

## SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes May 18, 2010

**Call to Order** The SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council was called to order by Chairman Rick Brown at the South KDOT Building in Chanute at 10:05 am on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Rick Brown introduced Wilson County Sheriff Dan Bath as the new law enforcement representative to the council, replacing William Blundell. Members and guests introduced themselves for roll call. Members in attendance included Chairman Rick Brown, Ed Garner, Scott Gordon, Jim Wilson, Joey Adams, Keith Jeffers, Byrdee Miller-Marcic, Andy Moffat, Paul Ballou, Kevin Jones, Larry Steeby, Byron Schultz, Dan Bath, Jim Miller, and Rick Brown. Guests included Jackie Miller, Pam Beasley, Cait Puritan-Day, Linda Weldon, J.L. Ellis, Vicki Shandley, and Jim Kirk. Cassie Edson served as secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jim Miller made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. Ed Garner seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Fiscal Agent Report:** Linda Weldon presented the Fiscal Agent report for grant FY 07, 08, and 09. \$21,000.00 of 2007 money was transferred from regional hospital equipment to EMS Hazmat training & equipment, which has been approved by the KS Highway patrol. Jackie Miller clarified that this is money from an old project that has not yet been started. The deadline for using FY 07 money is approaching, and there is no time to start a new project. Rather than losing the money, Jackie Miller and Rick Brown made the decision to reallocate it to another project so that it will stay in the SE region. Some discussion was held as to whether the money is actually still available. No purchase orders have ever been submitted for the original hospital project, so the funds will be used for the EMS/Hazmat equipment and training project.

**KDOT Radio Communications System Lease Program** Vicki Shandley, representing KDOT, gave an overview of the conversion of KDOT communication towers to the P25 digital wide-area trunking system, a process which began in 2005, and which should be completed by 2011, with a total of 76 towers. Part of this conversion is being funded by money received from regional Homeland Security Councils in the state, including the SE region.

This overview led into her presentation on the KDOT 800 MHz Radio Communications System Lease Program, which is designed to give local jurisdictions an affordable way to acquire communications equipment by spreading payments over 12 years (15 years for tower space) Equipment is owned outright by the local jurisdiction at the end of the lease term.

The three components of the lease program are **Equipment** (radios, repeaters), **Systems** (the whole package, including tower space), and **Tower Access** leases. The lease process has four steps:

1. Application

2. Cost estimate prepared
3. Lease document drafts to legal council
4. Agreements finalized, & signed; equipment ordered and distributed

Vicki also discussed fleet mapping and creating talk and user groups when equipment is programmed. For questions, her contact information is [vickish@ksdot.org](mailto:vickish@ksdot.org) ; phone (785)-296-3662.

**Regional 800 MHz Radio Training:** J.L. Ellis from the Office of Emergency Communications, part of the office of the KS Adjutant General, presented information on plans for regional training on 800 radio equipment. Although 60 counties have received training, more training is needed in all regions.

The plan is to offer three training dates in each region, with both an am & pm session covering different information. Each day will present the same information, but locations will vary. Responders can choose to attend one or both of the sessions on whichever day is most convenient. The training will have lots of hands-on participation using a variety of scenarios.

The dates for the training for the SE region will be July 19, 20, and 21. This will give lead time to publicize the classes, which should have a minimum of 15 participants. It will also allow one day of the training to be incorporated into the regular council meeting, and “kill two birds with one stone”. Locations and exact times will be announced as soon as possible.

**11 am – Break-Reconvene @ 11:20**

**Accountability, Byrdee Miller-Marcic:** Everything has been ordered and orders are being processed.

**Rescue, Larry Steeby:** Today is last day of training-some snags need to be worked out. Testing must be done later because of conflict with KU schedule. 12 people in class. State Bomb Squad Training May 26<sup>th</sup> at Parsons #1 Fire Station; expecting 15-20 enrollees. Addressed concern that considerable money was invested in training for Greenwood county, but there is no representation from them on regional team. Acknowledgement that it is a problem for jurisdictions to commit to the possibility sending their resources elsewhere, especially smaller ones, or all volunteer agencies. No clear cut answers-the team possibly needs to set some ground rules. The discussion should be held in committee.

**IMT, Jackie Miller:** Meeting this afternoon, May 17. Will be hosting Safety Officer Training, most likely in Pittsburg. If space is available, training will also be available to people not actually on the IMT teams. The date needs to be set. Ed Garner is now the IMT manager.

**Law Enforcement, Dan Bath:** Joint Terrorism Task Force training being held today, May 17 in Independence. At the last JTTF meeting, 800 radios were distributed. More radio training needed.

**Planning, Keith Jeffers:** Hiring top 3 GIS intern applications. Meeting at Ambulance Barn in Yates Center to finalize equipment and software orders. Local sources seem to be more economical than state-\$1,500 vs. \$2,800 for hand held GPS devices. Working on getting several bids. Also working on regional battle book and plan to distribute.

**KDEM Report, Jackie Miller:** Crisis City is up and running; will host Business and Industry Forum promoting private and government partnerships.

Regional Councils meeting June 30.

Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) funds have been received by state; notification to counties should be made today or tomorrow. (1.7 million pass-through)

Local Hospital exercises will be held this afternoon, and participation can count towards emergency management exercise requirements if there is enough actual involvement by em personnel. Contact Jackie regarding getting credit. Not enough notice of today's exercise was received to effectively promote the idea of this collaboration with hospitals, but it is a good opportunity to keep in mind for next time.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Cait Puritan-Day is changing jobs @ KDHE; Jamie Hale will be new KDHE Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Representative.

Fire School June 3-6<sup>th</sup> @ Parsons. Contact: Labette County Community College

Crawford County EMS working to put together ICS 400 class in September

The next meeting of the SE Kansas Regional Security Council will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at the South KDOT building in Chanute.

**Adjournment:** Larry Steeby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Moffat; motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.