

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
September 2, 2009

Chairman Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. Members present were: Don Robertson, Don Button, Kathy McGaughey, Marvin Stice, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, Karen Luckett, Kevin Norton, Steve Phillips, Carolyn Henry, John Cyr, and Cathy Hernandez. Guest present were: Vivian Button, Mike Burkhart, and Clint Thompson.

Don Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes to the August 5, 2009 meeting: Richard Everett seconded the motion: motion carried.

Visitors

Mike Burkhart, IMT member and volunteer Fireman for Ford County just came to listen.

Clint Thompson the new Chief of Police for Holcomb, came to introduce himself. He has been at Holcomb for 2 weeks. He worked for Oklahoma Emergency Management and helped with their School Safety Program.

Vivian Button, Grant County Emergency Management, came to take minutes since Chris Standard was not available.

John Cyr, the Fiscal Agent, gave out information on what had been spent from the grant monies and what was left. Some discuss was held on what was still outstanding. He also asked if the region was going to look at a personal accountability project. The North Central and North West Regions are look at getting a system and if the 3 regions work together, they could receive a better price. They talked about the Rapid Tag system. They could get one for the region and take it to each county and make IDs.

Old Business

All of the radios have been given out except for Morton and Clark Counties. All of the signed paperwork has been turned in except for Morton and Clark Counties. John and Don will get these signed and copied and get a copy back to the each county.

Richard Everett wrote a paper about the Interoperable Communication with the amateur radios project as the focus when he went to the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute. When Karen Luckett went, she finished his paper by telling what all had been accomplished. Their paper got submitted to the National Capstone Project and was picked to be a runner up for the Balderson Award. She told how it grew from a \$23,000 project to a ½ million dollar project. In November Richard and Karen will present a presentation on WebEx. Karen stated this is an award for the whole region.

Steve asked about the missing EOC radios. Don stated they are not missing. They were given to the Emergency Managers because the radios were mobile units not control stations.

New Business

FY09 funding

The state requested when the region looked at projects they go on the high side 10% above. So we did 7 projects at a total of \$710,000. The official amount received for 2009 is \$674,182. \$20,225 is the M and A Maximum. Total available to region is \$653,957. So the projects have to be cut by \$56,043.

Grant funds for FY10 will probably be a lot less, maybe less than half of 2009. This needs to be kept in consideration when looking at 2009 projects.

2009 projects: Search and Rescue \$110,000; Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and tracking \$100,000; Planning and Training \$125,000; GIS \$50,000; Interoperable Communications \$200,000; IMT \$75,000; and \$50,000 for the Animal Health Project

The new Federal Guidelines for booking and finger prints was discussed. The palms and prints will be scanned. The cost of the equipment is about \$40,000 each. Some of the accountability systems cost about \$15,000. Cathy Hernandez said the Human Services in Disaster used the economical plastic cards. Kevin Norton stated the IMT having the accountability system could make it quicker to deploy. John Cyr is going to check into the price with a camera and printer. The Council would like to have a system that could print and read the bar code, so the training and qualification could be accessible. Some of the systems have already had to be upgraded twice. We were waiting until they got some of the bugs worked out before the region purchased a system. The State is purchasing 2. The north east and south central already has a system. Hopefully if we purchase one at the same time as the Northwest and North Central regional we can get a better price. Discussion was held on whether to buy one per county, or one for the region or one for each IMT team. It was decided to buy at least one for now. Kathy and Karen stated the IMT could use the equipment and take it to each county and make the ID cards. They would like the card with the hologram built into it. We talked about using some of the Planning and Training money to purchase a system or the IMT project has \$30,000 for training and \$45,000 for equipment.

Projects were discussed.

Everyone wanted to keep the IMT project, the GIS Project, the Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and tracking; and the Planning and training and exercise.

The Search and Rescue funds for 08 are \$150,000 and 09 \$110,000 we could cut some from this project. The Garden City Team wants a trailer like Ford County has. This project is also to help fund training for the smaller counties to get their Fire and Rescue to operations level.

The Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and Tracking project was discussed. They said it might not take the whole \$100,000. The hospital is changing its grant year to June. Maybe we could combine some regional money with Hospital grant money for a statewide strategy and share the cost if necessary.

The Planning, Training and Exercise Project was discussed. They had talked about doing COOP Plans for each county. Carolyn stated COOP plans were not that difficult and it would be better to utilize the money elsewhere. The guidelines state if you do Planning and Training you have to do an exercise.

We have to remember 25% has to benefit Law Enforcement.

Clint Thompson stated Thermal Imaging Devices would be beneficial. They are about \$14,000 each.

Discussion was held on the Animal Health Project. We discussed a conference between Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. A Multi state Animal Health stop movement exercise is being worked on by the state. Thirteen other states are involved. Cathy Hernandez made a motion to drop the Animal Health Project and work some of that into the planning and training project and take \$3,043 out of Search and Rescue and take \$3,000 out of the Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and Tracking project. Kathy McGaughey seconded. Motion passed. This got us back to our grant amount of \$653,957.

2009 project changes: Search and Rescue \$106,957; Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and tracking \$97,000; Planning and Training \$125,000; GIS \$50,000; Interoperable Communications \$200,000; and IMT \$75,000. It was decided to combine the Multi-state Animal Health Project with the Planning and training.

The Animal Health Project chairman will be co-chair with the Planning, Training and Exercise Project.

The Planning and Training Exercise Project Committee -Steve Phillips - co-chairman; Mike Schechter - co chairman; Don Button; Steve Wilterding; and Greg Standard.

IMT Project Committee –Don Button- chairman, Vaughn Lorenson, Carolyn Henry, and Karen Luckett.

Interoperable Communications Committee – John Ralston – Chairman, Richard Everett, Steve Phillips, Kathy McGaughey and Don Button.

GIS Project – Cathy Hernandez—chairman, Jessica Frye, Mike Burk, Carolyn Henry, Susan Shultz and Marvin Stice.

Emergency Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment and Tracking Project – Bill Taldo – chairman, Don Robinson, Jeff Landgraf, Jay Taylor, John Ralston and Rayna Maddox.

Search and Rescue Project – John Crosby—chairman, Chris Standard, Kevin Norton, Allen Shelton, and Jeff Deal.

If you need more help call on some of the members to see if they will be on your committee.

Project Committee Chairs were tasked to have the paperwork for the projects completed and submitted to Don by September 23. The Highway Patrol will be out at the next meeting in October. We need to get everything done so they can complete the BISR.

John Cyr will help with information on what department got what radios.

The Chief of Police representative was discussed. The Chief of Police conference is coming up and Chief Thompson will bring up that they need more representation at the regional council.

Kathy McGaughey will not be at the next meeting.

They are waiting for the Moto Bridge to be installed before they set up the training for the 800 MHz radios. The training will be a 2 hour hands on.

Next Meeting is October 7th. Don will check with KHP and see if they want to meet at 9AM or 10AM.

Cathy Hernandez made a motion to adjourn. Richard Everett seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.