

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the May 23, 2019 Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:35AM at the Grant County Fire and Emergency Management Station at 715 E Oklahoma Street. Those attending were Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, Jerry Jo Deckert, Richard Everett, Toni Irvin, Fernando Rodriguez-Infante, Kevin Shapland, Christy Wooley, Mike Wooley, Mark McGaughey, and Eddie Franco.

A motion to approve the April 25, 2019 LEPC Meeting was made by John Crosby and seconded by Fernando Rodriguez-Infante. Motion carried.

We received DCP Midstream Pipeline Safety Information.

Old (Unfinished) Business

The TEPW Exercises Committee consisting of Don Button, John Crosby, Jill Robinson and Todd White met on May 20 and discussed exercises for the year. The next meeting was set up for June 4 at 9:30am but it needs to be changed because of the Department Head Meeting. The Committee is working on setting up a table top exercise with Buffalo Dunes and our emergency responders. They would also like to have Haskell County be involved. We have 25 cots stored at the Civic Center, 25 at the Fire Station when we get them moved and the Health Department has a trailer behind EMS that has larger cots.

Toni Irvin and Vivian Button attended the Red Cross Shelter class in Johnson. We went over the paperwork and how to set up, run and demobilize a shelter. Also how to set up some of the cots they would use.

Strike Team Task Force Leader class was held on May 4th and 5th with 19 attending. John said the training was very good. The instructors were a Texas Ranger and a Captain on the Dallas Fire Department. Seven fire chiefs met last week and are working on the communications for the group. They are getting close to getting everything worked out.

United Prairie Ag donated a Grain Rescue Tube/Cofferdam and tube auger to the Fire Department for Grain Rescue. It arrived on May 21.

New Business

Grant County had one Spill Report of anhydrous ammonia since the last meeting. It was below reportable quantity. It was a tank that was almost empty and a valve was cracked open and it had to be shut. John Crosby said it was a simple fix.

On Tuesday Ulysses had some cold air funnels from the cold front and the warm front meeting. These are not normally dangerous. However any time you see a funnel cloud and you think you should take cover, TAKE COVER DO NOT WAIT FOR SIRENS OR

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OTHERS TO TELL YOU TO TAKE SHELTER. Cold air funnels rotate but the clouds they are attached to do not rotate. This is why it is so important to attend the National Weather Service Storm Identification and Spotter training when offered in the spring. Grant County's is usually in March and free of charge. All sirens in Ulysses are working. The town of Hickok's siren is not working. The commissioners have approved to purchase two used sirens at a cost of \$12,000 each installed. A new Siren is around \$24,000. Ford County is also purchasing some sirens so they will probably install them at the same time.

KDEM is looking to set up trainings for 2020 and 2021. The new advanced Incident Command G300 and G400 curriculums will be available in July. The 300 class will go from two days to three days. This will give more time to work on developing an Incident Action Plan. Who has to take the G400 class has changed, it will not be recommended for as many people. Only the people who work in an Emergency Operation Center will have to take the 400 class. The state wants to have three G300 classes in each region and one G400 class in each region in 2020. Stevens County has already requested to host the G290 Public Information Class in April of 2020. They also want to hold some Debris Management classes, Dispatch training and Communication classes. If there is a class you would like us to bring to Ulysses let us know and we will see if we can get it scheduled.

Some Upcoming trainings: KS-132 Kansas Exercise Course for Discussion Based exercises in Wichita June 11 and 12, KS-133 Kansas Exercise and Design for Operations based exercise July 30 to Aug 2, 2019 ID 1081418 in Topeka, Cyber Security in Ashland June 11 and 12 this is both classes, and Essentials of Community Cybersecurity Course 4 hour in Wichita on June 18.

Don talked about the Health Care Coalition. They have new guidelines so they are revamping their policies. The Homeland Security Committee is working on the 2020 budget. They pick out projects to equal the amount they received for 2019 because they have to be turned in by the end June. In 2019 they received grant funds of \$334,000. Then they have to adjust the project to the official amount for 2020 when they found out the amount. 25% of the funds go to Law Enforcement Projects.

KDHE is cautioning residents to stay out of Kansas waterways because of the recent flooding and associated unsafe water quality conditions. In addition to the physical dangers associated with entering swift moving flood waters, the potential for high levels of pathogens in those waters exist.

Toni Irvin said the state approved the January exercise for the health department exercise.

Ron Younger from the hospital helped Don work on the Emergency Management Repeater on the hospital tower to get it back up and working. Don had to replace the repeater. He purchased a used repeater for \$300 instead of buying a new one repeater for \$3,500.

Fernando Rodriguez-Infante talked about Compass's summer program for kids. Don asked if they were going to expand the Pilot program they used in Garden City. He said

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they are still gathering data on that program. They are using a different program at this time.

John Crosby said the new Fire Station is Operational and functioning as of last Saturday. They worked their first rollover accident out of the new station this morning. They have two more bays to finish before all of the trucks can be moved. Vivian asked if they were going to put a No Truck Parking sign in the parking lot. John said he and Randy McCauley had been talking about it.

Mark McGaughey ask about the fuel tanks on the west side of town. He wanted to know what kind of containment barrier system they were going to use. John and Don said as of now it is a dirt barrier. He was wondering if all of the rain would cause an issue for this system. He also asked if they had an Emergency Action Plan. Don said he did not know. They had only contacted him when they were looking for an address and they did not know much about the project at that time. Kevin said he had heard it was going to be operational by August 1st.

Jerry Jo Deckert said the City Council had decided to keep the Fire Works display at the Airport. John Crosby said Frazier Park had too much vegetation and only one way in and one way out. If something would happen it would be too difficult to get people out safely.

The next LEPC meeting will be June 27, 2019 at 9:30am at the meeting room of the new Fire Station/Emergency Management building at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Jerry Jo Deckert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09AM and John Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.