

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
August 5, 2009

Chairman Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Mark Rine, Don Robertson, John Crosby, Larry Turpin, Christine Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Jay Taylor, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, John Ralston, Mike Burke, Steve Phillips, Debbie Brown, Ruth Ritter, Jeff Baier, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, Cathy Hernandez and Allen Shelton. Guests present were: Tim McClure, Keith Henderson, David Hudgens, and Troy Briggs.

Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting; Cathy H. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Don B. then introduced Keith Henderson, the new Regional Coordinator for SW Kansas, who gave the Council a summary of his experience in Emergency Management.

Old Business

Chairman Don B. reminded the group that at a previous meeting it was voted to move \$10,000 to the mass casualty bus project. (This is a 2007 project.) Don stated that this project was still \$945 short. A discussion followed. Cathy H. then made a motion to move \$945 from the emergency planning project to the mass casualty project; Vaughn L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

New Business

Chairman Don B. stated that he had sent the six state strategies out to everyone on the Council. Don asked that any Council members who had thoughts or comments on those send the comments to him.

Chairman Don B. informed the group that we would need to cut about \$60,000 from our FY '09 projects due to the funding that we received for those projects from the state. A discussion followed.

It was then stated that we needed to secure committee chairs and committee members for the FY '09 projects. The committee chairs for each project are as follows: 1. IMT Enhancement: Don B.; 2. Communications: John R.; 3. GIS: Cathy H.; 4. SAR: John C.; 5. Patient Triage/Tracking: Bill T.; 6. Animal Health: Mike S.; and 7. Planning/Training: Steve P. Council members need to sign up for a committee to help work on the '09 projects.

Mark R. then gave a report on fingerprint scanners. The cost is \$15,000 per unit. At present only the larger counties in the SW Region have these units. Mark R. will check with the counties in the SW Region to see if any of them are interested in obtaining a unit.

JL Ellis then gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the history and progress made with regards to communications in the state of Kansas. He also showed the Council members how the new radios operate.

There was a discussion concerning whether the Region should offer three radios to Critical Care Transport for their ambulances. Bill T. made a motion to offer the radios; Don R. seconded the motion; motion carried.

It was noted that training for the IMTs and the GIS Project is ongoing. Council members were reminded to sign up if they wanted to attend upcoming training.

Our next meeting is September 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Garden City.

There being no more business, Richard E. made a motion to adjourn; Vaughn L seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
SWKREPC Secretary