

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council  
February 3, 2010

Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Pat McClurg, Larry Turpin, Chris Standard, Vaughan Lorenson, Linda Smith, Keith Henderson, Marvin Stice, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, John Ralston, Mike Burke, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, Martha Brown and Cathy Hernandez. Guests present were: Robin Reitmeyer, Mike Burkhart, Diane Wilson, Brenden Ourth, Mark Miller, Steve Wilterding, Susan Schulte, Capt. Ploutz and Andy Smith.

There were 2 corrections for the minutes from the January 6, 2010 meeting: 1. In the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph replace PSIC with IECGP; and 2. In the 11<sup>th</sup> paragraph correct the spelling of Brenden Ourth's name. Richard E. made a motion to accept the January 6, 2010 minutes with these two corrections; Mike Burke seconded the motion; motion carried.

Brenden Ourth with Midwest Card gave a presentation and demonstration of his company's accountability system. Brenden stated that 54 counties in KS were presently using the system and that the hope was that all counties in KS would eventually use the system, thus creating continuity in accountability of first responders across the state. Brenden also outlined several different options or phases that our region could choose from if we decided to purchase and use Midwest Card's system. Each option has a different price tag and thus different levels of accountability. Brenden suggested that the place to start would be to tag all known first responders in the SW Region and then build from there. Discussion followed.

Steve W. reported that there had been several complaints from PETA lately regarding the treatment of animals on feed.

### **Old Business**

Chairperson Don B. explained to the group that he still had not received notices of appointments/reappointments for a number of the disciplines in the SW Region. He reminded members to make sure that their disciplines had taken care of this issue.

Don B. then gave an update on the status of the radio questionnaire that was sent out to law enforcement and fire agencies asking them how many 800 Mhz radios they wanted and/or needed for their vehicles. Don reported that he has received most of the letters back from law enforcement—he and Chris S. will work on getting responses from the fire departments that have not responded.

### **New Business**

Lt. Robin Reitmeyer with KHP gave a presentation on the FY2010 grant rollout. The SW Region will receive a total of \$612,390. Of that amount, \$30,619 is the 5% maximum that is allowed for M&A; which leaves a total of \$581,770--with \$162,895.60 of that amount that must be spent on Law enforcement.

Following Lt. Reitmeyer's presentation the group made a list of possible projects for 2010. The list is as follows: 1. Intelligence Sharing—with Clint Thompson as chair;

2. Establishing some type of accountability system—with Vaughn L. as chair; 3. Interoperable Communications—with John R. as chair; and 4. IMT/Deployable Resources—with Don B. as chair.

Chairperson Don B. asked that the chairpersons for the 2010 projects try to get as much paperwork completed as possible before our next meeting in order for the meeting to not last all day.

Marvin Stice and Mark Miller then presented a request from the Meade County Fire Department for monetary assistance from the SW Regional Council to upgrade their VHF radio/pager system to narrow band compliance. Following a discussion, Richard E. made a motion to deny the request from Meade County; Bill T. seconded the motion; motion carried.

The next SWKREPC meeting will be on March 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Ulysses.

John R. made a motion to adjourn; Marvin S. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWKREPC Secretary