

Commission on Emergency Planning & Response
Minutes
December 2, 2010

Members Present:

- Maj Gen Tod Bunting – Adjutant General
- John Prather – Transportation
- COL Terry Maple – KHP
- Sandy Johnson- KDA
- Mark Krentz- KDOT
- Carole Jordan – Commerce
- Randy Duncan – County Emergency Managers
- Mindee Reece – KDHE
- Ken Keller – EMS
- Patricia Eakes – Disabilities
- Tim East – Energy
- Robert Blecha – KBI
- Melissa Dinsmore – Hospitals
- Dr. Lyle Noordhoek – Business/Industry
- Michele Abbott representing Dick Heitschmidt – Law Enforcement
- Leo G. Henning – KDHE
- Jack Taylor – Fire Fighters
- Steve Hewitt – Cities
- Warren Porter – Public Works
- Karen Domer representing Bill Brown – Animal Health Department.

Members Not Present:

- Elizabeth Ticer – Public Health
- Karen Schuyler – Business/Industry
- Clayton Huseman – Agriculture
- Dan McLaughlin – State Fire Marshal
- Jim Ogle – Broadcasters

Call to Order / Roll Call**John Prather**

10:02 meeting was called to order by John Prather. Tina Fike took roll call

Consent Agenda Review:**John Prather**

Motion made by Mindee Reece and Tim East seconded to accept the agenda as is, and all approved.

Remarks from Committee Members:

Jack – Both fire groups had their meetings and went well. Have a state chief meeting later this month.

Steve –

Karen Domer – Live stock commissioner is at a livestock meeting. Have a new animal disease traceability coordinator. USDA will be involved but this will be a state project. The idea is to be able to trace animals back to point of origin in 24 hours or less if there is a disease outbreak. Karen is putting together a three day veterinarian conference.

Pat Eakes – the grant she has been working with to encourage people to hire people with disabilities has been extended for three more years.

Melissa Dinsmore –

Warren Porter – Had a fire and have been working with the freeze dry process to restore documents. 70 people had been affected.

Tim East – Had an ingestion pathway drill with FRMAC, State of Kansas, and several counties and it went very well. Everyone learned quite a bit and what communications need to be worked on with the federal family shows up. Nuclear Regularity Commission is releasing 12 new rules that will affect state and county. FEMA is revising their rules and this has direct affect on state and local response – and they are not releasing anything before it is finalized. Wanted to thank Major General Tod Bunting because this will be the last CEPR he will be attending. Thank you for your leadership.

Mindee Reece – Encourages everyone to get their flu shots. Have seen the first cases of flu in the State. Public service announcements have been reaching out to specific groups. This year it is available to everyone is in ample supply – it isn't too late to get it. Richard Morrissey is retiring on December 10th. Reception is from 2-4 PM at the Curtis Building at 10th and Jackson. We are losing a lot of leadership and institutional memory with his retirement.

EMS – Steve Sutton is the new Director of the Board of EMS. Extensive knowledge and his heart is in the right place. The train-the-trainer controversy is still controversial. Trying to get the classroom time to get people certified. There will be some positives that will come

from this for advanced care in rural areas. There will be cost involved but once that is behind us we will see the benefits.

Randy Duncan – Government Affairs Chair on IAEM . Congress passes a resolution and will be no spending bills until the Congressional turnover. There have not been any cuts at this point but those suppose to take affect haven't.

Carol Jordan – Assisting rural and agricultural communities. AARA dollars gave access to internet across the state and this helped rural communities with infrastructure. This gives a more level playing field across the state. They have done a mapping and planning project and you can see where there is service and not service. Telemedicine, education, e-government and advances we see happening because of this funding. It will create a technological infrastructure.

Sandy Johnson – Will be having a meeting on the Family Resilience Program which is a part of their COOP planning. Employees are their most valuable resources. The booklet is taken from the medical reserve corps, and some things have been made specific to their agency. Willing to share with other agencies and you can change pictures and make this something that works for your agency. Goal is to get a few other agencies to adopt the program and make it a state sponsored program. It is not just a book – it is a program. The Secretary has given staff time to attend the training and also 2 hours to work on the plan with your family and practice it. Have had a really good turnout. 90 people have attended the training and 25 have showed their supervisors their plan. They are working with the Kansas State University Extension Agents and Department of Agriculture has combined efforts to get this information out. They have spent about \$2,000 and that is with printing and travel. They have had some agriculture disasters which opens up low interest loans to farmers.

Mark Krentz – Getting ready for what they hope is a mild winter. Mark is working on a pool of funds study for programs; was online course for an evacuation plan. It has been slow, but last month they have picked a contractor to do the course. The idea is to get others rather than just KDOT to help develop a good evacuation plan. Hope the course will take less than 6 months. He is going to volunteer some outside of KDOT to take the online course as a test. Looking at an evacuation work shop in the Kansas City area with MARC, Mark, and some other counterparts. It is a good deal because there will not be a cost. Everyone things we won't need an evacuation plan, but we do need something. This course should open up people's eyes. Project should be completed by November 2011. They wanted to come here because of our partnerships and that we work together so well. Thanks to Colonel Maple and General Bunting for their partnerships and support.

Leo Henning – nothing to report on the environment side of KDHE. Roderick Bremby is no longer the director of KDHE. John Mitchell is the acting director. Not certain if we need to do paperwork now or wait until the regime change.

John Prather – Rail Tuck side has new rules and regulations. New focus is on distracted driving and hours of service. We do see some strength in the economy for the early stages of truck transportation. Moving more products and chemicals.

COL Terry Maple – General and others see it – going around the county we see that the partnerships we have in Kansas do not exist in other places. We come to the table and get things done. Director Blecha and KHP have been working on a Meth Lab project. Have hired a Meth Coordinator and have a plan. Child abduction exercise where we used equipment and got the schools involved. It was very realistic and a very real things that involves everyone in the public safety community.

John Eichkorn – Last CEPR meeting DHS has received the 2010 funds. Have been working with the subgrantees to finalize projects. Some have even started spending. We are further ahead and it is because we knew how much we were getting. The PSIP grant is on track. Jason Moses, Ed Geer, and others have traveled to Ohio, and discovered that Kansas has taken on the challenge and have done a great job of working with this funding. 5 out of 56 states and territories have spend 75 – 100% of their funds. The grant had been extended. Robin Reitmeyer is out auditing equipment. Amy Ayers is working on the State Strategy to make improvements before the General and the Colonel leaves. Would like this to be in place before the new leadership takes place. Met with the Leadership of the Homeland Security Councils. There has been a lot of growth in the councils and we are seeing us working as a state rather than individual entities. 2011 Grant is going to be pushed back, but we have no idea how long. Looking at updating our capability assessment. We would like to get that updated in 2011. There is a group that is getting ready to meet Great Bend that will review the tool we used.

General Tod Bunting – Kansas is safer today because of the work we've done. Traveling the nation has taken great pride in the fact that we know each other and that is the key. Set everything aside and do your job and what is right for the citizens of Kansas. Proud of where we are at with Crisis City – it is becoming a multi-agency venue. Working together and being on a first name basis is as good as it can get. Look where the CEPR is now. We used to hurry the meeting along. Now we have the private sector is the chair. We have to have the private sector involved – they are experts and are on the scene. Also we will not be able to maintain fiscally. What we say in here we walk the walk. National Guard will be building the Heartland Training Center – will be a back up EOC and 911 Center. Has been working with the KHP to be a part of it and taking to the KBI to be a part of it as well. Eventually we will be a one stop

shop for public safety. State Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA. We've had a reversal in local plans from having very few approved plans to having very few non-approved plans. Pipeline venue is up at Crisis City. Hosted the third Kansas Tech Rescue conference at Crisis City. First quarter we have not had a disaster.

Remarks from Public:

Chairman asked if there were any comments to be made by the public, and no one volunteered to speak.

Disaster Closeout

Steve Harsha

DR1885 was very hard to acquire data on this severe winter storm and snow storm.

DR1932 should be wrapped up in about 10 days, but there is still more work to be done.

12 open disasters have not been able to close any because we keep getting issues with FEMA. Without the help of the state partners we would be having problems.

Thanks COL Maple for his services to the State.

GEN Bunting has been very great to work for. He has taken hits, but is willing to listen to the reasons why things didn't go as planned.

LEO Working Group Update

Eric Pippin

This is a working group under this Commission. Started in July and has met monthly except for October. Met again on December 15th at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. The purpose is law enforcement credentials. FEMA has a definition for law enforcement security – bomb squads, SWAT teams, helicopters, etc. Who has the resources and do they meet the FEMA definition? Not many of them are in Kansas. Then looking at what we have, what we want to catalog, and where it is at. Calling it what it is. If law enforcement calls it one thing is it called the same thing with the fire department, EMS, etc. Would like to be a leader in this and have others follow. Map this on Kansas Map. Credentialing law enforcement officers – there are five different kinds of Cops. We are going to use Full time cops, Part time cop, and auxiliary cops. Statutes define what a full time cop is and we are fortunate with a few exceptions. This information will be out on the KHP Website in the near future.

Trying do a keep it simple approach. Tell us what you are doing. A Type 1 resource might not be available, but knowing what you are trying to do then we might be able to send two Type 2 resources. This will be done by all disciplines eventually.

EPA Report

Dan Leninger

Ellis County Emergency Manager was taking out an older trickling filter. Mercury used to be used for the pivot and there was a leak.

Appreciated the participation in the Wolf Creek drill in November. Excellent exercise for us and are looking for Amber Waves in 2012.

Working on former Radium sites in the Wichita area.

Celebrating the 40th birthday of the EPA. Doing outreach to celebrate. Yesterday, in the Kansas City Star there was an article that featured them at a school.

EPA was a great asset in Greensburg with the clean-up.

Public / Private Partnership Update

John Prather

Most of this has been involved with TRANSCAER. The First Biannual Homeland Security Workshop. Met local colleagues in Wichita. From this meeting John Prather met his fire chief, and from that point on they have been working together and seeing how their industry was interfacing in the community. Continued to work together and attended a LEPC meeting.

It is about participation and expanding relationships. We need to get citizens involved because they will be affected by the disaster. Continually getting to know your partners and outreach.

EAS Update

Brad Moeller

Natalie Davis could not be here today, and asked Brad to fill in for her. Brad runs the EAS for the Wolf Creek drills.

8 Vacancies:

- NWS
- Cable Industry
- Kansas Public Radio
- KBI
- Public
- Kansas Sheriff's Association Representative

Our encoder should be new enough that we can add on a cap. That cap costs about \$5,000.

The Coffey County EAS was designed to be like the State's. Will Coffey County have the upgrade.

This is going to be a big boost. We will be able to communicate with the public using radio, television, internet, satellite devices, and mobile devices. Eventually this will be multi-lingual and reach out the special needs community.

State and Local Emergency Managers will be able to release information on toxic plume information.

Coordinate and collaborate with the National Weather Service.

Coordinate and collaborate with other state and local operations.

We might be able to tie this into WebEOC.

It looks like it will be a fabulous system. Let's just cross our fingers that it will work.

This is something we are going to have to elevate because of the social networking technology. Are we getting our information through news or through social networks. CEPR needs to remain involved in the evolution of this.

In this day and age people want to verify that a hazard is happening. This will provide the opportunity through multiple outlets that they get verification.

Messages will go through an authenticator and can go to specific areas.

LEPC Subcommittee

Jennifer Clark

Membership has not expanded since the CEPR has expanded.

KDEM is maintaining their responsibilities, but the counties have questions that higher authority is needed.

Jennifer would like to have an LEPC conference: what is the responsibility, best practices, and a forum to be able to ask questions.

KDEM has sent out a survey to the LEPC chairs. The results were enlightening. They want to follow the rules but the State has not provided any set rules or guidance.

We need to provide guidance. Jennifer would like to see some of the CEPR membership join the subcommittee.

There are some great LEPC's out there. Most have the people to support it. Many are lost and want guidance.

Many seemed interested in having a conference. Like the 1 and ½ days during the work week. Would like to have it in the January to March time frame in the off year of another conference.

Make it happen.

John Prather has joined the Butler County LEPC and it has been very uplifting. If you want to meet private sector volunteers that would be the place to do this. There is an amazing amount of connectivity.

EMS guy and Melissa Dinsmore have volunteered to work with Jennifer on this committee.

Emergency Preparedness Activities for Hospitals

Dan Leong

KHA is a non-profit organization that represents community hospitals. They pay due to be a part of KHA and they do advocacy. Emergency Preparedness is something important, along with private/public partnerships – and want to make sure that hospitals are engaged.

We have the most in the nation of hospitals that have 25 beds or less. Rural issues are very important.

Looking at expanding the hospitals that are on the Disaster Medical System.

If you don't have a good business mind when it comes to emergency preparedness then you could lose your hospital. Greensburg was a huge wake-up call.

Hospitals have a lot of different agencies that put on regulations. One of the largest is Medicaid and Medicare.

Infrastructure Security has been a major deal recently. Hospitals are used to being open to everyone, but that isn't the best method.

Regional planning has been a benefit.

Would like to see some changes to the Stafford Act that allows for-profit hospitals to benefit. Many are participating in exercises even though they are not currently not financially benefitting.

Would like funding for sheltering activities.

Trying to get hospitals to phase into NIMS and a plain text environment.

See a lot of benefit by getting involved with Crisis City.

Other states do not have the strong relationship with their state health department.

We have been forced to come together because of the rural nature of our state.

Will be getting in information on all helipad sites at or near a hospital.

Interoperability Committee Report

Kent Koehler/Jason Moses

Want all emergency personnel to be able to communicate on a daily bases at all levels of government. Disasters are a little late in getting this figured out.

Goal is to have statewide and local membership. Have tried to create a good cross section of membership.

Having a statewide communications plan has opened up funding. It has been revised since then.

Three piolet projects:

- Staffing Issues

- Funding Issues
- We will get data and turn it into information
- Problems in getting information out to responders.

Virginia Tech Students tried to get assistance by sending out texts. There is one state that is able to respond to one provider's texts. That's it.

We should be impressed by the quality of work that SIEC is doing.

Western Kansas has great coverage for not being completed. Those counties with red around them have switched in the last 6 weeks.

Most states have or adopting digital standards.

While our technologies don't always match we are working with other states for coverage. Working with Colorado who has our sister system.

P-25 doesn't mean that radios on other systems talk, but it defines the interfaces and allows them to be able to cross. It creates a digital standard. If you have a P-25 VHF and someone another county is also P-25 VHF you can communicate on the same frequency. However, if you are P-25 VHF and someone is a P-25 800 you can communicate with assistance.

Kent and Jason are going to be more visible at the CEPR for updates.

If you need an update on communications – they will help you. If you are a small agency and have radio issues and the salesman may not be the best to talk to – please feel free to contact Jason. We don't want anyone wasting money on communications. Kent hired a consultant to help them figure out what they needed.

Announcements & Adjournments:

Bill Chornyak – International Agroterrorism Conference April 26-28. Registration starts the second week of January. Expect about 1500 in attendance so register early. It will be at the Weston Crown Center in Kansas City, MO.

Angee Morgan - May 25-26 will be the Business and Industry Forum. Would like the CEPR held the afternoon of the first day.

Sandy Johnson recommends an update on the National Level Exercise NLE-11 – New Madrid.

Randy Duncan motioned, Tim East seconded adjournment – all approved.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2011