



Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Meeting

Sheridan County EMS Building
1717 Oak Avenue (E Hwy 24), Hoxie

November 5, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Butch Post called the November 5, 2012 Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Visitors were welcomed.

<u>Members Present:</u>	Butch Post, Rooks County
JL Ellis, Fire Service	Keith Haberer, Russell County
Bob McLemore, Fire Service	Jim Fisher, Rush County
Ed Harbin, Law Enforcement	
Ed Howell, Law Enforcement	Jacque Boltinghouse, Sheridan County
Bill Ring, Emergency Management	Susan McMahan, Thomas County
Deb Hays, Emergency Management	Kathleen Fabrizius, Trego County
Deb Kaufman, EMS	Toby Prine, KDEM
Sydnee Beydler, Public Health	Sherry Angell, Fiscal Agent
Tami Wood, Hospitals	
Ryan Murray, Cheyenne County	
Kerry McCue, Ellis County	
George "Pappy" Lies, Gove & Logan County	
Mickie Helberg, Graham County	
Justina Smith, Norton County	
Chris Brown, Phillips County	
Jim Schroeder, Rawlins County	

Guests Present: Autumn Arasmith, Thomas County; Max Barrett, Russell County.

Members Absent: Gary Winter; Jason Moses; Steve Hirsch, Dale Staab; Crissy Livengood; Larry Townsend.

Minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting were approved.

Toby Prine, Regional Coordinator, KDEM Report: Toby reported on the RCCC meeting held last week. The RCCC is made up of the leadership of all seven regional Homeland Security Councils and the council deals with sustainment of projects of the councils. The funding formula was discussed at previous RCCC meetings, as it was out of date and needed updated. The RCCC voted on the funding formula last week, deciding to use the original formula with new factors, it passed 5-2. This option will result in the least amount of money being lost for our region. Changes as a result of the OIG audit were discussed at the RCCC.

A new training officer has been hired by KDEM and there are several trainings being scheduled across the state and within our region, check KS-Train for training schedule.

Fiscal Agent Report– Project 08 to present: Sherry Angell passed out copies of the financial reports for FY10, FY11 and FY 12. Basically there has been no financial activity.

FY09: EOC Enhancements project, Keith Haberer: Keith reported that emergency managers are still going through the updated plans. Butch read an email from Suzanne LeBlanc asking

questions about the project. Butch sent Suzanne an email back explaining where the project is. Butch urged counties to get the plans completed as soon as possible.

IMT: Bob McLemore said the laptop project is finished.

FY 12 robot project: Max Barrett told the group that the prices for the robots has risen significantly once again.

Bill Ring said originally three robots were to be purchased then dropped to two robots, currently the region could afford one and a half robots with the allocated funds. There is the possibility of buying robot with an arm and one without.

Butch suggested that prices be gotten on the robots and the accessories and then we can decide which we can afford.

Sherry Angell discussed how they would be bid and the difficulties with the procurement process.

Discussion was held on options. The fiscal agent and the project managers will work together to get it put out for bids. Placement of the robots was then discussed.

FY 12 Tablet Project: Deb Hays updated the group on the tablets. She asked if the region wanted to go with the specifications that another region already was doing or should this region do their own specifications with our tablets being able to do more and have more memory. It was the consensus of the group to do our own specifications.

Sherry asked about using state contracts for the tablets, the state has a contract with Dell.

KDOT Reimbursement Funds: Butch told the group that the Northwest Region has received a reimbursement from KDOT from the tower project. A total of \$98,752.55 was received, which includes \$4,937.63 in M&A, leaving a total of \$93,814.92 to spend on a project. The project must be completed and funds spent by April 30, 2013.

The following are proposals for the reimbursed funds:

Butch presented a proposal for the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras, one for each county in the region. An email was sent to every county asking if they were interested in having a camera for their county. Thirteen counties replied with affirmative answers, and five counties did not respond. Butch had quotes from MES for the cameras, at a cost of \$6,087.85 each and a total of \$109,581.30 for all counties. A quote was also received from Weis for \$95,900.04 for 18 cameras.

Jason Moses submitted a power point presentation to purchase radios for the remaining ambulances and law enforcement vehicles in the region. There are 13 ambulances and 41 LEO vehicles that still need 800 radios. The total those purchasing those radios would be \$93,584.16. This proposal was discussed including whether the purchasing the radios would be considered supplanting and that letters of intent and transfer of property of agreements were needed prior to the equipment being given to the counties.

Chris Brown submitted a proposal for creating a region wide centerline file. Chris explained the proposal to the group and said the estimated cost of the project would be all of the available funding. The group was concerned whether the project could be completed by the deadline.

Keith Haberer gave a proposal for purchasing 35 portable 800 mhz radios to be used for mutual aid. He received quotes for 35 portable XTS 2500 radios and accessories for \$93,812.25 from Nex-Tech and \$93,529.45 from Mobile Radio.

Butch Post then submitted a proposal for purchase of a portable siren on a trailer from J-Net Warnings. The cost would be \$38,035.00. Concerns were raised about a county housing the siren and also insuring it and maintaining it.

The final proposal was a continuation of an earlier project that purchased four Mobile Express kits for our region. This proposal would purchase Mobile Express kits for each of the remaining 13 counties, as Phillips County had purchased their own. The cost of the 13 units would be \$87,213.00 which included training also. The group also discussed purchasing a Rapid Tag system, as there is

only one in the region. Midwest Card was contacted and gave an cost estimate of \$21,699.00 each for the Rapid Tag System. A discussion was held about each system and whether the remaining money in the earlier project could be used to purchase a Rapid Tag at a later date.

Following a short break Butch asked the members to vote for projects they wanted to keep and the top two projects would be discussed again before the final vote. Project votes were as follows: Cameras – 6; Radios for EMS/LEO – 5; Centerline Mapping – 1; Portable Radios – 18; Siren – 1; Mobile Express Kits – 22; Rapid Tag – 15.

Discussion was held on the Portable Radio and Mobile Express Kit projects.

Pappy Lies moved to go with the Mobile Express units for the 13 counties and use the remaining money to spend on consumables and additional equipment, Mickie seconded, passed 21 to 2.

At-large positions were discussed, Al Pietrycha has resigned his position. Also the public works position is open.

Ryan Murray will contact the National Weather Service in Goodland to see if they have someone who would want to serve.

Keith Haberer said that there was no representation from APCO or dispatches in the region, we could consider them for the at-large position.

For old business Butch updated the group on the RCCC Strategic Planning proposal.

For New Business Mickie Helberg asked about NimsCast. Toby said that counties needed to wait to submit their NimsCast because KDEM is trying to streamline the reporting.

Mobile Express training in the region that is owed to us by Midwest Card was discussed. It was decided to wait till we have the additional units and then have two trainings in the region.

At the last RCCC meeting it was brought up that representatives from the regions on the Fire Working Group cannot be a president of a fire organization, so the region must replace J.L. Ellis on that group. Discussion was held on possible appointees.

Discussion was held on whether a December meeting was needed. The chairman will call a meeting if needed.

Jacque Boltinghouse moved to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Next meeting Monday, February 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Fabrizius, Secretary

(These minutes are not yet Council approved.)