

SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes July 20, 2010

Call to Order The SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council was called to order by Chairman Rick Brown at the South KDOT Building in Chanute at 10:03 am on Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

Roll Call: Members in attendance included Chairman Rick Brown, Tom Williams, Byron Schultz, Byrdee Miller-Marcic, Larry Steeby, Paul Ballou, Jason Allison, Joey Adams, Ed Garner, Jim Miller, Scott Wiltse, Keith Jeffers, Jim Wilson, Donald Leapheart, Pam Beasley, and James Grimmett. Guests included John Cyr, NCRPC; Linda Weldon SEKRPC; Ron Seyl, SEKRPC; Kurt Bleich, Command 1 Raytheon; Terry Clugston, Cherokee Co. Undersheriff; Steve Burton, Columbus Fire Department, Jared Warner, Iola Police Department. Cassie Edson served as secretary.

Approval of Minutes: Larry Steeby made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. Joey Adams seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Fiscal Agent Report: John Cyr presented the Fiscal Agent report for grant FY 07, 08, and 09.

FY 07: As discussed during the May council meeting, unused 2007 grant money was transferred from regional hospital equipment to EMS Hazmat training & equipment. The deadline for using FY 07 money is approaching, and the Highway Patrol will not approve a new project. Rather than losing the money, the funds were reallocated to cover shortage in completed regional hazmat training projects, with the balance going to purchase ICS Field Manuals. By doing so, all of the grant funds will stay in the SE region for our benefit.

Jim Miller asked if 07 funds were used for the regional training trailer. Jackie clarified that the state made this purchase using FY 06 pooled funds. The trailer is available for use region-wide. Chief Crane must be contacted to make arrangements to use trailer; he is under no obligation to deliver. 06 funds are now completely closed out.

John Cyr further explained that part of the shortfall in training is because KU Continuing Ed does not give warning for training invoices. The region received an unannounced bill with no money in the account. Larry Steeby was able to reduce expenses for the search and rescue class by about \$5,000, but this still left a shortfall. Again, this is not the fault of the SE region; this has also been a problem in the NE. The shift in 07 funds to cover the shortfall was made in consultation with the Highway Patrol. As a reminder, all training must be approved by Paula Phillips. In the future, please also notify John of any upcoming KU training to keep him in the loop.

Jim Miller asked if a new project could be created to use the FY 07 money in a different way. Jackie reiterated that this will absolutely not be allowed by the Highway Patrol because it is so close to the end of the grant reporting period. The only alternative at

this time to using the money for training and ICS Field Manuals is to return the money to the state.

FY 08: John reported that the contract ends May 2011. John must redo allocation of GIS funds, but the total dollar amount remains the same.

FY 09: All money has been committed. New for 09 is that all spending is channeled through project committee chairs rather than multiple people. This helps keep track of approved spending.

FY 10: grant money is coming. John wants to close out FY07 before starting FY10. Ron Seyl is replacing Linda Weldon. They are going to start working extensively with remote desktop applications in order to increase efficiency and reduce paperwork duplication.

Rescue, Larry Steeby: Everything has been ordered. Working on finishing 07 & 08 grants. Commended responders for good outcome at recent Tyson Chicken Feed Mill rescue. The entire team was not needed, but it is a good example of the benefit of high rescue training for regional response. Structural Collapse class review and testing took place last week after having been delayed by KU accreditation. Jim Miller said that he has had comments from Cherryvale responders who were very impressed by the training they received.

IMT, Ed Garner: The team met in May to discuss equipment/computers. Also discussed restructuring and training. Will meet again the first week of August.

Law Enforcement, Jackie Miller: Law enforcement had meeting in Hutchinson last Friday regarding policy. Hard to get everyone on same page. Meeting was primarily state level department heads. Equipment has been ordered. Joint Task Force moving ahead. Jim Miller asked who is on the committee. Ken Parker represents the council on the committee.

Planning/GIS, Keith Jeffers: Training using FY08 funds is finished. Bills still need to be submitted. GIS project interns about ½ done. Cameras were shipped this week. Some equipment is still being manufactured, should be completed within month. Need customer number for Cherokee County, which has already been discussed with them. FY 09, long range planning—Keith asked who would be good sources to get bids from. Jackie said to talk w/ John Cyr.

ID/Accountability, Byrdee Miller-Marcic: Committee is going over inventory list. Scanners are being distributed today after the council meeting. Training schedule will be also be finalized today. Larry Steeby reported that a Labette Co. employee had a problem with TSA @ an airport in California because of his ID. He was delayed and questioned about why he had this ID with Homeland Security references. Larry said this could be a problem for people. Nobody else had heard of a similar example; the

consensus was to wait and see if it happens again. This appears to possibly be a one time thing because of the particular TSA employee rather than a serious concern.

Rick called for a report of the status of ID implementation by county.

- **Allen:** emergency responders mostly done, mostly law enforcement.
- **Bourbon:** couple of districts done
- **Chautauqua:** no representative present to report
- **Cherokee:** working on it-not too far along
- **Crawford:** approx. 40%; fire departments and county done; Pittsburg has not been responsive, still working on them
- **Elk:** done & using ids regularly. Mandatory use of ID has resolved some issues with untrained fire personnel wanting to respond to calls.
- **Greenwood:** Sheriff's office and city not done. Sheriff's office is refusing to participate.
- **Montgomery:** working on it. Has been an issue.
- **Neosho:** about 50% done
- **Wilson:** emergency responders & most county employees done; about 1/3 of public works done.
- **Woodson:** mostly done

Communications: Rick called for a report of the status of 800 Radio equipment by county.

- **Allen:** Installation complete. Tom Williams pointed out that all equipment should have been installed in region by last October, or redistributed to other agencies as per council agreement.
- **Bourbon:** No room in Sheriff/dispatch for equipment. Public works not installed.
- **Chautauqua:** still in boxes as far as known
- **Cherokee:** All installed but one
- **Crawford:** installation complete; was used on Tuesday. Regular Tue. Tests.
- **Elk:** No room for equipment. Jason has been down twice to consult, but unable to meet with anyone because of conflicts. Byrdee's vehicle unit has been installed @ hospital. Hopes to trade equipment with another county.
- **Greenwood:** one mobile EMT unit to install; otherwise unknown status.
- **Montgomery:** mostly installed
- **Neosho:** installation complete
- **Woodson:** installation complete
- **Wilson:** installation complete

The committee needs to redistribute unused equipment after warning agencies that they will lose their equipment if not installed. Send e-mails to committee to make case for extras.

Break: 10 minute break called at 10:50 am. Meeting was brought back to order at 11:00 am.

Communications, continued: Rick reminded council members that 800 radio training will be held in Chanute today, Fredonia tomorrow, and Cherokee Co. on Thursday.

KDEM Report, Jackie Miller: New e-mail addresses at state mostly working. Go to the KDEM website to get new e-mail addresses. They mostly follow a full first name/last name format, but there are exceptions, so don't assume. New e-mail policies are more restrictive; there must be subject lines, or mail will be rejected. A lot of KDEM data was lost in server crash, and Jackie also has a new computer. Adjustment has slowed productivity, but things are getting better. Jackie also mentioned that credentialing is coming soon, and more information will be forthcoming.

Old Business: Once again, praise for high rescue team who did very well with rescue at grain elevator. The rescue required 2-3 hours in 90 degree + heat; victim literally could not stand by end of incident. Good outcome for a situation where the man was originally serious about suicide.

New Business: SE KEMA Board has appointed Pam Beasley to replace Eldon Bedene. Greg Allen has retired from Coffeyville Fire Department; James Grimmett has been appointed as his replacement on council.

Since Greg is also vice chair for the SE Regional Homeland Security Council, nominations were opened for a replacement after determining that a quorum was present. Joey Allen nominated Byrdee Miller-Marcic; seconded by Tom Allen. Larry Steeby nominated Keith Jeffers; seconded by Jason Allison. Ed Garner moved to close nominations, seconded by Tom Williams. Vote was taken by show of hands, and Keith Jeffers was elected Vice Chair for the SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council. He will attend the council leadership workshop to be held in Wichita in November.

Announcements: The Coordinating Committee of regional homeland security councils (consisting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs) has extended a thank-you for our region's donation of funds for the Northwest Region communications project. This funds pooling allowed radio towers to be built in Graham, Sheridan, and Stevens Counties. The coordinating committee hopes to pool resources in the future for training and exercises.

All project leaders for 2010 need to stay for a short meeting this morning after the full council meeting adjourns.

Command and General Staff training will be held @ Crisis City in August

IMT training will be held in October-Rick can get info to anyone interested.

Leadership meeting will be held in Wichita in Nov.

Council members are reminded that the animal rescue trailer in the NE region is a resource than can be requested.

HMEP grants for 2011 will open soon. Information will come from Swapan @ KDEM. He can be contacted by phone or e-mail, and he is good with answering questions. Joint initiatives are encouraged. One LEPC must take the lead. Exercises a possibility. No personnel, equipment, or food expenditures allowed with this program. An example of a successful grant project is the recent SE Kansas Commodity Flow study headed by the Wilson County LEPC. (More information about the Commodity Flow Study results will be available in August)

The next meeting of the SE Kansas Regional Security Council will be 10:00 am on August 17, 2010, at the South KDOT building in Chanute.

Two days of training for hand held scanners is included in Phase 2 of the accountability project. All 12 counties will receive hand held scanners. Neosho Co. will get Rapid-tag system, which is a deployable resource. (A Rapid-Tag system was used in the recent grain elevator collapse incident in Russell) There are no restrictions on class size, and training can be videotaped. It can also be put on KS Train. It is not necessary to attend both days of training.

Training for the SE region will be held on August 10th in Iola, and August 11th in Parsons; exact locations and times will be announced later.

Midwest Cards will also be installing software updates in each county.

The hand held scanners will be distributed to emergency managers in each county this morning after the council meeting adjourns. (If the Emergency Manager is not present, the accountability committee will decide on distribution guidelines.)

Comments From Guests:

Kurt Bleich, representing Command 1 Raytheon (interoperability equipment) introduced himself. His territory covers Kansas & Missouri. He is not trying to sell anything, just wants to get acquainted and get a feel for training needs, with the goal of having equipment used and not sitting idle.

Terry Clugston, Cherokee Co. Undersheriff announced that the Route 66 Rally/marathon will take place on October 9. 1,000 + runners and 6-7 support staff per person are expected, probably over 8,000 people total. This will require mostly traffic control and EMS planning and participation. They are putting together an Incident Action Plan.

Another reminder about 800 radio training to be held in Chanute today @ 1 & 6 pm, tomorrow in Fredonia @ 1 & 6 pm, and Thursday in Columbus @ 9 am.

Crawford County is planning a combined tabletop/functional exercise Will be looking for evaluators. The scenario has all phones out for 1 hour.

Adjourn: Tom Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joey Adams; motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.