

# **Southeast Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council January 15, 2008**

- I. Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 10:05am. There was a count of council members to confirm that a quorum was present. A quorum was present.

## **Roll Call – Council Members**

Thomas R. Williams	Allen County
Laura Hyer	Bourbon County EM
Ricky Brown	Wilson County EM
Brent Narges	Pittsburg Police Department
William Blundell	Labette County SO
Greg Allen	City of Coffeyville
Jim Lubbers	KSFFA
Andy Moffit	Neosho County
Joey Adams	Region VI EMS
Nancy Lamb	Cherokee County
Eldon Bedene	Crawford County EM
Ed Garner	Lower 8 Public Health Region
Jim Wilhelms	Coffeyville Hospital
Scott Gordon	K-State Research & Extension

## **Guests in Attendance**

Robin Reitmeyer	Kansas Highway Patrol
Ken Justice	KDOT
Kevin Jones	Chanute Police Department
Jim Keath	Neosho County SO
Linda Weldon	SEKRPC
Jackie Miller	KDEM/KHS
B. Miller	Elk County EM
Susan Belt	KDHE
Pam Beasley	Allen County

**Approval of Minutes** – Chair Williams asked that everyone review the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting. Andy Moffitt made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Joey Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Two new members appointed: Bruce Remsburg, City of Pittsburg Public Works  
Jeff Martin, Yates Center Fire District

## **II. Election of Officers**

Jim Miller and Thomas Williams had re-appointment letters from their counties. Jackie has the letters from the Association for Mr. Martin and Jim. Election of officers, Chair and Vice-Chair are open. Jim made the motion to keep same officer for Chair, Thomas Williams.

Nancy Lamb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice-Chair, Greg Allen. Jim made the motion for Greg Allen, Nancy Lamb seconded. Motion carried.

## **III. Committee Reports**

### **IMT Committee**

Jackie stated IMT was stalled out for the time being. Not going to have enough applicants to host our own training. We need at least 23 or the SE region will tag with other classes we currently have 14 or 15. Bill Brubaker will go to the train the trainer and will do the training that is needed for the area. KDEM will not bill back to the region.

Three training dates established are February 24-29 in Hutchinson; March 3-8 in Topeka; March 24-29 in Ulysses. If we get enough we could still have the training in our area.

Where would the team be hosted? Committee needs to talk about who would host this team. If you don't have the training you won't be deployed. The deadline is May 4. This will be a 2 year commitment after the training. Members don't have to be emergency response.

### **SEK Communications**

Eldon stated they had heaters in and radios should be in a week to 10 days. Laura stated that Greenwood County needed the ICS training for radios.

Eldon stated radios are coming in; generator will be installed along with repeater towers, computers and links. Still need to get other frequencies possibly. We will get with Mr. Blundell to get Greenwood County set up. Laura stated she has the check list for the Interop plan and individuals will just plug in your own local information. Chair Williams asked if that would also include MOU's so that they will respond to the region.

### **Regional Rescue Committee**

Kevin is still in the process of acquiring equipment. Doug asked for someone willing to work with KU to get training set up with Pittsburg. We are starting to get things worked out. Joey stated that the members need to get things done. There is a working group getting started and the last meeting they appointed Jeff Davis for SE region. That group will help with the Rescue SOP's of the local committee. Someone from the SE needs to be on that team.

Kevin stated that he would like to be on that team. Jackie stated she would get Kevin in the list. Chair Williams stated that this is one of the more important things we need to take on.

### **Law Enforcement**

Chair Williams stated he sent out e-mails on LEO funds. He didn't get a lot of feedback. How does everyone want to proceed? We do have two (2) Sheriff's and a Deputy Chief they could decide where to spend it. You can do a new project and add on to communications look at the idea that Coffeyville brought to the table. Eldon asked if we could use it to buy a

trailer this year. Chair Williams will give a synopsis. It was suggested that 3 or 4 individuals be trained in security response so in an event those could respond for parameters, barricades, traffic, etc to control the scene.

Reitmeyer said he wouldn't approve it at his level. Trailer equipped with supplies is needed to respond to emergency situations. Jim stated if there is a committee they need to get a hold of Brown in Coffeyville to do this. Desert Snow would be an example of training. Jim asked if there was a Law Enforcement Committee established. Chair Williams stated not that he knew of. Chair Williams asked Robin if the split of funds in the future was feasible and Robin stated yes. Officers need advanced training. This would give the region added capabilities. Jim made the motion that we establish Law Enforcement committee. Chair Williams asked how you want to designate members of that committee; they really need to be Law Enforcement. Carter Seconded. Motion carried. Jim Keath and Asst Chief get together and Robin will be a resource for the team. Chair Williams asked if we could have something on the LEO Committee by next meeting.

#### **IV. Break for committee members**

#### **V. State Preparedness Report**

Jackie stated that the Federal level needs reports KHP stated they wanted input from regions. I got with Kevin and Jim Miller, Jim did the work so I didn't have to do a whole lot. The paper passed around is a recap to tell the state what the region is doing. Laura stated that funds need to be available to bring up to NIMS compliant and hire a firm for consulting. Jackie stated that would be important to close the gap for financial purposes. Chair Williams added that we need to be working toward database where the entire region knows what every player's capability is. We all have resources that other counties aren't aware of. Kevin stated he agrees we need a risk analysis.

KDEM side of things. Training Principles of EM in Erie 1-31 for 1 day, EM Planning Course 2-28 in Chanute. You must register for the course on KS Train. Need at least 10 to 12 in class. State will be hosting a meeting 2-11 and 2-12 in Wichita. Chair and Vice-Chair of the council need to attend. Point will be collaboration between the regions and also to get input on how we want the capabilities assessment that will be coming through our committee. State players will be there. There will be additional EMPG funds coming down to help with resource typing. Planning meeting will be coming up.

Chair Williams asked Robin if he had any input on resource assessment. Robin stated that you need to make sure the information that you put in the report is accurate and where you want to go because when Congress gets it you will be stuck with the plan. Establish capabilities.

#### **VI. 2007 Fiscal Agents Reports**

Linda is representing FA Report.

- (1) KHP uploaded project descriptions and submitted the metrics portion.
- (2) KHP is not requiring progress reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The first report is due on 3-31-08.

(3) Authorized the purpose of a portion of the regional hospital equipment.

Robin would like the group to consider for '07 the focus is regional response this council is still responsible for the remaining counties. Stay in close with other counties in region to make sure they are taken care of. It is all the counties in the region money not just the council's money. Move equipment around for usage. Need a good resource list. This makes a better response capability.

Chair Williams stated need to discuss how we can get a good resource list. Robin stated he has most of it. He can send that to the council. Chair Williams stated let's start with what Robin will get us. This list will cover anything that has been purchased including Public Health people. Robin's list will only be a partial list. The hospitals can resource their capability already set up through the hospital association. Jim will try and do this for the hospital resources.

### **Old Business**

The more education county commissioners have the more backing you get and more money. Jim—Bylaws committee. Trying to redo the gray area of the make up of the council. Should there be a rep from each county involved this needs to be defined. Every county in the region has the right to send a member to the meeting. Chair Williams stated every county should have representation. Jackie stated the only county that you don't have represented at the table is Chautauqua County. Jackie stated this is a grass roots organization and you can deviate for that.

### **VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Building, Alliance Room in Chanute.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

Eldon made motion to adjourn. Jim Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.