

## Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC Meeting February 23, 2017

Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM with 10 members and one new member. Those present were Vivian Button, Don Button, Billie Chesney, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Jerry Jo Deckert, Richard Everett, Toni Irvin, Kelli Goree, Cathy Hernandez and Alan Olson. The new member is Corey Becker, Disaster Volunteer Lead for the American Red Cross.

The meeting was started with Introductions.

Terry Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes to the January meeting. Toni Irvin seconded and motion carried.

The LEPC/Emergency Management has received several Tier II forms. Two of these were received electronically.

### Old (Unfinished) Business

**a.** The 18 County HHC Ebola/Infectious Disease exercise was held on February 17 in Garden City. The exercise was attended by 161 participants. Grant County had 7 participants. The exercise went well a few things were found that we need to get more information on and maybe set up some guidelines and checklist to be available. Don entered the information about the exercise into the KETS system for all of the EMPG counties. Nancy Lucas with Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital has already completed the After Action Review and Improvement Plan for the hospital. During the discussions Toni Irvin asked to set up a time for the group to meet to work on the After Action Review and Improvement Plan for the County. This was set up for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at the courthouse basement training room.

**b.** The United Prairie AG sponsored NH3 training in Garden City. John Crosby, Fire Chief, Don Button, Emergency Manager and 3 law enforcement officers attended the very informative training. One of the speakers has worked in the industry for 35 years.

### New Business

**a.** The National Weather Service Severe Weather Identification and Spotter and Safety training will be March 14, 2017 at the Lawson Room at the Grant County Civic Center. This training is free and open to the public.

**b.** Kansas Pipeline Association (KPA) meeting will be in Hugoton on March 7, 2017 at 5:30pm. They will also have training in Liberal, Dodge City, Garden City and other location around the area.

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c. An Exercise committee is needed. Those who volunteered to be on the committee are Alan Olson, Terry Crosby, John Crosby and Don Button. They will use the information from our Training and Exercise Planning Workshop we hold every year. Don is working with Bill Anderson from Linn Energy on a Functional/tabletop exercise to be held in April.

d. Billie Chesney and Jerry Jo Deckert have worked on the Whole community preparedness presentation. They have some handouts already. Dates were discussed. They are looking at March 30, April 6 at the commercial building, or April 16 or 20. They are looking at doing stations that would do around a 20 minute talk and then change to another station. They are thinking of naming the program "Where would you go and What would you do." The time will probably be 6:30pm to 8:00pm. It will end with a discussion round table. Some of the organizations they are contacting to participate are Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Department, Law Enforcement, City Council and Commissioners. Some of the organizations that were talked about adding are American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Pioneer Electric and Pioneer Communications. If it goes over well they may look at holding another program.

### Upcoming training

- a. ICS 300 Dodge City June 13-14 ICS 400 July 19 -20
- b. G290 - Basic Public Information Officer Course April 13-14 in Garden City
- c. Per-229-Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Dodge City April 25-27

Special Presentation: Corey Becker from American Red Cross talked about the 3 key elements the county needs to provide when Red Cross sets up a shelter in the county. They are a Health Department person, an EMT and someone from Law Enforcement that can take care of security. They have to have these elements or personnel before they can open the doors. **American Red Cross is also in Need of Volunteers.** He said he would like to talk at a Commissioner or City Council meeting that would have people in attendance. Alan Olson stated he could set him up to talk on the radio. They will work to get this scheduled.

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### Comments

Vivian Button talked about the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) workshop and items that need to be updated in our plan and the Tier IIs that we are receiving have the longitude and latitude this year not all of them had it last year.

Richard Everett stated that approximately 90% of the exercise paperwork was complete. Toni from the Grant County Health Department has completed everything that was required for the grant year except for a few minor things. He also stated that according to the FOA Guidance the Grants will be available for the next 5 years. They will be pushing participation with the Health Care Coalitions. They want the Health Department to attend the Health Care Coalition meetings. The work plans are changing to look more like the Homeland Security Grant Paperwork. He will be attending a meeting in Salina to learn more about these changes. Richard also attended the EOP workshop and learned a lot.

Kelli Jo Goree stated they worked hard to get all of the Lat and long information on the Tier II paperwork. They are also working on a Response Manual for their supervisors which was a need identified at one of the exercises from last year. Linn Energy people said they learned a lot from the exercises and would like to participate in more. Their main point of contact is the Operation Support Center at the office in Ulysses.

Billie Chesney from the Extension Office said they have 4 applications for the Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent. However no one met the qualifications. So it will probably be 4 or 5 months before they hire someone. Seward County is having a program on how to take care of trees. 4H is in full swing. They will have a Kids Tractor Safety Program on March 11 in Hamilton County at Syracuse and another one in Morton County on June 12.

Terry Crosby said business as usual for Grant County EMS. They are finishing up some CPR/First Aid classes.

John Crosby said the Fire Department had been busier than usual. They have been lucky the wind has not been bad on the fires they have had. He did remind everyone that we are in a Red Flag Warning today. Grant County is not under a burn ban, but everyone needs to use caution and burn only when the conditions are favorable. The EMT class has 11 students 2 are from out of town. They are getting ready to do a lot of hands on training.

The next regular meeting will be March 23, 2017 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded by John Crosby everyone agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40am