

Southwest KS Regional Emergency Planning Council Meeting  
August 6, 2008

Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Mark Rine, John Hardy, Don Robertson, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Mike Schechter, Kathy McGaughey, Marvin Stice, Jay Taylor, Richard Everett, John Ralston, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Steve Phillips, Gwen Meairs, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, John Cyr, Allen Shelton and Patrick McClurg. Guests present were: Steve Sutton, Capt. David Ploutz and Jason Moses.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2008; Richard E. seconded the motion; motion carried.

There was no old business.

Jason Moses gave an update on communications in the state. There was a discussion on the template that he handed out at the last meeting and also one concerning radio programming. Jason stated that there would still be no cost for a COW that was used in a disaster; however, there would be a cost for a COW used for things such as training and exercise; other pre-planned events, etc. Jason also reported that there would eventually be interoperability training made available across the state.

Don B. reported on the '08 Funding meeting that will occur on 9/4/08 at 11 a.m. in Dodge City. Project chairs need to attend this meeting. Don B also reminded the Council that at our 9/10/08 meeting we will need to spend time looking hard at our '08 projects and deciding which ones we really want to fund. The '08 projects and contact persons for each project are: 1. Enhance Interoperable Communications; John Ralston; 2. School/First Responder Preparedness and Crisis Planning; Mike Schechter; 3. Patient Reporting and Tracking; Jay Taylor; 4. Responder Training and Certification; Greg Standard; 5. IED Response—Regional Training and Exercise; Greg Standard; 6. IMTs: Don Button; and 7. Public Information and Awareness; Carolyn Henry.

John Cyr reported on changes that had been made for the '08 funding, including changes to MOUs. Several of the changes should expedite the movement of paperwork. It was decided by consensus to have John Cyr and the North Central Regional Planning Commission remain our fiscal agent for '08.

Don B. reported on the recent meeting that the regional chairpersons attended. Some of the problems discussed that are common to every region include lack of money and the need to push 'trunking.'

Jay Taylor brought up a possible project topic: 'Disaster Medical Preparedness'. This would be a 3-day/24 hour training for civilians on basic medical and survival training. The cost would be approximately \$15,000. This project will be discussed further at our September meeting when we talk about '08 projects.

John Hardy reported that Patrick McClurg would be replacing him on the council due to John's upcoming retirement.

Don B. reminded the Council that at our September meeting each committee chair needs to bring a detailed list of what is needed to finish up the '06 projects. We can then move money around as needed all at one time. Don also reminded the group that the '06 projects need to be completely finished by December 2008. Don also stated that the group needs to put some thought to the '07 projects also. The '07 projects are: 1. School Planning Terrorism Seminar; 2. Deployable Response Resources: IMT Training and Equipment; 3. Mass Casualty Transport; and 4. Interoperable Communications: Ham Radio Command Trailer Repeaters.

Our next meeting will be in Garden City on September 10, 2008.

There being no further business, Jay T. made a motion to adjourn; Kathy McG. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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