

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
April 1, 2009

Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Mark Rine, Patrick McClurg, Don Robertson, John Crosby, Jeff Landgraf, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorenson, Mike Schechter, Kathy McGaughey, Marvin Stice, Jay Taylor, Richard Everett, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Kevin Norton, Steve Phillips, Deb Brown, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, Martha Brown, Allen Shelton and Cathy Hernandez. Guests present were: Toby Prine, Mike Burkhart, Dave Rupp, Jason Moses, Steve Wilterding, Gilbert Valerio, Lt. Kyle Moomau and Cpt. Richard Peters.

Richard E. made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting; Mike S. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Visitors

Steve W. gave a short presentation regarding the upcoming 'Stop Animal Project' that is scheduled for October 2009 in SW Kansas.

Dave R. from the GCCC Criminal Justice program gave a short presentation on the 'Ride for the Future' that will be held on April 25, 2009.

Toby P. spoke about an upcoming 'collapsed building' exercise that will be held the week of June 21, 2009 in Salina.

Jason M. gave an update on communications in Kansas. Jason stated that all the programming templates are prepared and that all counties and hospitals in the SW Region have signed and returned their shared user agreements with KDOT. Jason also stated that he had hired 2 trainers recently—one is J.L. Ellis from Colby. He also informed the group that the KS Legislature has pulled 1% of their match (an amount of \$25,000) from the PSIC grant. Jason also mentioned that he is working on a grant for Law Enforcement agencies in smaller counties. This grant would help pay for purchases of communications equipment. Jason also stated that the cost of programming existing radios would be \$50 if done by KDOT and \$35 plus mileage if done by Mobile Radio. Mobile Radio would not charge to program new radios purchased from them. Only programming templates would be put in the radios—no 'talk groups' would be put in—unless they were KDOT programs.

There was then a discussion regarding whether some radios that the SW Region has already purchased had the programming included in the purchase price. After some research, it was determined that **Jay Taylor was right today regarding this fact!** After more discussion Jay T. made a motion to have Mobile Radio come out to Ulysses to program the radios that the SW Region has purchased; Greg S. seconded the motion; motion carried. We have enough money left from the '06 funding to pay for this programming.

There was also a discussion regarding antennas for the ambulances in the SW Region. Vaughn L. made a motion to purchase the antennas needed—if they aren't included with the radios purchased; Karen L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Lt. Moomau and Cpt. Peters with the KHP then gave a presentation on the KHP's Bomb Squad. They are in the process of obtaining grant money to fund a truck, technicians and a robot that will be located in Western Kansas. Initially there will be 2 technicians placed in Western Kansas—eventually that number will be raised to 4 with 2 of them living in SW KS and 2 in NW KS. There will also eventually be bomb dogs located in Western Kansas with the technicians. Lt. Moomau and Cpt. Peters stated that the Bomb Squad personnel would be very willing to do training for first responders in the SW Region at no cost to the responders.

Chairperson Don B. reminded Council members that everyone needs to bring their information for the capabilities assessments to the May meeting in Ulysses. This will speed up the work that we have to do that day.

With regards to the '08 funding, Don B. reminded the Council that 25% must be spent for Law Enforcement.

John C. had a list of equipment that the SUSAR group had requested. He stated that the list had to be submitted to KHP for approval before the equipment could be purchased.

Our next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2009 in Ulysses.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
SWKREPC Secretary