

**Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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Minutes February 28, 2019

Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:30am on February 28, 2019 at 715 E Oklahoma Ave. the new Grant County Fire Station and Emergency Management Office. We had some new member attend, Deanne Smith and Brande Reeves with Western Prairie Senior Living; Darrin Urie with ATMOS Energy and Kristy Meier with Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital. Other members present were William Anderson, Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Cathy Hernandez, Kevin Shapland, Christy Wooley, and Mike Wooley.

Kevin Shapland made a motion to approve the minutes to **the** January 24, 2019 LEPC Meeting. John Crosby seconded and motion carried.

We have received 23 more company Tier IIs with a total of 202 locations. This includes gas and oil wells.

The Exercise Committee consists of Don Button, John Crosby, Jill Robinson and Todd White or Dale Gannett. The committee needs to set a date to meet and talk about and schedule exercises. A date was not set up.

Christy Wooley said Compass Behavioral Health is still working on setting up the 8 hour Mental Health First Aid training. The dates are April 17 and 18.

From WebEOC the county had three spills from January and February. They were crude oil and brine/salt water. They are being remediated.

The National Weather Service Storm Identification/Spotter Training will be March 12 at 7pm at the Lawson Room at the Grant County Civic Center.

Kansas Pipeline Associating meeting for our area will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Stevens County Memorial Hall in Hugoton.

The Health Care Coalition conducted a functional exercise on February 20<sup>th</sup> within the region. Three hospitals were selected to test their Evacuation and Transportation Procedures. This included number of patients to evacuate, where they were going, and how they would get there. This included getting on Hav-a-bed and EMS systems and contacting location to find out how many the hospitals in the surrounding area could take as well as contacting available appropriate transportation. Don talked about people requesting the SWERV to move patients.

Strike Team Task Force Leader Workshop is set up for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and is one day training. A Strike Team Task Force Leader class is set up for May 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> in Ulysses.

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The Fire Task Force has met twice. They are working to develop bylaws and policies and procedures. The Force consists of seven counties, Grant, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Morton, Stanton and Stevens with 8 Fire Chiefs. Their name will be Task Force 7. John said in the 30 years he has been with the Fire Department, the last few years have had the biggest fires he has seen. The Fire Department held classes for the 190 Introduction to Wildfire Behavior and the 130 Basic Firefighting training in January. They are working with other Fire Task Forces around the State.

Some of KDEM upcoming trainings are: March 12, AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities from 8am to 5pm ID # 1082041. There is a waiting list for this class; HSEEP L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training in Topeka ID 1081488 on March 13-14 or Wichita on May 8-9; and KS133 Kansas Exercise and Design for Operations based exercise July 30 to Aug 2, 2019 ID 1081418.

Vivian stated there is now a Southwest Kansas Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). The main location is in Dodge City. Vivian talked about the SWERV. The Southwest Emergency Response Vehicle located in Ulysses for the new people who did not know what it was. It is a school bus that has been converted to a response bus. It has been utilized to move long term care residents from old facilities to new facilities, evacuated long term care residents from their facility that was threatened by a fire and transported to a different facility until it was safe to bring them back, utilized to move hospital patients, as command post for fires and check in and rest station for the Bike Across America.

Cathy Hernandez talked about a new state training officer Matt Matheis. He was an Exercise Officer. Mark Willis is now an Exercise Specialist. Derek Montgomery is new to the Planning department. The 2019 EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) Guidance will be sent out shortly. They have changed some of the exercise requirements. You can now utilize any of the seven types of exercises before it was just three types of exercises. Cathy also talked about several exercises across the state: and IMT exercise the end of March, Lincoln County, Clay County, Active Shooter exercise in Lane County and she had just returned from a Washington County Exercise.

Darrin Urie with ATMOS said they are in the planning stages of a Mock drill.

Kevin Shapland asked why Emergency Management did not have a FACEBook page. He said Fire Department and Road and Bridge have pages. Don said he did not want on facebook and at the courthouse the only one allowed on facebook was the clerk's office. He asked why Vivian did not send out storm information any more. She said some people did not want the information. She has put out information on her facebook page but she is not always available and people were depending more on her than the weather service and she requested they like the National Weather Service at Dodge City's facebook page and utilize their webpage so they can have the most up to date information.

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John Crosby said they are painting and working on getting the Fire Station ready to move the trucks to the new location. They are also having the yearly maintenance done on the trucks.

Terry Crosby said EMS continues to conduct CPR classes and the EMT class has started with 7 students.

Deanne Smith from Western Prairie Senior Living said they had been working on drills and training and their procedures for when people are snowed in and cannot get to work and how to keep the residents' families in the loop of what is going on. Don said the Health Care Coalition would like to have more Long Term Care facilities in their coalition and invited them to the meeting on the second Friday of each month.

The next regular meeting will be March 28, 2019 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the new Fire Station/Emergency Management building at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

John Crosby made a motion to adjourn and Mike Wooley seconded. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:11am.

The Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button