

COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE MINUTES
June 4, 2009

Member Attendees:

Jack Taylor– CEPR Chairman, Fire Chief – City of Emporia
Pat Collins– Regional Councils
Warren Porter– Public Works
Paul Sasse– City Manager Representative
Ken Schremmer– Butler County Commissioner
Melissa Dinsmore- Hospitals
Patricia Eakes– Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns
Clayton Huseman– Agriculture, Crop or Livestock
Jim Ogle- Broadcasters
Elizabeth Ticer- Public Health
George Teagarden- Kansas Animal Health
Angee Morgan- Adjutant General, representing Maj. Gen. Todd Bunting
Shane Munsch- Business/Industry, representing Karen Schuyler
Bill Guy- Director of Sedgwick Co. Emergency Mgt, representing Randy Duncan
Capt. Eric Pippin- Kansas Highway Patrol, representing Col. Terry Maple
Mark Krentz- Kansas Department of Transportation, representing Catherine Patrick
Sandy Johnson- Kansas Department of Agriculture, representing Adrian Polansky
Karl McNorton- State Fire Marshal’s Office, representing Dan McLaughlin
Mike Heideman- Department of Health & Environment, representing Mindee Reece
Ken Keller- EMS

Members not in Attendance:

John Prather- Transportation, Trucking, Rail
Dr Lyle Noordhoek- Business/Industry
Robert Blecha- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Carole Jordan- Department of Commerce
Steve Hedges- Energy
James Heitschmidt- Law Enforcement

Meeting

- Meeting opened at 10:04 AM
- Consent Agenda Review
 - Pat Collins approved, Patricia Eakes seconded, and motion passes unanimously.

- Floor opened for public and committee comments:
 - Butler County Commissioner Ken Schremmer
 - Two members are up for appointment.
 - Kansas Department of Transportation Mark Krentz
 - Kansas DOT had a total of \$11 million in snow removal for 2009.
 - Previous years: 2006 \$9 million, 2007 \$21 million, 2008 \$23 million.
 - Kansas Highway Patrol Lt. Amy Ayers
 - \$8.7 million was requested in grant funds.
 - The PrepCAST will be replacing the annual SPR data call this fall.
 - Kansas will participate in a DHS/FEMA pilot program called C2C
 - C2C standing for Cost-to-Capability
 - Adjutant General Angee Morgan
 - Half of the EMPG was released; County checks will be released next week.
 - Wolf Creek Exercise went smoothly June 3.
 - Franklin County will be presenting a demonstration at Pomona Dam.
 - Hospitals Melissa Dinsmore
 - Grant funds were down 8.5% from last years \$3.5 million.
 - Hospitals have been trained with H1N1.
 - Department of Health and Environment Mike Heideman
 - H1N1 procedures are working smoothly.
 - Monitoring situations & working on plans to ship antivirus'
 - Public Health Elizabeth Ticer
 - All local Public Health agencies are dealing with the H1N1
 - Leavenworth has their 1st case of H1N1

Council Discussions:

- One person should carry one proxy and one vote with that proxy. Whoever has proxy has organization and discipline. Pat Collins agreed with the One Proxy to One Vote, as well as Angee Morgan. Jack Taylor motioned to place the One Proxy to One Vote into the bylaws. Passed with no objections.
- Responses for future registration will be done through email.
- Jim Ogle informed members of the June 12th transfer to all digital television signals. However, rural areas will lose complete television signal. Plans are still in the works to increase the coverage area.

Committee Reports

- COOP Brandt Haehn
 - 68 agencies have begun work on the COOP plans with a total of 190 plans. 29 agencies have completed the table top exercise.
 - COOP plan with benefit by building stronger partnerships with the state agencies and create better awareness of agency responsibilities.

- There will be increased awareness of COOP planning and the need for agency COOPs.
 - Software has been purchased and will be given to the counties, at no cost to them. Training will be given later in the summer.
- Kansas Adjutant General's Department Jason Moses
 - Statewide System, ARRA Transit Funds (KDOT) to convert 15 additional sites.
 - 23 sites left, with a total of \$5.75 million in costs to finish.
 - There will be basic training classes covering: Basics of Interoperability, Interoperability Channels, Motobridge & other Gateway Devices, as well as P-25 Digital Trunked Radio System.
- EPA Report Fatima Ndiaye
 - Emergency Planning & Response Conference will be Aug 6-9, 2009, in Kansas City, Mo.
 - LEPC is accepting nominations for categorized awards. Entry forms can be found at www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc. Nominations are due by 7/1/09.
- Public Private Partnership John Prather
 - Not present.
- Deployable Resources Report Bill Brubaker
 - IMT Working Group committed to the Symphony On The Plains, in which 7,500 people plan to attend.
 - Karl McNorton is now the Kansas S&R Coordination Officer for the National Organization.
 - SUSAR has a Symposium and Training Conference scheduled for September 10-13 in Salina.
 - Credentials Working Group has been assisted by Revenue (DL Unit) in looking at the coordination DL ID, responder ID and responder credentials.
- Major Greg Platt made a presentation of the State Training Exercise.
- Public Assistance / Disaster Update Steve Harsha
 - Public Assistance DR-1741-KS had 65 counties affected by winter storms totaling \$358 million in damages.
 - Public Assistance DR-1776-KS had 54 counties affected by severe storms, flooding, and tornados totaling over \$8.1 million in damages.
 - Public Assistance DR-1808-KS had 9 counties affected by severe storms, flooding, and tornados totaling \$4.5 million in damages.
 - Public Assistance April 2009 Storms affected 26 counties, with a total State damage estimated at \$18.2 million.
 - Public Assistance May 2009 Storms affected 28 counties, with a total State damage estimated at over \$11 million.

- FEMA is looking at putting a Joint Field office around the Wichita area.
- If H1N1 is reactive and overwhelming in the fall/winter, State and Counties may be eligible for Public Assistance.

Old Business

- Gov Homeland Security Conference Bill Chornyak
 - The Homeland Security Summit will be held in Wichita, December 8-10.
 - Prelude: A successful response to all stakeholders.
 - One goal of the Summit is to simulate the interaction in a crisis situation.

New Business

- Citizens Corp / CERT Cheryl Reitmeyer
 - The Kansas Citizens Corps has 39 Councils.
 - Volunteers have put in over 18,000 hours.

- Pan Flu/H1N1 Update Mike Heideman
 - Pandemic Influenza is at Phase 5. Meaning there is Human-to-Human spread in at least two countries in One Region. Pandemic is Imminent.
 - Leavenworth has confirmed their 1st H1N1 case. 14 known Counties have reported H1N1 cases.
 - Little to no immunity is likely with H1N1 in humans.
 - The 1st Kansas outbreak was April 24, 2009, when KDHE Laboratory identified two specimens as unsubtypable Influenza A.
 - On April 27, 2009, Federal officials declared a national public health emergency related to the H1N1 outbreak.
 - As of June 3, 2009, Kansas has 90+ confirmed H1N1 cases.
 - H1N1 virus reference strains needed to develop a vaccine have been distributed to approve vaccine manufacturers, but progress is not moving quickly.
 - Production of vaccine could begin as early as this summer with anticipated availability as early as fall.
 - More information may be found at www.kdheks.gov.

- Wolf Creek Exercise Report Swapan Saha
 - House Bill 2429, the Kansas Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness Act
 - Provides revenues to government agencies to support emergency management for nuclear incidents at Wolf Creek Generating Station in Kansas and Cooper Nuclear Stations in Nebraska.
 - The Adjutant General's Department is responsible for managing the nuclear safety emergency preparedness fee fund.
 - Responsibilities include:
 - Public notification during an emergency at WCNOG.
 - Support emergency response activities.
 - Evacuation of the public from potential radiological plume.

- Testing the environment for radiation levels and contamination.
 - Assisting the nuclear power plant to resume normal operations.
- Federal Agencies
 - NRC oversees “onsite” activities, those that take place at the power plant.
 - FEMA oversees “offsite” activities. Offsite activities are the emergency preparedness activities that State and local governments carry out beyond the plant boundaries.
- Exercise Evaluation
 - FEMA’s evaluation ensures State and local jurisdictions’ readiness for radiological emergencies.
 - REP exercises are designed to test the capability of offsite response organizations (OROs) to protect public health and safety.
 - Plume Phase – every exercise (alternate year)
 - Ingestions Pathway – every six year.
- Evaluation Criteria
 - EA1-Emergency Operations Management. Mobilization, Communications Equipment and Supplies to support operations.
 - EA2-Protective Action Decision Making. Special Population.
 - EA3-Protective Action Implementation. Exposure Control, KI Consumption, Protective Actions for Special Population, Traffic and Access.
 - EA4-Fields Measurement and Analysis. Plume Phase Field Measurement.
 - EA5-Emergency Notification & Public Information. Activation of Prompt Alert and Notification, Emergency Information for Public and Media.
 - EA6-Support Operation/Facilities. Monitoring and Decontamination of Evacuees, Equipments, Temporary Care, Transportation of Injured Individuals.
- Emergency Operations Facility / Forward staging Area
 - EOF: KDEM, KDHE, CFCO, WCNO Staff
 - Analyzes plant and weather data, recommends Protective actions
 - Assists with evacuation
 - Provides physical protection
 - FSA: National Guard, KHP, KWP
 - Communication
 - Evacuation
 - Roadblocks

Next Meeting: September 3, 2009.