

SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes August 16, 2011

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 on at 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Roll Call: Members: Chairman Rick Brown; Keith Jeffers; Pam Beasley; Byrdee Miller-Marcic; Larry Steeby, James Grimmett; Danny Thayer, **Proxies: Guests:** Jackie Miller, KDEM; Brendan Orth; John ?, Midwest Cards; Susan Belt, AMEC; John Cyr, fiscal agent. **Secretary:** Cassie Edson. Note: sign in sheets were unavailable to make additions

Fiscal Report, John Cyr: Homeland Security Councils in KS undergoing audit concentrating on procurement process. This is a program audit, not a financial audit. Audit has all been positive, with some suggestions for improvement. Auditors were here in July and will be back in September

FY 08 still has \$1,000 unencumbered that was rolled over into search & rescue. This must be finished by September 30 with all invoices submitted.

FY 09 Planning is underway.

*John noted that if there is no activity at all in a project area, funds can be re-allotted. If there has been activity, the project must be completed, and only then can any remaining funds be given to another project, (which *must* be an existing project)

Pam Beasley asked if motel reservations for the safety training are made automatically. Reservations must be made individually. The training will likely be rescheduled because of low enrollment. Once a new date is confirmed cancellation notices will be sent out.

KDEM Report, Jackie Miller: Jackie needs to leave the meeting early in order to respond to the gasoline leak in Cherryvale.

A lot of changes are being made at KDEM because of Bill Brubaker's death. He probably won't be replaced immediately, and it will be difficult, if not impossible to replace his experience.

Pam will have information on the Regional KEMA meeting to be held in Woodson County.

Larry Steeby asked if anyone has ever applied for a PMA grant. He mentioned that the new safe room in Roseland is worth a trip. This grant is competitive nationwide, whereas HMPG is not competitive. Susan Belt recommends pursuing an HMPG grant before applying for others. New this year in KS is CBOG, for community buildings with safe rooms.

FY11 –needs project descriptions and milestones added. The earlier cuts in funding have mostly been restored.

Break: 10:50, reconvened @ 11:10

Search and Rescue, Larry Steeby: Rescue teams were originally sent to Joplin as mutual aid without any expectation of reimbursement, although reimbursement has now been approved by FEMA. Trench Rescue training will be held Aug 26-28. Rope training in July was cancelled because of the heat. Much of the equipment already on purchase orders has arrived; the committee is getting quotes on additional equipment.

IMT no report-will talk about deployments to Joplin and Doniphan County later in the meeting

Law Enforcement, Danny Thayer: The Joint Terrorism Task Force is deciding on what to purchase; this will be finalized in September.

Planning, Keith Jeffers: Gave update on planning project. All GIS equipment has been received. A printer needs to go to Chautauqua Co. He will bring it to meeting at Erie tomorrow.

Communications: No Report

Haz-Mat, James Grimmett: Haz –Mat has purchased a gas monitor. They have completed scheduled training. They were also awarded \$50,000 worth of free surplus equipment from the KS Forestry Department. (Air bottles, divided among agencies) HMEP regional tabletops and Haz-Mat IQ training possible because of an LEPC grant to Montgomery County from EPA Region 7.

AMEC, Susan Belt: Focus groups completed, inventory will be done by mid-September. Personnel training will come from KS Train records. The plan is going to use IAP format; will also add cheat sheet for disaster declarations. Developing a access procedure for regional assets; no formal one exists now. Also addressing regional command and cross regional coordination. Some counties want more-the council can consider allocating excess funds to expanding the project. Will be finished by end of Sept-mid Oct; exercises will be held first part of November. Three AARs to cover Hospital, Public Health, and Emergency Management standards.

Accountability, Brendan & Byrdee Miller-Marcic: Meetings for updates and notes tomorrow in Erie and Thursday in Fredonia. CRMCS training. There will be more training on the new version of the software. Equipment will be updated as training is going on. Will take from 9:30-3 or 4 pm.

CNIP, John- Midwest Cards: New software is a coordinated effort between 2 companies. \$1,500 per copy @ state rate, with \$300.00 maintenance contract annually.

Recess: The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:50 pm, and called back to order at 12:30 pm

Report on Joplin Mutual Aid, Larry Steeby, and Keith Jeffers: The response to Joplin showed areas to be upgraded for training and equipment. Spent 22 hours from Sunday-Monday. The 800 radio was very helpful, since Joplin communications were destroyed, (although our 800 radios are not compatible with the MO system.) Having a tower so close in KS made it possible for IMT team to use the radios. The team needs to develop a formal protocol for mutual aid. Some equipment priorities have changed, for example, GPS

equipment has moved up much higher. Need to have a team meeting to discuss findings and decide what changes to make in plans. Keith said that in the AAR it was noted that assignments were not being given quickly enough, leaving some teams sitting for hours. Marking of structures searched was not adequate, leading to searches being duplicated or skipped. Communications were inadequate, including cell phones. Early IMT deployments needed, with mobile communications capabilities

Report on Doniphan Co. Mutual Aid, Keith Jeffers: Doniphan County had very different dynamics. Mostly working on pre-planning, but with the element of uncertainty of when or if a disaster might occur, making people tense. Some local people not wanting to work together. IMT Team was moved several times, causing confusion. Our team mostly helped identify local resources, and developed several plans to be used now and in the future. Not all of the IMT team was used to best advantage when assignments given.

Adjourn: Pam Beasley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Danny Thayer.