

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC March 23, 2017

Chair Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:32am with 10 members present. Those in attendance were Don Button, Vivian Button, Billie Chesney, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Richard Everett, Paul Fort Sr., Toni Irvin, Kelli Jo Goree, and Nancy Lucas. Don introduced Paul Fort Sr. the new Emergency Medical Services Director.

After introductions, Toni Irvin made a motion to approve the February 23 meeting minutes. Terry Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Management office received a request for copies of 2013 Tier IIs reports on 8 wells from Dusty Horwitt with Partnership for Policy Integrity from Washington DC. He was looking for a specific chemical and we only had information on one of the locations he requested and it did not have that chemical on the form. Don suggested he contact KDHE for more information.

Old Business

National Weather Service Storm Identification and Spotter Training on March 14 was attended by 42 citizens at the civic center and 49 at the Legacy @ Parkview.

Emergency Management/LEPC has received Tier II Reports from 101 locations. Fifteen locations have EHS; most of these are Anhydrous Ammonia.

Kansas Pipeline Association meeting in Hugoton on March 7th was attended by John Crosby, Terry Crosby, and Vivian Button.

New Business

Vivian shared a flier she saw at the Southwest Medical Center is Liberal. It talked about What is an EOC? Environment of Care and its 3 basic elements: Physical Environment, Equipment and People. Normally EOC to us means Emergency Operations Center.

The Exercise Committee consists of John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Alan Olson and Don Button. A time for a committee meeting was not set up.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have released new Emergency Preparedness Conditions of Participation (CoP) for 17 different health and medical provider types. Kansas has developed the Ready Reader newsletters to assist the regulated community in implementing activities to improve preparedness efforts and aid in meeting these new regulations. (From Issue 1 of the Kansas CMS Emergency Preparedness CoP Newsletter) The 5th newsletter deals with Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Center; the 6th Community Mental health Center; the 7th Exercises and Incident After Action Reports; and 8 Long Term Care Facility.

Grant County Fire Department, Grant County Road and Bridge and Grant County Emergency Management assisted at the Clark County fires. These organizations meet on Tuesday evening and conducted an after action review and worked on an improvement plan. One of the improvements was putting a light on the water tankers so they could be seen easier. Clark County is holding a Firefighters, EMS and Volunteers

Appreciation Hamburger Feed and Dance on Saturday April 29 from 6pm to Midnight at Ashland, Kansas.

WebEOC had seven spill reports; most of the spills are small amounts of Brine/salt water, fuel or oil. Three different companies were involved.

Spring Cleanup in Grant County will be April 24 to 29 (City 24 to 28) The City of Ulysses will pickup tree limbs the week before April 17 to 21st. The City normally starts on the West side of town and goes to the East.

Joe Finley, KDOT district 6 Maintenance Engineer of Garden City sent out a list of KDOT contact numbers after the need to close roads during the wildfires.

Billie Chesney put together a flier for "An Evening of Community Safety tips". The flier was discussed and the event. The event will take place on May 11, 2017 at 6:30pm. She is looking at having booths with Extension and Emergency Management working together; City of Ulysses Police working with Sheriff's Office; County Commissioners working with City Council; and Emergency Medical Service and Fire working together. Each booth will have about 20 minutes to share information and participants will rotate to each booth. Billie also talked about the donations of clothes that have come into Clark and Meade Counties since the fires. They have several buildings full and do not need any more clothes. She talked about the Live Stock Indemnity Program (LIP) which provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather.

Kelli Goree talked about the Linn Energy Exercise. On April 10th Linn Energy will have a functional exercise to test their Tornado policies and procedures. Then the exercise will turn into a table top exercise with emergency services. It will be at the Ulysses South (the old Pioneer Natural Resources building). They would also like to invite KDOT to the exercise. The time will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Richard Everett state the end of the grant year will be here soon. He is working on getting all the paperwork for the state to get credit for the October 5th Drive thru POD in Stanton County. At this POD they will also test the Emergency Operations Center activation and operations. He also said the After Action Review and Improvement Plan for the Ebola exercise needs to be completed and submitted. Nancy Lucas stated her Improvement plan had been rejected. Monday March 27 at 10am Terry Crosby, Toni Irvin, Nancy Lucas, Don Button and Vivian Button will meet to get the improvement plan completed.

Nancy Lucas said the hospital is implementing a new health record system. She has attended many classes getting ready for the change. They have super users on the system and she will be one of them. Their new system will go live on April 2nd.

John Crosby talked about the mutual aid for Clark County. The Fire Department sent brush trucks and Road and Bridge sent water tankers. They rotated people out for 3 days. With all of the growth in the fields and pastures wind and lightning are a big issue. It does not take much to get a fire started with the winds.

Terry Crosby and Paul Fort Sr. are working to make the transition for EMS as smooth as possible. They said there is a lot to learn. Chamber Coffee will be at EMS on Friday to welcome Paul. The Incident Command Classes 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, and 800

were discussed. Some of these can be completed on-line at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>. Liberal and Dodge City have ICS 300 and ICS 400 classes scheduled. Before you can take these classes you have to complete the prerequisites IS 700, IS 100, IS 200 and IS 800.

Upcoming training

- a. AWR-209 Working with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders 3-28 at Park City
- b. ICS 300 June 13 & 14 and 400 July 19-20 at Dodge City
- c. ID-006-RESP-SWAT LE Tactical Operations for Terrorism 4-17-21 Lindsborg
- d. G290 Basic Public Information Officer April 13-14 Garden City
- e. ICS 300 Liberal May 15-16 and 400 May 17-18 Liberal
- f. WebEOC Basics and spill Database Wichita April 19 8AM and 1PM-- ½ day
- g. Per-229-Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Dodge City April 25-27

The next LEPC meeting will be April 27, 2017 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

John Crosby made a motion to adjourn and Terry Crosby seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button