

**Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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LEPC Minutes and TEPW Workshop October 25, 2018

Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:32am on October 25 at the Grant County Courthouse basement training room with 10 members present. Those present were Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Jerry Jo Deckert, Richard Everett, Dale Gannet, Toni Irvin, Christy Wooley and Nancy Lucas. Nancy Lucas is the new Executive Director at the Western Prairie Assisted Living and we welcome her back to the LEPC.

Richard Everett made a motion to approve the minutes to the September 27, 2018 LEPC Meeting. Dale Gannet seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The LEPC received an invitation from the Kansas Pipeline Association to the Pipeline Response and Mock Line Strike on Monday November 19, 2018 at the Hutchinson Community College Fire Science.

Grant County's Emergency Medical Service, Fire Department and Emergency Management participated in the Kids Safety Fest on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) updates are almost completed and will be submitted to the state after the first of November. Richard asked if we received and looked over the new Kansas Funeral Directors plan. We received it but have not looked at it yet or attached it to our EOP.

The County had no new spill reports for the month of October.

The November LEPC meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day. This was discussed and moved to Tuesday November 27 at 9:30am same location.

The Training and Exercise Planning Workshop was started.

The Committee reviewed the paperwork from last year. The main threats to the county were 1 Severe Weather (which included all weather issues), 2 Wild land Fires, 3 Utility and Infrastructure Failure, 4 Infectious Disease/bio Terrorism Major Disease Outbreak, 5 Mass Casualty, 6 Hazardous Materials, 7 Animal Disease/FAD, Ag related Incidents, 8 Terrorism/Agri-Terrorism.

The new Core Capabilities were looked at next and discussed.

Planning-we are getting better at planning but it is always an on-going process to continual get better.

Public Information and Warning- The committee discussed citizen notification products: Warning and notification from television station, Code Red that has to

have someone available 24 hours a day to send out messages, DTN weather systems, and Pioneer Communication Community Channel. Most of these notifications come across your cell phone and not every place in the county has consistent cell coverage at all times. Some have cost. Pioneer Communication Community Channel is only available to cable TV customers and will no longer be available after the first of the year. The Fire Department and EMS uses Active 911 to send out messages but someone has to send these out. NOAA radios and Emergency Alert System transmitters are available. These notifications are conducted by the National Weather Service.

Operational Coordination-All of our responding department can communication with each other on UHF and most can utilize 800 MHz radios when working with Mutual aid. The departments work well together

Access Control and Identify Verification-The County is working on getting all responders and equipment ID cards. We are also working with private industry to also utilize the CRMCS ID system.

Cyber security- Is becoming a bigger issue with more things being completed on the internet. Two Cyber Security Classes will be held in Ashland on December 11 and 12 starting at 8:00am at the Ashland Veterans Building.

Long Term Vulnerability reduction-Talked about this being an On-going process.

Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment-The cost of this was discussed and makes it difficult to do anything.

Critical Transportation-This can only be completed with the help of mutual aid.

Environmental Response/Health and Safety-This can only be completed with the help of Kansas Department of Health, Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency, Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas State Fire Marshalls's Office and regional Hazmat Teams.

Fatality Management Services-the Public Health Region has developed a Mass Fatality Plan and we need to compare it to the new Funeral Directors Plan. It would also be a good idea to conduct a table top exercise to test the plan.

Fire Management and Suppression-Some of the things we have learned with the recent wild fires is to call for help before things get bad, and have developed a strategy to fight the fires and Road and Bridge keeps a 6,000 gallon tender of water ready when we are in fire season. Our Fire Department and several of the surrounding fire department are working on putting a task force together to go fight fires together. It would be helpful to these teams to have a Strike Team Task Force class in the area and a Division Group Supervisor class.

Infrastructure Systems-Have to have money to support this.

Logistics and Supply Chain Management-We live in Rural American, it takes longer to get things to our part of the world. If we had major flooding our town could be cut off on three sides and you could only come in from the West or getting around our region could be an issue.

Mass Care Services-Is always a worry of what area it will affect and we will need mutual aid and volunteers to complete the task.

Mass Search and Rescue Operations– Mutual Aid will be needed.

On-Scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement-Mutual Aid will be needed.

Operational Communications-The County always has some spots that have difficulty sending and receiving. Having the 800 MHz radios has helped along with our regional partners also having 800 MHz radios. The fire department runs on SW11 Fire unless they go north then they run on SW12. Some of the portables do not work well in buildings. The communications trailer does have a cross band repeater.

Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services- We can only do what we can do. Our numbers are limited. The county can call in Mutual Aid and use the Southwest Kansas Hospital Emergency Resource Team (SHERT) and the Health Care Coalition.

The Committee did look at the other Core Capabilities.

The Classes that we talked about we would like to see come to Ulysses or the area are:

- Mass Fatality G-386
- Strike Team Task Force Training
- Division Group Supervisor Training
- Forms Refresher class
- ICS 200 and 300 new versions
- ICS/EOC Interface

Our updated exercise calendar set up in 2018:

2019

First quarter	Table top	Public Health/Hospital Exercise/LTC
Second Quarter	Functional	Evacuation Exercise/LTC
Third quarter	Functional/Full Scale	Buffalo Dunes Wind Farm Exercise
Fourth quarter	Workshop	TEPW

2020

First Quarter	Full Scale	Winter storm
Second Quarter	Table top	Rural Trauma-Farm accident
Third Quarter	Table Top	Active Shooter

Fourth Quarter	Workshop	TEPW
2021		
First Quarter	Table Top	Public Health/Hospital Exercise/LTC
Second Quarter	Functional	Active Shooter
Third Quarter	Table Top	HazMat
Fourth Quarter	Workshop	TEPW

A table top exercise was discussed for out at Buffalo Dunes before the end of the year. Dale and Don will set this up and let everyone know.

John Crosby talked about working on the new fire station. They hope to be moved in after the first of the year. The front area for the training room is about finished except the carpet.

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

Nancy Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:34am. Terry Crosby seconded and motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button