

Southwest KS Regional Emergency Planning Council

The SWKREPC met on December 1, 2010 in Garden City. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Toby Prine, Don Robertson, Christine Standard, Mike Schechter, Traci Rankin, Richard Everett, Jim Jarboe, Jason Taylor, Deb Brown, Bill Taldo, Carolyn Henry, Steve Phillips, Rayna Maddox, Clint Thompson, Karen Luckett and Ken Seirer. Guests present were: Gilbert Valerio, Steve Wilterding and Matt Mercer.

Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 meeting; Clint T. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Steve W. reported that the state of KS is 'revamping' their FAD plan. The state is striving to make sure that everyone in the state is involved that needs to be.

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairperson Don B. gave a report on the State Coordinating Council meeting that took place Nov. 9-10 in Salina. Don stated that some of the other regions were 'on board' with the plan to finish up the communications system in KS but some were undecided as of yet. He also said that we might have to change the amount that we had voted to contribute in order to get the rest of the regions on board. The SE region meets soon and we will be sending representatives from our region to their meeting to explain the concept of the plan to them.

Don B. also reported other items that were discussed at the meeting included: credentialing and accountability; the possibility of another capabilities assessment having to be done; the fact that the FY11 guidance has not been received by the state yet-look for it in January or February; the FY08 spending deadline is May, 2011; there is a 'piggy' GIS vehicle that will be available statewide for disaster assistance; and Jason Moses is considering building a 'portable dispatch center' with twelve consoles that would also be available for disasters.

Don B. also informed the council members that there will be a 'severe weather day' on March 12, 2011 at Crisis City in Salina.

Chairperson Don B. then asked if there were any questions regarding the fiscal agent report that he had emailed to all Council members. He then reviewed the dollars left for each fiscal year and the status of each fiscal year's projects.

Traci R. reported that at the LE working group's recent meeting there was quite a discussion regarding what constitutes 'HZMT Ops certification.' A discussion by Council members followed.

Carolyn H. invited all Council members to an 'Open House Thank-you' on Dec. 21st from 5-7 p.m. at the Red Cross office in Garden City.

Don R. stated that there would be a functional tabletop exercise at the Kearney County fairgrounds from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 3. He invited Council member to participate if they desired. Richard E. stated that in conjunction with this exercise he would be doing a 'hospital check-in' from Lakin that day.

Chairperson Don B. reviewed the meeting dates for 2011: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. He told Council members we would probably be meeting at the Finney County EOC due to scheduling conflicts with the Extension building.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. in Garden City on Jan. 5, 2011. Carolyn H. made a motion to adjourn; Karen L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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