

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
September 1, 2010

The SWKREPC met in Garden City on September 1, 2010. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: James Jarboe, Jason Taylor, Don Robertson, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Toby Prine, Richard Everett, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Traci Rankin, Steve Phillips, Teresa Harder, Carolyn Henry and John Cyr. Guests present were: Gilbert Valerio, Jason Moses, Bob Maier, Troy Briggs, David Hudgens and Jim Kramer.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2010 meeting; Richard E. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairperson Don B. introduced Bob Maier as the new KHP representative.

Jason Moses gave an update on communications in the SW Region, as well as the rest of Kansas. On September 28, 2010 Vicki Shanley with KDOT will be in Garden to meet with counties that want to set up 800 MHZ as a primary system in their county; plus, she and Jason will also look at adding additional talk groups within a county if wanted. Call Jason if you would like to attend so they know how many people will be attending. On October 10-12, 2010 there will be Comm-L training for IMTs or others that handle communications. Jason's office will pay lodging and APCO conference fees for those who will to attend. Call Jason if you wish to attend this training. Also, on October 7, 2010 Jason will be meeting with representatives from Colorado to discuss how to share talk groups across state lines. Jason also explained that the federal guidelines require a county communications contact person. A copy of the 2010 SWKS Regional Communication questionnaire was handed out to members of the Council. By September 2011 we must try to demonstrate our interoperability communications capability.

Karen L. asked if Wichita County has received their radios for their hospital and ambulances. Discussion followed. It is believed that they did receive them—it will be checked on to make sure.

The question was asked when everyone's mutual aid agreements between counties and for the SW Region were last updated. Discussion followed.

Don R. and Greg S. will produce a generic mutual aid agreement and send it out to Council members for their comments.

Chairperson Don B. asked Council members to give some thought to their county's/discipline's training needs. He noted there would be an Advanced Planning Concepts class in Ulysses on October 4 & 5, 2010. Some other suggestions for training were: a 'before the storm' academy and a tabletop exercise that encompasses multiple counties in the SW Region with an emphasis on IC, Communications and EOC management.

John Cyr gave his fiscal agent report. He noted that the FY07 period ends very soon so he will need any lingering FY07 invoices in the next 10 days.

Chairperson Don B. noted that the next regional council leadership summit would be held November 9 & 10 2010 in Salina. We are allowed to send 3 members. Don B., Vaughn L. and either Traci R. or Karen L. will attend.

Since there was no more business, Vaughn L. made a motion to adjourn. Richard E. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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