
- Louisiana briefing – 745,827 without power;
- KNG Gustav support in place and operating;
- 627 current National Guard assigned;
- Provide land lines and computer access;
- SAR operations mainly through center of state;
- Primarily security and supplies, 200-229 today;
- Wait to see where to go next, or to come home.

Chairman Taylor stated the need to update the IMT deployment information.

Pat Eakes, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, told the Commission she traveled to the Regional Emergency Management Council meetings. Three workshops have been set up inviting staff of the various disciplines to coordinate services for emergency management. The goal is to have one workshop in each region. The first workshop is in Garden City on October 16; Hays on October 29; and Colby on October 30.

Randy Duncan, Director, Sedgwick County Emergency Management, told the Commission of joint exercises between City of Derby and McConnell AFB and the benefit of sharing after action reports. He stated that it would be beneficial to share after action reviews of Greensburg and Chapman. Jack Taylor asked for Mr. Duncan if he

would serve on the committee with Pat Collins and Liz Ticer to review the reports. Terry Ploger will complete the State AARs.

Lt. John Eichorn, Kansas Highway Patrol, briefed the Commission on grants. The Homeland Security award grant for 2008 was in the amount of \$7,530,000. He stated it is an 80/20 grant, with 80% going to regulatory councils and 20% for the state. He stated he would be meeting with the Adjutant General to decide how best to spend the funds.

Application has been made for two more Emergency Operations grants; \$14 million grant is for renovation of county emergency management facilities. The ICGP grant is for \$369,000. The \$10.6 million grant for communications equipment is still in place. The CCP grant for 2008 was \$189,000. Lt. Eichorn stated there is not enough money to go around for all the needed projects and it would be important to identify the most important projects.

Sandy Johnson, Kansas Department of Agriculture, apprised the Commission on the grant received for the Food Protection Task Force which is funded through the FDA. Application was made for a \$3 million grant for food protection, i.e., manufacturing, food inspection, and education, transportation to hospitals, schools, and restaurants. Thirty-four states qualified for this grant. She asked for volunteers on the Task Force.

Jack Taylor told the Commission he had received emails from persons other than Committee members who wanted to be on email lists, and wanted to know if the minutes and agenda could be put on the Web. Tina Fike responded that the minutes and agendas are put on the Web, but not presentations or attachments.

Committee Reports

- COOP – State Agencies Angee Morgan
 - Adjutant General met with the Governor and supports the COOP plan;
 - KDHE identified risks/strengths from Biological Incident Annex and Mitigation Plan and suggested adjustments for COOP as necessary;
 - Current COOP plans are developed for a 30-day planning period; agencies should look beyond the 30-day planning period for a pandemic flu incident;
 - Contractors have completed the mitigation strategy and are working on development of the COOP plan including: identifying essential programs, alternative worksites, and essential personnel. A preliminary draft is expected by the end of October;
 - IPER project to center around preparation for identifying and safeguarding essential records.

- County Emergency Planning Angee Morgan
 - Handouts of maps for County Emergency Operations Plan Status and Mitigation Plans: Ellis County is approved; Harvey County has requested ; Crawford County will be approved soon; Presently 40 counties are approved, 8 are pending, 6 are scheduled for approval;

- The quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 29;
 - Twenty-three counties have over \$300,000 for resource management, still money to give;
 - The Special Needs registry will be up soon so individuals can register themselves;
 - The WEB EOC will be launched soon which will help locate information online.
- State Hazard Mitigation Report Jacob Gray
 - For the period December 2006-July 2008, there were five federally declared disasters;
 - Approximately \$23 million in mitigation funding:
 - 14 Floodplain Acquisition/Demolition Projects
 - 18 Tornado Safe Room Projects
 - 4 Rural Electric Cooperative Utility Upgrade Projects (3 addtl. REC projects to be submitted);
 - State Dam Inundation Study
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans (all counties except 11)
 - He is going to Chapman next week to do a safe room assessments; the basement exemption for the flood plain has been rescinded;

Discussion on mitigation plans:

- HB 2926 provides that KDOT could help haul off debris if city/county requests;
 - Maj. Bunting can authorize the hauling, itemize and present the bill to the Council for reimbursement;
 - Application can be made for Activities using DR-1675 monies.
- Questions:
- Are there mitigation funds to help reimburse KDOT for fuel, etc.? The bill states KDOT cannot charge for services.
 - With regard to hazardous materials, who will handle/haul?
 - Is there a difference in regulations for walk-out basements from regular basements?

- LEPC Appointment Committee Report Jennifer Clark
 - There are fourteen nominations for the Commission's approval this quarter: Allen, Cloud, Finney, Gray, Hamilton, Lane, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Neosho, Norton, Pratt, Riley, Scott. Ms. Clark recommended thirteen for approval; Gray County was excluded because they didn't fulfill the requirements for having enough representatives;
 - Active LEPCs in 2008, 39 submitted nominations/updated membership lists;
 - Motion by Carl McNorton to approve letters, seconded by Dick Heitschmidt, approved unanimously.

Lt. Eichorn told the Commission that all plans for use of grant money should be sent to Jason Moses by September 14. The report to ISEC is due on the 29th, expected to be approved.

- HLS Working Group Committee Report Randy Mettner
 - Several meetings since the last Commission meeting, with 25-30 members present;
 - Next meeting held first Tuesday in October;
 - The HLS planning for the HLS symposium will be held tomorrow (September 5);
 - Discussion on meetings:
 - Overlap of some upcoming meetings in December. Jack Taylor asked for and received consensus that he represent the Commission at the Governor's symposium.
 - Mark Krentz told the group he has maintenance and public works people in each year and would like to bring a representative from KDOT to tomorrow's meeting to see how KDOT could work in with HLS in first responders. He attended a meeting in DC regarding communications, information sharing, health, immigration and border security.
 - September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. There will be a tent at the Kansas State Fair, and free Ready kits and child ID kits will be passed out.

- WMD/State Training Advisory Team Paula Phillips
 - The June meeting had a scheduled pilot course at the state level taught by FEMA but it was cancelled due to the hurricane. The course will be rescheduled for next spring or summer;
 - NIMSMA reporting is due September 30; will give full report at next meeting;
 - Kansas National Guard's Partnership for Peace, a program to help developing countries, has assisted in training for the Armenian government;
 - Very successful program, and this marked first time government has ever sat down to discuss emergency issues;
 - Next week will host 8-10 Armenians at Wolf Creek to observe operations.
 - Kansas Department of Labor annual conference in Topeka first week in October. Paula will do public sector training only.

- Deployable Resources Update Danny Hay
 - No meetings have been held but group is working on a charter to present to the Adjutant General;
 - IMT deployed teams to Greensburg received national recognition for efforts;
 - Over 150 people have completed the 6-day IMT training, and all 7 regions have IMT teams;
 - A full, 9-person team was deployed to Chapman; IMTS are trained as response team but have been involved in the recovery stage;
 - A team was sent to Iowa to assist during the flooding—14 day deployment;
 - Two, 6-person teams are in Louisiana;
 - EMAC requested from Mississippi;
 - Possible requests for more teams as hurricanes move toward U.S.;
 - IMT is formed for in-state response team, separate from EMAC team;
 - Only deploying those who have had IMT training;

- No additional IMT training scheduled for this year;
- \$50,000 in equipment ordered for NE region, asking for \$100,000 next year;
- There is a website, KSIMT.org, where people can get ICS forms when they deploy;
- Questions:
 - Why can't other state employees take the IMT course?
 - Isn't this a missed opportunity not to have other agencies involved?
 - What standards are met if person is deployed to another jurisdiction, and should it be identified?
 - Where is the disconnect between the federal level and the local level?

New Business

- Public Private Partnership Bill Lawson
 - Kansas Public Private Partnership Committee is working with Missouri in a pilot program to provide outreach to the private sector in emergency management issues;
 - Accomplish by identifying emergency assets/resources, intelligence/information/information for business in an accessible registry, critical infrastructure//key resources, and involving all sectors in the implementation;
 - Positive reasons for having the partnership and registry: access to database on registry to find needed resources, ability to plan for a forecasted emergency, private sector vendors can be added at any time, less delay in accessing resources in an emergency;
 - Motion by Karl McNorton to approve formation of Kansas Private Public Partnership Committee, seconded by Mindy Reece, and motion passed.

- KDEM Update
 - **Public Assistance Update** Steve Harsha
 - Two federally declared disasters in 2008 –
 - Incident period December 6-19-2007, affecting 65 counties;
 - Total Funds = \$82,200,409
 - Total Applicants = 623
 - Incident Period May 22-June 16, 2008, affecting 46 counties;
 - Total Funds = \$29,115,315
 - Total Applicants = 320

 - **After Action Update** Terri Ploger
 - AARs are in draft status, there are four since last meeting;
 - Some cities are doing their own AARs, needs to be a collaborative effort;
 - Need to have improvement planning workshops prior to any training or exercise workshop, and take AARs and look at each event to see what needs to be done;
 - Next workshop is scheduled for last part of October.

- **Tech Hazards Update** Jennifer Clark
- The update will be on the website, and a bound copy to Commission members;
- She was appointed to the Radioactive Materials Transport Committee in April;
- Four modes of transportation across the states: airplane, rail, truck, and water (not in KS);
- Transportation regulated by Nuclear Regulatory Commission, USDOT, State of Kansas;
- Shipments subject to advance notification: spent fuel, HRCQ shipments, radioactive waste;
- Types of shipments: radioactive materials (medical/research sources; consumer products, industrial sources), radioactive waste (spent reactor fuel-high level/waste, low level waste);
- Notification requirements:
 - shipper must notify KDEM in writing seven days in advance before entry into Kansas;
 - KDEM notifies appropriate agencies (KHP, KDOT, KDHE, KSFM, CST);
 - NRC requires time and date of all spent nuclear fuel to guard against any act threatening the shipment;
 - Non-HRCQ shipments do not require advance notification.
 - Yucca Mountain – DOE license application, June 3, 2008; review process will take 3-4 years; tentative shipment date 2017; rail is preferred method for shipment of radioactive material, with 3,574 shipments expected.

Jack suggested to the Commission possibly emailing a consent agenda for more routine matters to free up time at the meetings and asked what part of the agenda could be done on the consent agenda. After discussion, consensus was that he would decide what items would be on the consent agenda and individual items could be pulled off for discussion at the next meeting. He noted that the Commission operates under the Kansas Open Meetings law and there can be no ‘back and forth’ communications with regard to possible discussions.

John Prather volunteered as Vice Chairman on the Kansas Public Private Partnership Committee.

The next meeting will be December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Jack Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned, 2:30 p.m., passing unanimously.

