

Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Meeting  
June 09, 2008 Sheridan County EMS Building, Hoxie

Keith Haberer, Region Chair, called the June 09, 2008 meeting of the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council to order at 10:00. Introductions were made.

Members and Guests Present:

Gary Rogers, CH/RA/SH Co. EM  
Tami Wood, Northwest Kansas Hospitals  
Jason Moses, TAG ICC  
Patti Skubal, Decatur Co.  
George "Pappy" Lies, Gove Co.  
Mickie Helberg, Graham Co.  
David Snyder, Ness Co.  
Chris Brown, Phillips Co.  
CPT Kelly McGuire, KHP  
Steve Sutton, KBEMS

Keith Haberer, Russell Co.  
Addie Homburg, Ellis Co.  
Deb Kaufman, Region I EMS  
Ray Smee, Goodland PD  
Richard Schneider, Trego Co. SO  
Kerry McCue, Fiscal Agent  
Jacque Boultinghouse, Sheridan Co.  
Mike Albers, Thomas Co.  
Jim Schroeder, Rawlins Co.  
Susan McMahan, Thomas Co EM

Ray Smee moved the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting be approved as distributed via email for consideration. Pappy Lies provided second. Motion approved.

**Business in Progress: Project reports**

**NetEOP:** Gary Rogers reported NetEOP has submitted the county plans to Angie Morgan for review. There are concerns there is still information in some of the county plans that is not current. Pappy Lies reported he has received notification of changes for Logan County's plans and suggestions have been positive and helpful. He has not heard to date regarding Gove County's plans and wonders about the consistency of the way each county is being addressed. Kerry McCue read the NetEOP contract to the Council. 2006 funds must be expended by June 2009. Gary Rogers will contact Angie Morgan, KDEM and Scott Waltz at NetEOP to invite them to the July Council meeting. He will also let NetEOP know final payment on the project will be held until following that meeting.

**MOCOM:** Jason Moses is continuing work on the standard operating procedures for MOCOM. He addressed rumors and emails circulating regarding the Department of Transportation funding and the contract for completion of the digital trucking system in the remainder of the state. Current budget restrictions should have no effect on the Motobridge completion for the remainder of the state and the deadline for that completion remains September 2010. He intends to vigorously pursue further grant opportunities available to Kansas. The Regional Homeland Security Coordinators have tested their radio system and are finding it is working well. Rush County is currently running a P25 site. Jason Moses is currently getting P25 service when driving through Rush, Ness, Ellis, and Russell and Trego Counties. Our strategic reserve has been utilized during an emergency in Clay County. We are still waiting on delivery of the 800 MHz radios for the strategic reserve. Kerry McCue distributed fiscal information to the Council.

**Technical Rescue:** Addie Homburg presented a report on the technical rescue project as received from Gary Brown. The rescue team trailer has been received and outfitted. Because of delays at the plant, the truck will not be delivered until after September. The City of Hays has authorized \$3,700.00 to perform the necessary outfitting of the trailer and the truck including the

needed graphics. The supplied air breathing apparatus system purchased by the City of Hays has been received but has not yet been placed in service pending training. Twenty-four firefighters have completed the sixty hour basic rescue class. The second basic rescue operations class is planned to start in August targeted to recruiting additional Ellis County firefighters. The City of Hays has purchased an updated basic rescue operations course at a cost of \$1,822.00 for the second class. Firefighter Darin Myers has been designated as the rescue team training officer responsible for the basic training courses and in-service training. Jerry Sonntag of the Ellis County fire department has been designated as the captain of the Ellis County Rescue Company composed of Ellis County firefighters. He will be responsible for recruiting to the Ellis County rescue team unit and assist in training also.

Kerry McCue reported we have not gotten a bill from Hays Chevrolet for the truck due to the strikes. We are waiting on payment from the Highway Patrol on two pieces of equipment. The \$2000.00 training dollars may need reallocated. Attention was brought to the fiscal agent payment report and total funds allocated and remaining for the 2006 grant cycle as shown on the report.

**CROSS MATCH:** Rich Schneider reported all units have been installed and are functional. Kerry McCue submitted to paperwork to the Highway Patrol on May 8, 2008 and we are waiting for that payment. Rich Schneider reported the departments receiving the fingerprinting unit report the units are working well.

**IMT Project:** Keith Haberer discussed the prioritization of items on the authorized equipment list. It would be possible to cut costs by putting equipment in the trailers for team use rather than issuing individual units. Discussion was held on computer purchase. The recommendation was to go with XP and not deal with Vista at this time. Microsoft Professional was recommended. It may be a possibility to buy off state contract. Mike Albers will send an email out to all IMT members and survey individual needs, tablet versus laptop and other options. It is desired to have the donated trailers outfitted. The donated Wallace and Thomas County trailers will be stationed at Russell and Colby. We will develop specifications for customization to be sent out for bids in coordination with the other Regions. Dennis Meitl from Colby has indicated interest.

Kerry McCue distributed the 2007 project budget sheets for review. The EOC project has had no expenditures. If you notice the IMT budget has been adjusted. A copy of the new budget was distributed. There is still a small amount set aside for the additional training anticipated for the IMT communication officers. The Cross Match project MOUs have all been received. We are still in need of some of the GPS coordinates from some counties in the Region.

**State Leadership Summit:** Addie Homburg reported she, along with Keith Haberer and Toby Prine, attended the May 29, 2008 Leadership Summit in Wichita. It was a continuation of the meeting held in February. The Kansas Preparedness Report Application and priorities for funding were discussed. One of the important themes noted throughout all the Regions' discussions was the feeling the cohesion and networking relationship formed through the Regional Councils within the last year was very beneficial. There is also a statewide feeling interoperable communications is improving. The move towards deployable teams and equipment has been a positive accomplishment. A shared list of continuing risk concerns include weather and natural disasters, communications, medical surge to deal with natural and manmade disasters as well as disease outbreaks, agricultural food safety, HazMat of all types, school safety, and sustainability of operations. Funding priorities followed the need to address

risk. Those identified included communications, Regional and deployable equipment, training, sustainability of operations, mass care and medical surge, resource typing, and credentialing. Emerging themes were resource typing, credentialing, school safety, agricultural and food safety, citizen education awareness, public awareness programs, IEDs, and regional and state exercises. We should be prepared for 2009 funding to be less. We will need to critically assess our projects for prioritization. The 2009 State Preparedness Project is the first step. We will need to complete the capabilities assessment initially. There are thirty-seven state strategies. The assessment will begin with a regional orientation to the process to be complete an assessment on the local level. This will be followed by a regional assessment and the state assessment. We should anticipate this process beginning in July. We will also be doing resource typing. Addie Homburg will research the relationship between the two assessments to see if there would be duplication or cross over of information.

**IMT Working Group Meeting:** Keith Haberer reported they met to sort out a plan for the delegation of authority the incident commander would have signed by the authority of the area requesting the IMT (county or city commission, etc.). They also discussed standardized ICS forms, uniform shirts, incident command vests and a digitized logo.

**The Resource Typing Project** is making use of an on-line program Saline County designed. There is grant funding available to help counties get started on their resource typing. The NIMS compliancy requirement will need to be completed by August or September of 2009. Contact Angie Morgan to check the status of the grant application process. The original deadline was April and it is unsure if there is still an opportunity to participate. There is a twenty-five percent local match.

Pappy Lies relayed a thank you from Gove County to Sheridan County, Logan County, and the Kansas Highway Patrol for their assistance during the May 2008 tornado event. Those entities sent everything requested for mutual aid. Thank you also to all who offered additional assistance. Pappy Lies felt the communications networking that was done between counties to keep each other informed of storms moving from one county into the next was most beneficial during the storms.

There will be Ham Radio testing Saturday 14, 2008 at 10:00 in Colby. Additional test sites were discussed. Contact Mike Albers to schedule.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2008 at 10:00.

Pappy Lies moved to adjourn. Rich Schneider seconded motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kaufman, Secretary

**(These minutes are not yet Council approved.)**