

SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes January 17, 2012

Call to Order: The SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council was called to order by Chairman Scott Wiltse at the South KDOT Building in Chanute on at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Roll Call: A quorum was present. **Members:** Chairman Scott Wiltse; Byrdee Miller-Marcic; Larry Steeby; Kevin Jones; Pam Beasley; Angela Murphy; Byron Shultz; Jim Miller; Scott Gordon; Chris Way; Joe Beeman; Danny Thayer; Paul Ballou; Keith Jeffers; Jim Wilson; Ed Garner. **Guests:** Laurie Bestgen, AMEC; Kari Valentine, AMEC; Susan Belt, AMEC; Eldon Bedene, Crawford Co; Pat Holt, Girard Medical Center; DeeDee Martin, Allen Co. Health Department; Ron Seyl, SEKRPC. **Secretary:** Cassie Edson.

Report from AMEC: Laurie Bestgen, Susan Belt, and Kari Valentine, representing AMEC, presented a status report on the Regional Integrated Coordination Planning Project (battle book). They will have the PowerPoint and draft of the deliverables available online for comments. They requested that feedback be provided by February 3. Requests for additional copies of the finished Battle Book need to be made by March 1. They will let us know about the cost of additional copies as soon as the information is available.

Lunch Break: 11:30, business meeting reconvened at 12:15 pm

Approval of previous Minutes: Individual copies of the December minutes were not available because the wrong file was inadvertently attached to the e-mailed meeting reminders. Rather than taking time to have the minutes read aloud, Chris Way made a motion to table approval of the December minutes until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Jones, and passed.

Fiscal Report, Ron Seyl: Ron discussed status reports for grants **FY09-Closes May 2012.** 78.64% spent, \$61,263.29 remaining. Transactions listed under each project for transparency.
FY10-40.85% spent, \$258,765.02 remaining

Chris Way made a motion to approve the Fiscal Agent report, seconded by Ed Garner. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: Scott Wiltse requested that written committee reports in simple bullets be submitted monthly. Chris Way suggested that e-mail reminders be sent next month.

Search and Rescue, Chris Way: A top priority is getting quotes on radios for truck in Parsons. There was 3 day training with Parsons & Chanute using trailer & truck--happy with results. For FY 2010, they are starting lists and getting bids for medical equipment. Also experience @ Joplin showed a need for the capability to fan out from a base, to be provided by Polaris 4 wheeler w/trailer. trailer is in service now-has been refurbished locally. Larry is putting together training schedule for this year.

IMT, Keith Jeffers: Team has not met, but the working group has. Would like to increase teams from 9-11 people in order to include GIS and intelligence. They have rejected type 3 training as too expensive and duplicative.

Law Enforcement, Danny Thayer: 13 on task force. Future classes to coordinate with FBI. Invitation is open to sheriffs/law enforcement for FBI training next month. Danny noted that equipment is not issued to individual agencies, but is divided E-W throughout region.

Chris asked that the council can be provided with a list of participating agencies.

ID & Accountability, Byrdee Miller-Marcic: FY 09 & 10 are complete. DRMCES meeting next week.

Communications, Pam Beasley: Pam asked the council for what direction she should take regarding an inventory and possible redistribution of unused assets which have been purchased with homeland security funds. Last year that had been discussion about asking for current inventory/status of installation, and serial numbers for equipment, but this was put on hold because of inventory that was supposed to be completed by KHP. Consensus was that Pam needs to coordinate with KHP.

KHP is rewriting procedures for inventory. Previous guidelines had a dollar limit on inventoried items; now everything with a value of greater than .01 must be accounted for. KHP is intending to inventory everything. They are on a hiring freeze right now, so timing uncertain. However there will be firm dates for any inventory done, and KHP may repossess unused equipment on the spot.

After further discussion, Larry Steeby suggested that it might be a good idea to send a letter to agencies with a heads up that changes in procedure are coming soon.

Haz-Mat: no report

KDEM: Kevin noted that Jackie sent an e-mail to members with a KDEM update. NE Region Coordinator position was opened and closed, and interviews are being conducted. Jackie is at a 3 day retreat.

Other committee reports: no other reports

Old Business: none

New Business: HMPG grant discussion: Pam and Scott have visited applying for an HMPG grant for highway transportation haz-mat training in Woodson County and possibly other locations. Would need 30 per class. Past experience has shown that a 5 day class will severely limit the number who can afford to attend. Even 3 days can be difficult. 2 days may be more feasible. Weekends are probably ok for rural, but not good for teams.

Larry Steeby intends to submit for a technician project

Announcements/Comments:

Scott Wiltse: Leadership meeting in Salina Feb 7-8 with 4 representatives from each region. Kevin, Scott, & Pam will probably attend. If anyone else is interested, please let Scott know.

Larry Steeby: SE Fire Chief's Organization membership is \$50.00/yr. It is a good organization/asset. They just got a new fit test machine that members can use free.

Pam Beasley: SE KEMA meeting is cancelled for this month. The new version of Before the Storm will be held @ Allen Co on the 25th and 26th. Register on KS Train.

It will also be held @ Parsons in March

Chris Way: Agencies need to coordinate training better within our region if we don't want to be frustrated by low attendance.

Pam: State has released their 2012 training schedule. Send training info to Scott, and he will make a master calendar.

Larry Steeby: The same 30-40 people are active in training. We need to recruit more from each agency.

Kevin/Larry Training on Feb 21-23 in Parsons for all responders; LE only on 24th. Classes by New Mexico Tech on KS Train. They want 100 per class per day.

Susan Belt: As a result of participating in the recent disaster exercises as part of the battle book project, the National Weather Service is very excited about the direction of emergency management. She suggests that we include them in training held in our region

Adjourn: Chris Way made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.