

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC Minutes September 28, 2017

On September 28, 2017 at 9:30 AM Don Button, chair called the meeting to order with 9 members and 3 guests at the Grant County Courthouse basement training room. Members present were Sheila Brown, Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Richard Everett, Toni Irvin, Sam Hayden, and Cathy Hernandez. Guests were Don Robertson, Kearny County EM, Deb Brown, Haskell County EM/EMS and Mike Davis, On-Scene Coordinator with U.S. EPA Region 7. Because of our guest we did introductions.

Emergency Management has received several “**Are you Prepared to Respond to a Pipeline Emergency?**” from several oil and gas companies in coordination with the 811 call before you dig program.

Don asked for any corrections or additions to the August 24th minutes. Sheila pointed out a problem with Paul Fort Sr.’s Name. John Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. Terry Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

FEMA 4319-DR update: All FEMA funds have been moved to response since Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Jose now Maria. All recovery funds have been suspended for the time being. Don stated Kansas Division of Emergency Management personnel will step up to help complete the worksheets for the projects. Debbie Brown from Haskell County stated Sublette and Satanta had received their funds. Don Robertson from Kearny County stated their projects had been suspended for the time being. Sheila and Don talked about all Grant county projects had been suspended including county projects, schools, cemetery, and City of Ulysses. Cathy and Don talked about with the transition to the new Public Assistance program from FEMA, the paperwork and information are more difficult to complete. FEMA wants pictures of all of the problems at the time it is happening and what the issues are, while you are repairing or completing what needs done and after the project is completed. Cathy Hernandez talked about the new way FEMA is working the projects or issues by talking to the department or organization and not going thru the Emergency Managers. Sometimes the Emergency Managers do not know they have even been to the county until they ask or the organization calls and ask them a question. The information is also put into a portal on-line. Don talked some of the issues with communications. They use to have all the organizations meet together like whole community involvement and then visit with each individually. Now they are just meeting one on one.

The Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS) workshop was held on September 7 at Pioneer Communication Media Room with 24 of the 28 signed up attending.

Animal Disease Response Training from the National Agricultural Bio-security Center will be in our region the last week of October. As of today, Cimarron on Oct 24 has 28 signed up, Liberal on Oct 25 has 31 signed up and Leoti on Oct 26 has 16 signed up. This is an update with new information of the course offered five years ago.

The KEMA Conference September 12th to 15th was attended by fourteen out of the eighteen counties in our region. Some of the information from the conference covered the changes to the FEMA Public Assistance; a guide on How to Conduct a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW); information on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and their Emergency Preparedness Regulations for Health Care Providers; Crisis Public Information in a Small Community; and the Kansas State Animal Response Team.

New Business

No new spill reports on WebEOC as of September 27th.

ESF 10 was reviewed: We looked at updates to the Spill Reporting information, phone numbers and what happens when you call the Spill Reporting number, the data base on WebEOC for the Form A; Kansas Fire Marshall's information on the Hot-Line for HazMat and how it works, Chemtrec Information, the checklist for when you call and what happens when you call their number; updated some of the information from the 2012 LEPC Handbook to the 2014 LEPC Handbook; some grammar and spelling issues; and some new or updated attachments for the File Archives. After review, LEPC members including the coordinating and primary agencies for ESF10 approved the changes.

After discussing some of the regulations on the Heath facilities from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the new guide for the **Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) the committee decided to move the date to October 12th at 9:30am**. When we complete the Workshop we will hold the LEPC meeting. Terry Crosby with EMS stated we all need to know each other's training, planning and exercise requirements to more effectively plan and train.

Mike Davis, EPA, demonstrated the EPA's interactive web mapping application that is available to counties to help with planning and response. He stated it was put together after the West Texas event and to help "Play Better Together". He showed some of the information that is available on the map and how to get approved to utilize the mapping system. He also wanted to make sure communities know that EPA is available to assist and to participate in exercise and have Regional Response Teams (RRTs). During an event the EPA has to be requested thru the state.

Upcoming training: ICS 400 Olathe October 3-4, Lenexa October 12-13 or in Salina October 26-27 and Dec 14-15 Quinter Dec 6-7; G 300 Intermediate ICS, Salina October 24-25 and Dec 12-13 Quinter Oct 18-19; Lawrence Oct 26-27; KS132 Exercise Design course for Discussion based exercises-Topeka Oct 3-5; G191 Incident Command System/ EOC Dec 6 Newton; L449 Incident Command System Curricular Train-the-trainer Olathe Oct 31-Nov 3; PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and

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Recovery Training Topeka Nov 28; PER-344 Advanced Social Media-Tools and Techniques Training Topeka Nov 29; G202 Debris Management Planning Course for State, Tribal, and Local Officials in Salina October 24-25; HSEEP Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course on October 18-19 Topeka.

Richard Everett stated the Stanton County Flu POD and Hospital Surge will be October 5.

Toni Irvin stated they have flu shots available.

The next meeting will be after the TEPW workshop on October 12, 2017 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

John Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40am and Toni Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.