

Southwest KS Regional Emergency Planning Council
January 5, 2011

The SWKSREPC met on January 5, 2011 in Garden City. Vice-Chairperson Vaughn Lorensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Don Robertson, Ken Seirer, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Vaughn Lorensen, Toby Prine, Mike Schechter, Clint Thompson, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, John Ralston, Mike Burke, Traci Rankin, Steve Phillips, Deb Brown, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, John Cyr, and Cathy Hernandez. Guests present were: Gilbert Valerio, Matt Mercer, James Good and Jason Moses.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2010 meeting; Richard E. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Visitors

Jason M. reported that the North Central, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest regions have all agreed to participate in the combined radio project. The other three regions will meet shortly and representatives from the Southwest and/or Northwest will attend those meetings to try to get those regions on board with the project.

Old Business

Vice-Chair Vaughn L. reminded Council members that there are still four counties that have not returned their completed communications surveys. They are: Greeley, Wichita, Clark and Hodgeman. These need to be completed and returned to Chairperson Don Button as soon as possible.

Don R. inquired if he and Greg S. were supposed to be working on the region-wide mutual aid agreement. Council members asked that they continue working on it and bring a proposed document to the group for discussion.

Vice-Chair Vaughn L. reported that Chairperson Don B. had done some more research regarding the capabilities assessment that the state of KS has asked the Council members to do. This assessment has to be done by May 31, 2011, so we will probably work on it at our March, 2011 meeting. The emphasis of this assessment will be on regional assets that could benefit all the regions in the state.

New Business

Vice-Chair Vaughn L. then asked for project updates. Clint T. reported that the Lifescans have been installed in Meade, Stevens, Haskell and Scott counties.

Cathy H. reported that she needs to get with Jessica for more quotes.

Traci R. stated that her committee is waiting on the quarterly radio sale to purchase more radios.

Steve P. reported that he and Mike S. had met with Matt Mercer with Four Phases, LLC to see if Matt M. would prepare a proposal for his company to handle the FAD planning, training and exercise project. Matt M. then explained that his plan would be to prepare a regional FAD plan after meeting with each county in the SW region to discuss FAD. He would then conduct an exercise that involved a KS county in the SW region that bordered with Oklahoma; one that bordered with Colorado and also an interior county in the SW region. Fiscal agent John C. requested a copy of the proposal since he would be responsible for writing the contract if the proposal is approved by Council members. KDHE would also have to approve and sign off on the contract. Vice-Chair Vaughn L. stated that Chairperson Don B. was planning on speaking with Robin Reitmeyer to see if he would approve the project if done by Four Phases, LLC.

Vice-Chair Vaughn L. reported that the Credentialing/ID project is in a 'holding pattern' while an effort is made to ensure that the entire state of KS is using the same system.

Comments

Toby P. reported that the IMT working group was scheduling the last round of training for the IMTs. They have also added KDHE and Animal Health to the working group.

Several Council members gave reports on the 'All Hazards IMT Conference' that they attended in Denver. Consensus was that it was a good conference with good classes and that Kansas had the most people in attendance. It was also felt by Council members who attended that Kansas is way ahead of many states in their IMT activities.

Traci R. reminded Council members that there will be a 'Disaster Management for Public Services' training on March 29 and 30 in Dodge City. Registration can be done on KSTrain.

There will be an IMS 300 class held in January in Garden City and Meade and then an IMS 400 class held in March in Scott City and Meade. Registration can be done on KSTrain for these classes.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2011 in the Finney County EOC.

Since there was no more business, Clint T. made a motion to adjourn; Cathy H. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWKREPC Secretary