

Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Meeting  
January 11, 2010, Sheridan County EMS Building, Hoxie KS

Keith Haberer, Russell Co., called the January 11, 2010 meeting of the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council to order at 10:00 a.m. Participants were asked to introduce themselves.

Members and Guests Present:

Deb Kaufman, Region I EMS  
Deb Hays, Phillips Co. EM  
Al Pietrycha, National Weather Service  
Tami Wood, NW Regional Hospital  
Coordinator  
Gary Rogers, CH/RA/SH Co. EM  
George (Pappy) Lies, Gove Co.  
Cindy Mullen, Logan Co.  
Jim Schroeder, Rawlins Co.  
Crissy Conger, Sherman Co.  
Butch Post, Rooks Co.  
Gail Ogle, Russell Co GIS Coordinator  
Dave Younger, KBI  
Chris Smith, Midwest Card & ID Solutions

Keith Haberer, Russell Co.  
Bob McLemore, Colby FD  
Ray Smee, Goodland PD  
Steve Hirsh, Decatur Co  
Jason Moses, Member at Large  
  
Kerry McCue, Ellis Co.  
Mickie Helberg, Graham Co.  
Chris Brown, Phillips Co.  
Jacque Boultinghouse, Sheridan Co.  
Toby Prine, HS NW Region Coordinator  
Westley Kendall, Fiscal Agent  
Barry Autrey, BPHP/KDHE  
Max Barrett, Russell SO  
Brenden Ourth, Midwest Card & ID Solutions

**Approval of the Minutes:** Steve Hirsch made a motion for approval of the December 2009 minutes. Motion second was provided by Ray Smee. Motion carried.

**NWKS Regional Coordinator for KDEM Report:** No report.

**Fiscal Agent Session Ending Report:** Kerry McCue reported there has not been much change since the December meeting. He distributed reports. The IMT project shows an expenditure of \$100.00 on the training side of the project. The fiscal agent was paid. He presented a bill for \$8,404.15 from Russell County for the IMT Trailer. Pappy Lies motioned to approve payment for the electrical work for the IMT trailer. Ray Smee provided motion second. Motion carried. The 2006 property agreement with Hays Fire Department is completed. Westley Kendall reported the property agreement with Logan County is complete. He distributed reports.

**Review of Session Appointments:** Toby Prine reported he has received letters from the following appointing entities as of Friday: Ed Conard and Bob McLemore representing Fire Service, Gary Rogers and Deb Hays representing Emergency Management, Deb Kaufman and Gary Winter representing Region I Emergency Medical Services, and Tami Wood representing NW Regional Hospitals. The Chiefs of Police have appointed Ray Smee. County representatives are: Kari Gilliland, Cheyenne Co., Kerry McCue, Ellis County, Steve Hirsch, Decatur Co., George (Pappy) Lies, Gove Co., Mickie Helberg, Graham Co., Cindy Mullen, Logan Co., Chris Brown, Phillips Co., Jim Schroeder, Rawlins Co., Butch Post, Rooks Co., Keith Haberer, Russell Co., Jim Fischer, Rush Co., Crissy Conger, Sherman Co., Jacque Boultinghouse, Sheridan Co., Susan McMahan, Thomas Co., and Kathleen Fabrizius, Trego Co. Ray Smee has been appointed representing the Chiefs of Police. Those are the members currently eligible to vote. He has not officially received word from the Sheriff Association, nor has he received letters from Public Health, Public Works, Ness Co, Norton Co, or Wallace Co. Dave Snyder has transferred to Dodge City and will be turning in his IMT computer and equipment.

**Elections:** Keith Haberer extended his thanks to the Council for allowing him to serve as Chairperson for two years. He announced he would not be seeking reelection. Steve Hirsch moved elections be held by public vote. Kerry McCue provided motion second. Motion carried. Nomination for Chairperson: Deb Kaufman nominated Tami Wood. Tami Wood nominated Cindy Mullen. Pappy Lies moved nominations cease. Motion seconded by Jason Moses. Motion passed. The public vote by show of hands resulted in 15 votes for Tami Wood and 3 votes for Cindy Mullen. Council congratulations were extended to Tami Wood, Chairperson for the next two years. Nominations for Vice Chair: Tami Wood nominated Deb Hays. Steve Hirsch moved nominations cease and the Council cast a unanimous ballot for Deb Hays. Pappy Lies provided motion second. Motion passed and congratulations extended to Vice Chair Deb Hays. Nominations for Secretary: Deb Hays nominated Deb Kaufman for Secretary, moved all nominations cease, and she be elected by general acclamation. Pappy Lies provided motion second. Motion passed and congratulations extended to Secretary Deb Kaufman.

**New Session Business:** Tami Wood presided the session and introduced Roger Powers.

**Project presentations for Council consideration:**

**Flinthills Solutions:** Roger Powers, President of Flinthills Solutions, presented a regional unmanned aircraft system project. He described the process to gain permit for UAV operation. There are several systems available with vertical takeoff and landing systems (VTOL), both gas and electric. Systems include automatic launch, command, and landing. Information gathered through high quality camera feed can be accessed and linked to an internet URL if requested. UAV provides the ability to zoom the camera in while staff stays out of harms way. GIS information is integrated with UAV flight planning and the UAV can be programmed to respond to a specific longitude, latitude, and elevation. Video analysis is also available. There is a wide range of UAV's available from small to a fixed wing aircraft. Camera quality also varies depending on device. The hover time varies as well depending on fuel source and size. From notification time, they have a one-hour response to allow for FFA permit processing and staffing time to deployment. Mr. Powers explained the purchase costs, lease to buy options, and training offers. He outlined the advantages of having unmanned aircraft during crisis situations. Response time to the furthest corner of the state in Cheyenne County would be 7 hours by ground and 2 hours 49 minutes by air. Interested individuals are welcome to view a live demonstration at their operation outside Augusta.

**Midwest Card and ID Solutions – Brenden Ourth and Chris Smith**

Brenden Ourth presented a summary of his proposal for those who were not in attendance at the last meeting (see December minutes). He gave an update on activity in the other regions surrounding or neighboring us. He presented a phase one accountability project as requested by Debbie Hays and Cindy Mullen. The project includes the necessary equipment per county to give them the ability to type each individual responder and the equipment resources within the county. The proposal includes three days of regionalized training. All the data is collected, put into a central database, and the bar coded ID cards and equipment tags are distributed prior to an emergency event so that credentials are in place for manual accountability. The project has the advantage of expansion into city employees/offices as well and is interoperable with the neighboring participating regions.

**Russell County Sheriff Office B.A.T.T – AP Project:** Max Barrett and Doug Younger presented a project for consideration requesting a Level 4, Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (B.A.T.T. – AP) NIJ IV Protected SWAT/APC vehicle. They distributed specifications. There have been questions regarding communications and a support package added to the project would

allow for interoperable communications. Doug Younger added there are monitors required for the Homeland Security grants that would be required with the truck. The closest truck is currently in Wichita. They responded into our Region again just recently. The truck allows personnel to get up closer to the scene with a safe entrance. It also provides a safe exit in the event someone, for example an injured individual, would need rescued from the scene. They described the law enforcement and EMS support Russell County, Ellis County, and Thomas County would provide the Region.

**Nominations for “At Large” Positions:** Ray Smee moved Al Pietrycha be appointed by the Council as member at large. Pappy Lies provided motion second. Motion passed. Bob McLemore moved Mike Albers be appointed by the Council for the second member at large position. Deb Hays provided motion second. Motion passed

Bob McLemore moved the Council continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month until further notice. Keith Haberer seconded motion. Motion passed.

Keith Haberer motioned for adjournment; Steve Hirsch provided motion second. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Council will be February 8, 2010 at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kaufman, Secretary

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