

**Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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John Crosby called the April 25, 2019 meeting to order at 9:30 AM at 715 E Oklahoma Avenue, the Grant County Fire Station and Emergency Management Building. Those present were Vivian Button, John Crosby, Terry Crosby, Jerry Jo Deckert, Paul Fort, Toni Irvin, Joe Lopez, Fernando Rodriguez-Infante, Darrin Urie, Christy Wooley, Mike Wooley, Ron Younger, Mark Pata and Lara Tusten from the Ulysses News.

Paul Fort made a motion to approve the minutes to the March 28 meeting. Toni Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

Joe Lopez, Safety Director from United Prairie Ag thanked the community for attending their trainings. United Prairie Ag is donating a Grain Rescue Tube/Cofferdam and a tube auger to the Grant County Fire Department to help them be better prepared in a grain rescue.

#### Old Business

TEPW Exercises for this year. (Exercise Committee-- Don Button, John Crosby, Jill Robinson and Todd White or Dale Gannett set up date to meet. Vivian will contact all the members on the committee and try to set a time and date before the next LEPC meeting. We have a possible exercise scheduled with Buffalo Dunes Wind Farm in July. Vivian emailed Todd White yesterday.

Fire Task Force- Hamilton County decided they could not participate so Holcomb has taken their spot as the seventh member. They are working on communications plans for the Task Force. The Marion County Strike Team Fire Task Force and Kansas Forestry Service were staged by the state at the Grant County Fire Department a couple of weeks ago when an Extreme Fire Danger was forecast for western Kansas. If a fire would have developed they would have been here to immediately go to the fire instead of having to wait hours for them to get here. The state is becoming more proactive in preparing for fires after the last few years when the fires have been very large.

Ulysses is hosting a Strike Team Task Force Leader class May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station. An ICS 300 class was held on April 13 and 14 in Ulysses as a prerequisite to the Strike Team Task Force. Sixteen attended the class. Nineteen are registered for the Strike Team Task Force Leader if they all get their prerequisites completed.

Mental Health First Aid was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fernando Rodriguez-Infante said fifteen attended the class. Paul Fort said Barb and Jose attended and said it was very good.

Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS) class was held on April 15 in Garden City. No one from Ulysses was able to attend because of other meetings.

### New Business

Two Spill Reports since last month, one was brine/salt water and the other was brine/salt water and crude oil.

Review ESF 6 and 8- Deb Tucker from American Red Cross said she did not see anything that needed changed. Richard Everett said the changes looked alright to him.

Proposed changes to ESF 6

Support agencies add the Healthcare Coalition or SHERT (Southwest Hospital Emergency Resource Team)

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9. Accountability: disaster survivors and volunteers

- *Identify the system used to track volunteer hours*

~~We will utilize the Rapid tag system with the mobile express~~ **The county has the ability to utilize the Salamander System (Rapid Tag, Track, and Command System) to register and to track volunteer hours and/or spread sheets or the modified ICS 211 form.**

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10. Hazardous materials situations

- Outline plans for reception and care of nuclear plan evacuee
  - o Include a description of potential lodging facilities for evacuees

Grant County does not have any nuclear facilities within 200 miles. The Hospital does **not** conduct nuclear medicine ~~on a scheduled basis~~. We have some low level radio-photography for pipelines. ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials addresses HazMat further.

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11. Animal sheltering

a) Pre-event

- *Describe the partnership between the jurisdiction's emergency management agency, the animal control authority, the mass care provider(s), and the owner of each proposed congregate household pet sheltering facility*

Emergency Management along with City of Ulysses Police Department Animal Control with possible assistance and or guidance from Grant County EMS, Grant County Health Department, Bob Wilson Memorial ~~Grant County~~ Hospital and American Red Cross will work together to provide housing for domesticated animals to assist in the care and housing of human residence in a disaster situation.

Proposed changes to ESF 8

Add to Supporting agencies Southwest Kansas Healthcare Coalition (SHERT Southwest Hospital Emergency Resource Team)

Change Paul's Robson Funeral Home to Robson Funeral Home

Funeral home capacity is difficult to determine due to the number of variables involved (i.e., funeral staff available; single or joint service; chapel, church, or graveside service; etc.) It is estimated that each of the 2 Funeral homes within the county has the capacity to handle at least three funerals per day. In a time of disaster the Kansas Funeral Directors Association would come in to assist. ~~Grant County~~ Robson Funeral Home has done as many as 3 in one day. Garnand Funeral Home has done as many as 4 in one day. Grant County does not have any refrigerated trailers in the county. We would have to rely on outside resources to lease or rent.

Deb Tucker emailed that an American Red Cross shelter class is going to be held in Johnson on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to Noon. Richard Everett corrected that it was from 10am to 1:30pm. If you want to attend please contact Richard Everett.

#### Upcoming training

- a. HSEEP L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training ID# 1081488 in Wichita on May 8-9. Registration is on [www.train.org/ks](http://www.train.org/ks).
- b. KS 133 Kansas Exercise and Design for Operations based exercise ID#1081418 July 30 to Aug 2 in Topeka. Registration is on [www.train.org/ks](http://www.train.org/ks)

#### Public Comments

Paul Fort said he is going to attend a class in Salina about Documentation. The EMT class is going well and doing some extra classes. They hope to test the last of May or first of June.

John Crosby said they are still working on the Fire Station. They got the approval to epoxy the floors, as soon as that is done they should be able to move trucks over to the new station. The new Brush truck has not come in yet. They are still waiting on the chassis.

Mark Pata said the APOLO Med Flight has pulled their helicopter from Guymon and moved it to South Dakota. They still have a plane in Guymon and Amarillo.

Vivian Button talked about the new Extension Agents working with the schools and conducting training for the citizens of the county. How nice it is to see them so involved in the community.

Fernando Rodriguez-Infante said May is Mental Health Awareness Month and they would be doing several things during the month.

The next LEPC meeting will be May 23, 2019 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the new Fire Station/Emergency Management building at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Mike Wooley made a motion to adjourn and Paul Fort seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.