

Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response

Kansas GIS Response Team Working Group

1. Purpose – To facilitate an effort to identify and prioritize coordinated, collaborative emergency and disaster response activities by the state's GIS response team in Kansas.
2. Mission – To establish a statewide strategy based local and state geospatial technology activities, local emergency management needs assessments, and funding priorities.
3. The Kansas GIS Response Team Working Group shall have the following functions and duties:
 - a. Identify critical capabilities needed to meet the challenges and vulnerabilities for Kansas in geospatial technologies.
 - b. Advise and assist local and state agencies/organizations on developing priority needs for geospatial technologies at the local, regional and state levels as it pertains to emergency management.
 - c. Provide a system for open communication between local, regional and state levels regarding deployable GIS resources needs.
 - d. Review responses to disasters and selected emergencies and recommend and collaborate on systemic improvements for future disasters and exercise simulations as it pertains to geospatial technologies.
 - e. Identify methods to engage new partnerships and new energy in the area of deployable GIS response resources.
4. Membership – to include agencies and organizations with a requirement or ambition to develop and/or maintain deployable GIS resources in Kansas.
 - a. Agency/organization representative with response operations knowledge from:
 - i. Kansas Adjutant General's Department, GIS Coordinator (1)
 - ii. Kansas Information Technology Office,
 - iii. Kansas Data Access and Support Center, Manager (1)
 - iv. Kansas Department of Health and Environment, GSS Coordinator (1)
 - v. Kansas Department of Agriculture (1)
 - vi. Kansas Bureau of Investigations (1)
 - vii. Kansas Biological Survey (1)
 - viii. Kansas Department of Transportation (1)
 - ix. Kansas Corporation Commission (1)
 - x. Mid-America Regional Council (1)
 - xi. Local GIS Professionals (7)
 - xii. Utility GIS Professionals (2)
 - xiii. United States Geological Survey, Kansas Liaison (1)
 - xiv. State University and Community College, Geography Departments (4)
 - xv. Private Industry GIS Professionals (2)
5. Chairperson: selected annually by the members
6. Vice Chairperson: appointed by the Chairperson
7. Time Allotted: meet biannually as determined by the membership
8. Administration: support for the team shall be provided by the Adjutant General's Department

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