

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:00am on October 22, 2020 at 715 E Oklahoma Ave, Grant County Fire Department and on-line with Zoom. Don Button and Vivian Button were at the location. Those joining by Zoom were Richard Everett, Darcy Gollither, Joe Lopez, Monica Walker, Ron Younger and Cathy Hernandez.

Motion to Approve the July 23, 2020 Minutes was made by Ron Younger and seconded by Richard Everett. Motion approved.

Communications/Mail – none for LEPC

Old (Unfinished) Business

Covid-19 response update – Grant County has 50 active cases with one hospitalized and 8 deaths. Grant County received SPARKs money from the Cares Act in phase one. Grant County received \$1.4 million to distribute in the county. Emergency Management applied for monies for a project to upgrade our radio systems. The upgrade to the Radio system includes reprogramming and optimizing our 800 MHz radios, upgrading some of our radio repeaters and UHF radios since some of them are 30 years old. Don also applied for a project to enhance our Emergency Operation Center. This would include cameras, microphones and speakers.

New Business

Spill Reports –Grant County had no spill reports since our last meeting.

Vivian sent out the LEPC bylaws for review and received no responses for any changes.

Review of ESF 10 changes that need to be made to update the plan to the new Kansas Planning Standards and any corrections updates.

Pre Incident question 2 which is now question 363 The Department of Transportation Preparedness Program information take out

Videos can be viewed at <https://www.energy.gov/em/services/waste-management/packaging-and-transportation/transportation-emergency-preparedness/doi> Link does not work anymore.

Notifications and public warnings

370 question 2 update Form A location

A printable Form A is located on WebEOC or at

http://www.kansastag.gov/AdvHTML_doc_upload/Form%20A%20Updated%2020170426.pdf
https://www.kansastag.gov/AdvHTML_Upload/files/Form%20A%2010052020.pdf

From 2010 EOP TAKE OUT duplicate information

Spill Reporting

Federal and state laws require that federal, state and local agencies be notified in the event of a spill, discharge or accidental release of any material that may endanger people or pollute the water, air or soil. The responsibility for reporting these spills lies with the facility owner/operator or, for transportation incidents, the shipper. Initial notification is made by calling 9-1-1. Grant County Law Enforcement Center will then call the necessary fire units and, if needed, a HAZMAT team. Medical support for the HazMat Team will be provided by the Grant County EMS.

In addition to notifying 911, the spiller is also responsible for notifying the appropriate state and federal agencies depending on the type of incident. Grant County Emergency Management will check with the responding Organization to insure that proper notification has been made to the National Response Center (NRC) as needed. Other notifications will be made in accordance to State and Federal requirements per standard operating procedures.

From 2010 EOP TAKEOUT duplicate information

For spills of hazardous materials covered under SARA Title III, the 9-1-1 call fulfills the spiller's obligation to notify both the fire district and the County LEPC. Similarly, the call to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) constitutes the spiller's notification of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). For fixed facility spills that either affect or have the potential to affect other counties, the spiller has an additional obligation to notify the LEPC in each of those counties. If a spill occurs during transport, the shipper is required only to call 9-1-1. Regardless whether CERCLA, EPCRA, Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), or Oil Pollution Act (OPA) notifications must be made to KDEM, KDHE, and the NRC.

Pre Incident Question 8 move to Ingestion Pathway under Radiological now question 380

Take out this link on question 8 because it does not work any longer

~~Information from the Environmental Protection Agency flier at~~

~~<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/rtoc/spring11/01-2011-MerrittFlyer.pdf>~~

A copy of "Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program Emergency Responders Radioactive Material Quick Reference Sheet" is in the File Archives.

Notifications and public Warnings

Environmental clean-up

377 Describe the decision-making process for determining cleanup methods.

378 1. Describe the options for environmental clean-up and waste disposition

379 2. Describe the process to implement environmental cleanup; storage, treatment, and disposal of oil and hazardous materials

Grant County will work with guidance from Kansas Department of Health and Environment on options for clean-up and waster disposition. **It is the spiller's responsibility to clean up the spill. We will have the spiller contact KDHE for proper methods and instructions.**

Purpose, Scope and outcomes of today's TEPW

The purpose of the training and exercise planning workshop is to discuss the hazards that affect our community and evaluate the training needs for the community; and how best to address those needs. Do we need additional training and what exercise would best improve our response and capabilities?

Most of this year has been dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak and how to deal with the day to day challenges and changes to the United States, Kansas and our local county. Most trainings have been postponed unless they are done virtually. We updated the Kansas Region C Mitigation Plan which Grant County is a part of in May of 2020. It has an updated Hazard Analysis. Most of the updates were completed before the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We looked over our 2019 threats which were: 1. Severe Weather (which included all weather issues), 2. Wild land Fires, 3. Utility and Infrastructure Failure, 4. Hazardous Materials, 5. Infectious Disease/bio Terrorism Major Disease Outbreak, 6. Mass Casualty, 7. Animal Disease/FAD, Ag related Incidents, and 8. Terrorism/Agri-Terrorism/Cyber-security. We discussed moving number 5 Infectious Disease/Bio-Terrorism and Major Disease Outbreak up. We are in a drought since we have not had any rain since September 12th and have been having a lot of high winds and dirt storms so we need to leave Wild Land Fires high on the list. Since not many people were at the meeting Don asked them to look over the information and if we need to change anything to please let him know before our November meeting.

We also need to update our exercise calendar for 2020 for 2021-2023 The second quarter we were suppose to have a full scale Public Health/Hospital/LTC Exercise. We have been having a real event since March.

The Health Department had to complete an After Action Report for what they had done up to July 30. It has not been approved yet by the state. Don said he would put it into the KETS system before the end of the year.

Don helped set up a drill with Buffalo Dunes wind farms and Grant and Haskell Counties. The drill was to test the notification system. Since the farm is in Grant and Haskell counties, they had a person call from a location and see where the 911 call went to. It went to Grant County Dispatch. The person also called the office and the office called 911 and it went to Haskell County Dispatch. Grant County Dispatch dispatched EMS and Law Enforcement and contacted Haskell County. Haskell County was calling Grant County when they got the call after dispatching their EMS and Law Enforcement. Haskell had several large trucks with wind generator blades going thru on highway 83

so it slowed down their response. Grant County Units got there about 15 minutes before Haskell County. Since it is such a remote location both counties procedure is to call the other county and dispatch from both. This was a very good useful drill for updating procedures.

Don said we might should look at develop plans for a full scale Drive thru Point of Distribution (POD) for when the COVID-19 vaccine comes out.

Darcy said the Hospital had an Active Shooter table top at the hospital this year.

We discussed moving the 2020 exercises to 2021. If our members would look over the exercise calendar and if they would like to do an exercise or would like to see something other than what we have set up please let us know so we can make changes before we submit our final paperwork.

2021

First quarter	Workshop	Winter Storm
Second Quarter	Full Scale	Public Health/Hospital Exercise/LTC
Third quarter	Table Top	Active Shooter
Fourth quarter	Workshop	TEPW

2022

First Quarter	Full Scale	Public Health/Hospital Exercise/LTC
Second Quarter	Functional	Active Shooter
Third Quarter	Table Top	HazMat
Fourth Quarter	Workshop	TEPW

2023

First Quarter	Table Top	Public Health/Hospital Exercise/LTC/LEPC
Second Quarter	Table Top	Cyber-security/Utility Infrastructure failure/Coop
Third Quarter	Full Scale	HazMat/Rural Trauma/Chemical Spray rigs
Fourth Quarter	Workshop	TEPW

We will finish up the TEPW at the November meeting to give members time to review the information.

Upcoming training-State Trainings postponed-Most counties have received the new 2020 Emergency Response Guide (EPG) books. Don is updating his Hazardous Awareness class to reflect the new changes. He will be setting up classed for responders. He has had request from 3 other counties. If it is a refresher class it runs about 2 hours. If it is a class for new people it takes around 4 hours.

Richard Everett said the health departments are very busy. Several locations that are providing the COVID testing have had people become infected. He said the state has 105 after action reports (AAR) to look at and Grant County has not been approved yet. Don said the Care homes are testing staff, he was not sure about residents.

Darcy talked about the hospital updating their visitor policy to a tiered response. They are at yellow at this time. Don asked if she would send that information to him. Ron talked about the hospital getting a surveillance system for the outside and inside. They also talked about the numbers increasing and everyone is really busy.

Monica from the Extension office said she did not have anything. Don said he would like to get with her and work on ESF 11 in our Emergency Operations Plan. She would be glad too. Don also talked about the Full Scale Foreign Animal Disease Exercise we did several years ago with the state that the Extension office was very involved with that exercise.

Cathy Hernandez asked about the School Covid-19 plans and if they had to have a plan before school started. She had a couple of counties asking questions about it. Don said our Health Officer and Public Health Director met with the school and discussed modifying the quarantine to try and keep school open. The schools should have these plans probably not the Health Departments.

The next regular meeting November 19, 2020 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave. We may change the time to 9am if we do a Zoom meeting again.

Richard Everett made a motion to adjourn Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

February 27, 2020 -March 26, 2020-canceled-April 23, 2020-canceled
May 28, 2020-canceled-June 25, 2020-Held-July 23, 2020-Held-
August 27, 2020-Canceled September 24, 2020-Canceled-October 22, 2020
November 19, 2020(changed at January meeting)