

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council  
November 4, 2009

In the absence of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson, Secretary Chris Standard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Jason Taylor, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Vaughn Lorenson, Mike Schechter, Keith Henderson, Marvin Stice, Richard Everett, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Steve Phillips, Deb Brown, Bill Taldo and Martha Brown. Guests present were: Ken Seirer, Dan Hay, David Homer, Gilbert Valerio and Steve Wilterding.

Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009; Mike S. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Dan Hay with KDHS explained that he had been working with the schools in Kansas on their mitigation plans. There was a discussion on school districts and their plans. Dan H then stated that there were dollars set aside by the Adjutant General for a logistics-based study and that Garden City was picked for such a study. Dan H. stated that he would like to test the logistics plan in SW KS before he does such plans in the rest of Kansas. Some of the money could be used to assist with per diem, travel and lodging of exercise participants. After some discussion, Bill T. made a motion to do this exercise in SW KS; Mike S. seconded the motion; motion carried. Keith H. will head up the exercise and the IMTs from the SW, NW and SC Regions will be invited to participate also. There will be a tabletop exercise the first day and a functional exercise the second day. The exercise must be completed no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chris S. then reminded the Council members that it was time once again for everyone to be reappointed to the Council for 2010-2012. All members need to have a letter and/or email from their disciplines informing the Council that they are being reappointed.

At our December meeting we will hold elections for leadership of the Council. Chris S. informed the members that she had spoken with the current Vice-Chairperson, Jay Taylor, who had stated that he did not wish to hold that position again due to job responsibilities. Chris S. also told the Council that Chairperson Don Button was hoping that someone else would step forward to be Chairperson. (Don B. has been the Chairperson since the Council's inception.) Council members were asked to come to December's meeting prepared to nominate persons for the positions of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary. It is recommended that members speak to persons they intend to nominate for a leadership position *before* nominating them in order to ensure the nominee's willingness to serve in a leadership capacity.

The Council then moved on to 07-08 project updates.

Bill T. stated that we have a signed contract on the Mass Care/Transport Bus and that it should be completed in a couple months.

Vaughn L. stated that there would be Planning Training for the IMTs in Ulysses November 16 through November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Richard E. reported that the 1500 Motorola radios have been purchased at a savings of about \$1,000 each. The 800 Mhz radios have been delivered. There was also a discussion regarding use of the amateur radio operators. Richard E. will send a copy of his letter of support to Karen L.

Ken Seirer, who is a member of the Garden City SAR team, informed the Council members that the PPE for all sixteen team members has been purchased. The team members took their Structural Collapse Technician certification exam in May; there are a few team members who need to retake their written test. They plan to do this in December. Ken S. also stated that the State SAR Working Group was working on an 'Introduction to Structural Collapse' course for first responders. There was then a discussion on the existing Structural Collapse Operations Level course that KFRTI has. This class has been delivered once in SE Kansas. There was also a discussion regarding the materials/tools list that Robin R. from KHP had denied. Ken S. stated that he had sent Don B. a new list that should fit the KHP/Homeland Security criteria. He also stated that the trailer that the Council had ordered for the Garden City SAR team was in Salina and ready to be picked up. Ken stated he intended to pick the trailer up next week.

Chris S. noted that she had done some research and found that in the minutes from our Council meeting on August 5, 2009, a motion was made and voted on to move \$945 from the emergency planning project to the mass casualty project. (This had been brought up as a question from John Cyr, our fiscal agent, in an email prior to today's meeting.)

Our next Council meeting will be December 2, 2009 in Garden City at 10:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard  
SWKREPC Secretary