

## Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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August 23, 2018 Minutes

Don Button called August 23, 2018 Grant County LEPC Meeting to order at 9:30 AM at the Grant County Courthouse Basement Training room with 10 members present. Those present were Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Richard Everett, Paul Fort, Dale Gannett, Kevin Shapland, Christy Wooley, Ron Younger and Jessica Carlise.

John Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes to the July 19 meeting and Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Communications/Mail – Tall Grass Energy brought in information about their locations in Grant County.

### Old (Unfinished) Business

Buffalo Wind Farm Exercise on July 26 went very well had a great turnout. Grant County had eight from Emergency Services attend. The upper management was very pleased. The rescue training video was very valuable as was the touring of the two types of towers at their location. Dale talked about both companies Enel and GE being community minded in supporting the communities.

KU engulfment training in August was attended by fifteen which nine were from Ulysses.

Fair went well some issues with weather from wind and rain. Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service and Public Health had booths. EMS displayed the Auto-Pulse and gave credit to the hospital auxiliary. People were very impressed and went to the auxiliary booth and thanked them. Jeff Hutton of the National Weather Service came on Thursday and brought their static electricity machine.

Don taught two ICS forms classes in Deerfield on July 24 with 6 in each class. The Northwest Health Care Coalition may request a class.

### New Business

One Spill Report of oil from a compressor unit that was damaged from the storm on August 18.

The county had several lightning strike fires including a tank battery and old plant. John thanked God for the rain that helped put out the fires. John is glad we have not had as many fires as we did the first of the year. We did not receive a spill report from the tank battery fire.

Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference will be September 11 to 14. The conference will have new information about the Emergency Management Performance Grant

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Kids Safety fest will be October 6<sup>th</sup> along with October Fest activities.

A lot of road damage and some farm and crop damage from the August 18 storm with the 7 inches of rain. Some people canoed down the roads. The National Weather Service did not find any evidence of a tornado but a down burst from a rear flank downdraft. At Road M and Road 2, there were also bubbles in the water down the road that was thought to be a possible gas leak. However it was determined to not be a leak.

Don attended an Active Shooter Exercise in Leoti. The exercise was videotaped and Don hopes to get a copy. The exercise started out as a domestic. An exercise was discussed for here starting out with a table top and then a full scale.

School has started be careful with all of the added traffic and kids in the area.

A G-290 Public Information Officer class will be offered in Liberal on Oct 23 and 24 at the Activity Center.

A G300 Intermediate ICS class is scheduled for September 18 and 19 in Arkansas City and a G400 advanced ICS is scheduled for September 25-26 in Arkansas City. These are the last classed to be held before the new curriculum comes out. .

On September 22 a **Fundamentals of Disaster Medical Support Unit (DMSU) Workshop** will be held in Newton. You can register on [KS.train.org](http://KS.train.org) course number **1079273**.

Vivian is working on the Emergency Support Functions from the Emergency Operations Plan. She will be email these out for departments and people to look over. The Emergency Operations Plan needs to be updated before January.

Richard Everett talked about requirements for the new grant year. The grants can no longer pay for food at meetings or training. The Health Care Coalition has to start over from scratch. They are looking at purchasing Razor-lift systems for some of the care home with the remainder of this year's funds and part of next year's funds. They are looking at hover mattress for some of the hospitals to help move patient from one bed to another. A training and education meeting was held on the 8048 Fit Test kits. You had to be at the training to be able to check out kits and test someone. The 8048 can be connected to a computer, tablet or a flash drive to record information. Richard is certified to complete the fit testing. Karen Luckett still has an office at St. Catherine's Hospital. A transfer of property agreement has to be signed to get equipment.

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Jessica Carlise from the hospital talked about the lockdown at the hospital on Sunday while officers were in the area after a suspect. She had some questions about how the information was received.

Ron Younger talked about the lockdown at the hospital and making sure you have keys to get back into areas. Need to look at dispatch protocols about how to contact the hospital.

Paul Fort from EMS stated they have the new ambulance and are getting it set up. It has the new cot that does most of the lifting for you. He hopes to start a new EMT class after the first of the year. He said most of the services in the area seem to be short staffed. They have 15 names of people interested in an EMT class.

Kristy talked about the Compass Planning Meeting. The Mental Health First Aid courses have not been set up yet.

Dale Gannett talked about how a simple accident can be major in their area. They had someone twist an ankle at the top of a tower. He was not badly hurt and managed to get down. But coming down from the top of a tower is a challenge..

Kevin Shapland said they are close to finalizing the Riley Building. He also said all budgets were approved.

John Crosby said he has a Fire Fighter 1 class starting in September or October. It depends on when harvest is when it will start. Hazardous Materials is now included in the Fire Fighter 1 class and it takes several weeks to complete. He has seven from here interested in the class, 4 from Stanton County and he is not sure about Haskell and Stevens. They are setting up a Regional Fire Strike Team meeting in Garden City to discuss the basics. They need to commit one or two trucks to the team and how far they are willing to go for mutual aid. They also need to learn to work together and organize how they are going to go in and fight the fires. The team may consist of 10 to 15 trucks that go as a group. Ford, Clark and Meade have set up the Southwest Strike Team. With all of the rain the county will have lots of growth and lots of fuel when fires start.

The next regular meeting will be September 27, 2018 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

Paul Fort made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dale Gannett seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.