

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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The Grant County LEPC was called to order by Don Button on January 25, 2018 at 9:31am. Those present were Sam Hayden, Toni Irvin, Tammy Oxford, Kristy Meier, Kevin Shapland, Paul Fort Sr., Richard Everett, J J Deckert, Don Button and Vivian Button. Raul Montoya and Adam Mathes from Southern Star came to present information about Southern Star.

A motion to approve the November 30, 2017 LEPC meeting minutes was made by Paul Fort Sr. and seconded by Richard Everett . Motion Carried.

We have received three Tier IIs Reports.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Update for FEMA 4319DR- Road and Bridge received \$54,400 out of the \$64,000 that was approved. The county will be chipping the trees instead of burning and will be offering the chips for mulch at no cost. The City of Ulysses is waiting on one project.

New Business

Don Button opened the floor for nominations for Election of Officers. He stated the current officers are Don Button-Chair, John Crosby-Vice Chair, and Vivian Button-secretary/information Coordinator. Sam Hayden made a motion to keep the current officers. Paul Fort Sr. and Toni Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

Presentation was given by Raul Montoya, Operation Leader and Adam Mathes from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline. They talked about how emergencies would be handled; emergency numbers; what they have at the plant and about the company. Raul stated he would like to have a tour for emergency services sometime in April or May and conduct an exercise/drill later in the year.

Three spill reports in the county since our last meeting included one Saltwater/brine, one Crude oil and one with Brine/Saltwater and Crude Oil.

Remember the Mass Fatality table top Exercise on January 30 in Garden City at the Clarion Inn Conference Center from 10am to 3pm with lunch provided. Toni Irvin has 9 team members signed up. The hospital wanted to know if they could add one more. Toni will check on this.

Kansas Pipeline Association meeting will be March 6 at 5:30pm Stevens County Memorial Hall for Grant, Morton, Stanton and Stevens counties. They will also be held at 11:30am in Dodge City on March 1, Liberal March 7, and Garden City on March 8. The meeting which is most like the March 6th meeting is Liberal on March 7th.

The National Weather Service Storm Identification and Spotter Training will be March 6th at 7pm at the Civic Center Lawson Room. Don just attended the Integrated Weather Team (IWT) workshop on Tuesday January 23. They discussed new Guidelines, formatting changes in their weather watches, warning and advisories, and products they will be using. The National Weather Service sends out weather information to the Emergency managers daily and makes calls to them on Monday mornings to see if they have anything going on in their community that might need a special weather notification if a system is moving into the area.

We also discussed the fact that Grant County and most of Kansas is in a Red Flag Warning for this afternoon. Don talked about the Cotton Bale fire at the Gin in Moscow. Seven agencies from the area helped with that fire. A fire was also just east of the Grant/Haskell County line. 6 agencies helped with that fire. The fire was headed toward Satanta. Because of good team work between agencies the fire was stopped. Don Button has been asked to set on a panel in Beaver Oklahoma for the Southern Plains Wildfire Forum on February 13 because of his assistance in the Clark County Fire.

Some of the upcoming training from Kansas Division of Emergency Management are: G-300 ICS Intermediate on Feb 12-13 in Lawrence, March 15-16 Meade and Great Bend March 28-29; ICS 400 March 6-7 in Lawrence; Meade 18-19 and Grant Bend to be announced; **2018 Tech Hazards LEPC conference Capital Plaza Hotel Topeka July 25-27**(week after fair); AWR-136-Essentials of Community Cyber security & MGT-384-Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents April 3-4 in Wichita; and PER-220 Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents on April 24-25 in Wichita.

JJ Deckert asked about Cyber Security for the County and the City offices. Nextech takes care of the courthouse. We did not know about the city.

Vivian Button talked about the "Kinder/Morgan The Responder" newsletter that comes out quarterly. It has training opportunities and valuable information about pipeline events.

JJ Deckert talked about the Economic Development survey that was completed with the help of some High School students. She said the students did a good job. Paul Fort stated the results came out in the Ulysses News last week.

Tammy Oxford stated the hospital was making several changes and is focusing on revamping their Safety Plan and other plans. The hospital is seeing a lot of Influenza and checking everyone who comes into the hospital. Their employees are also dealing with the flu.

Paul Fort said Emergency Medical Services are working with the hospital and looking at Auto pulse vest, that automatically do the compressions and the outcome for the patient is better. They are also working on updating protocols, standards and equipment. They are putting CPAP mask into their protocols. They held a CPR class for 16 daycare providers.

The EMT class is going well and should be completed about the middle of April. EMS is also setting up several CPR and First Aid classes for February and March if anyone needs a class.

Toni Irvin said the Health Department received more flu vaccine yesterday and the conference call said the vaccine was about 30% effective. JJ Deckert asked if they could give two shots. Toni said her protocols did not allow it.

The next LEPC meeting will be February 22, 2018 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

Paul Fort Sr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Shapland seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.