

Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Meeting
March 08, 2010 Sheridan County EMS Building, Hoxie KS

Tami Wood, Chair, called the March 08, 2010 meeting of the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council to order at 10:00 a.m. Members and guests were welcomed. Participants provided introduction. Captain Mike Murphy, Troop D Commander from Hays, KS and Lt. Carl Ostoff, field supervisor for field personnel in Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan and Smith Counties were introduced. Toby Prine also introduced Dale Staab, Council appointee from Ness County where he serves as economic development coordinator and emergency manager.

Members and Guests Present:

Tami Wood, NW Regional Hospital Coordinator	Deb Hays, Phillips Co. EM / KDEM
Deb Kaufman, SD Co EMS / Region I EMS	Ed Conard, SD Co FD / Fire Service
Bob McLemore, Colby FD / Fire Service	Ray Smee, Goodland PD / Chiefs of Police
Cole Presley, Graham Co SO/ Sheriff's Assoc.	Mike Albers, City of Colby / Member at Large
Gary Rogers, CH/RA/SH Co. EM / KDEM	Steve Hirsh, Decatur Co
Al Pietrycha, National Weather Service / ML	Mickie Helberg, Graham Co.
Kerry McCue, Ellis Co.	Dale Staab, Ness Co.
Cindy Mullen, Logan Co.	Jim Schroeder, Rawlins Co.
Chris Brown, Phillips Co.	Keith Haberer, Russell Co.
Butch Post, Rooks Co.	Jacque Boultinghouse, Sheridan Co.
Jim Fisher, Rush Co.	Kathleen Fabrizius, Trego Co.
Susan McMahan, Thomas Co.	Westley Kendall, Fiscal Agent, NW KS P&D
Toby Prine, HS NW Region Coordinator	Bill Ring, Ellis Co. EM
Gail Ogle, Russell Co GIS Coordinator	John Cyr, NCRPC
Jason Moses, KS Communications	Lt. Carl Osthoff, KHP
Capt. Mike Murphy, KHP	Connie Satzler, EnVisage
CPT John Eichkorn, KHP, HS Operations	Lt. Amy Ayers, HS Grants Coordinator, KHP
Susanne LeBlanc, HS Program Consultant, KHP	Barry Autrey, CPHP Oper & Plan RS /KDHE

Approval of the Minutes: Steve Hirsch made a motion for approval of the January 2010 minutes. Motion second was provided by Ray Smee. Motion carried.

Regional Project Consideration: Tami Wood called for any updates on current projects and additional FY2010 projects for consideration of the Council.

- Mike Albers moved to accept the proposal for remaining FY 07 GIS project funds. This proposal allows for purchase of 2) Samsung SP-D400S-DLP projectors; one for each IMT trailer and 20) HP Officejet 7000 Wide Format printers; one for each IMT trailer and one for each county, print cartridges, and USB cables. Keith Haberer provided motion second. The motion passed.
- Chris Brown presented the GIS school mapping project update and a FY2009 contract for consideration. In some cases, the GIS county point of contact or emergency manager may be successful in explaining the project to their school districts. Other counties' contacts may need assistance. Discussion issued regarding the contract distributed. Bob McLemore moved we renegotiate the contract to reflect a graduated payment system based on the number of actual schools participating and mapping projects completed. Cole Presley provided motion second. Motion passed. The Council will consider options for plan presentation to the school districts.
- Westley Kendall distributed fiscal year reports. There were no changes from the last meeting.

- Keith Haberer reported on the EOP 2009 project distributed via email last week. We budgeted \$200,000. One proposal came in at \$270,000 and the other at \$174,000. Due to the complexity of the contracts, the Council will review them prior to the April Council meeting.
- Jason Moses reported the communication equipment would be ordered by the end of the month for the FY 2009 project during the vendor promotional offer to maximize our purchase ability. This equipment and the equipment currently being stored will be distributed following that purchase. The hospitals will begin training. EMS radios, 1 per service are waiting distribution and training. At this time, there is also an option for agencies to take advantage of this offer to supplement equipment purchased by Homeland Security. Contact Jason Moses if you are interested.
- Barry Autrey, KDHE, presented a Water Toxicity Screening Equipment project for consideration. The equipment allows for rapid on site check of water toxicity specifically for radiation. It would be stored at the KDHE regional offices and used by the scientists there. (Proposal circulated) The cost of the proposal is \$25,000.00 for the instrument and \$5,000 for training. Their goal is to request Homeland Security Councils purchase one per region.

FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Rollout: Tami Wood turned the meeting over to Captain John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol for the FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Rollout.

- Captain Eichkorn thanked the Council and past and current Council leadership for their involvement and commitment to Kansas. The NW Region will be awarded \$410,477. Of that amount, \$20,524 is the maximum allowed for management and administration of the grant dollars leaving \$389,953 available for projects. Please reference the web site for more information. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) submission to DHS is due April 19, 2010.
- Lt. Amy Ayers presented the FY2010 Rollout.
- Connie Satzler, EnVisage, presented the day's tasks. A review of the Regional projects statewide was completed. The NW Region appears to continue to fall behind due to limited funding.
- The Council considered the following projects with project total costs approximately \$1,000,000:
 - Jason Moses proposed an Interoperable Communications Tower Project completing two (2) 800 MHz tower sites at a cost of \$500,000: \$410,477 Regional HS grant, \$60,000 from the SE Regional Council, and \$29,523 State funding.
 - Keith Haberer introduced a new group called the Great Plains Regional Animal Response Team asking for a Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer for \$22,000. The team currently has membership from Barton, Russell, Ellis, Rooks, Graham and Trego Counties. The trailers are filled with equipment to handle emergencies with animals during disasters. Rooks County has offered to house the trailer and respond with it.
 - Armored Rescue Vehicle - \$165,000.00. See prior Council minutes for project details.
 - Midwest Card ID \$373,099 Phase I Project. See prior Council minutes for project details.
 - UAV Surveillance project – no formal bid. See prior Council minutes for project details.
 - KDHE Water Toxicity Screening Equipment \$30,000.
- Steve Hirsch moved we adopt project #1 Interoperable Communications Tower project. Bob McLemore provided motion second. Discussion held. The Council appreciates the generosity

of the SE HS Council and State funding offer. Motion passed with 16 in favor, three opposed, and four abstaining.

The Council took a short break to prepare for a working lunch. Two members of the Council excused themselves to meet other obligations.

- A map of current 800 MHz towers was projected. Keith Haberer moved towers be completed at the Sherman County and Gove County tower sites. Gary Rogers seconded motion. Council voted with five in favor, 16 opposed. Motion defeated.
- Al Pietrycha moved the tower sites in Sherman and Graham Counties receive funding. Chris Brown provided motion second. Motion passed with 13 in favor, 8 opposed/abstaining.

Captain John Eichkorn will work with Regional leadership to prepare the MOU to transfer the funding back to the State. Jason Moses will work on paperwork on the two county towers. Look for this to be happening in the fall/winter/spring 2011. KDOT will look at completing that work.

Tami Wood thanked Captain Eichkorn and the team for their assistance in task completion and Connie Satzler for facilitation and coordination.

- Cindy Mullen asked the Council to consider formal strategic planning. The Council will research possible funding. Connie Satzler and Lt. Amy Ayers are several options as facilitators. Mike Albers suggested the Council take some time to work on strategic planning on a regular basis. Cole Presley moved future agenda items are to look at pending projects and a strategic plan review/refinement. Ray Smee seconded motion. Motion passed.
- Cole Presley moved the Council send a letter to each sheriff with a Cross Match system to ask if it utilized. Keith Haberer provided motion second. It was suggested during discussion the sheriff be asked how frequently it is currently used, are they interested in continuing, and if they are still utilizing their old system. The intent is not to take devices away from those utilizing it, but rather to move those not utilized. Motion passed. Cole Presley will complete this audit. Training would also be needed if devices were moved.

Kerry McCue moved meeting be adjourned. Al Pietrycha seconded motion. Motion passed. The Council will next meet April 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kaufman, Secretary

(These minutes are not yet Council approved.)