

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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On April 17, 2014 at 11:34 AM Don Button called the April LEPC meeting to order. Those present were Alfred Baker, Don Button, Vivian Button, Alyssa Duncan, Richard Everett, Sam Hayden, Cathy Hernandez, Nancy Lucas, Nahum Manzano, Melissa Martinez, and Gail Phelps.

Alyssa Duncan made a motion to accept the minutes to the March meeting. Gail Phelps seconded. Motion carried.

One Tier II report has been received since the last meeting.

Don reminded everyone of the LEPC Conference May 7 & 8 in Topeka and the pre-conference training on May 6th. The pre-conference trainings are CAMEO (Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operation), an Ammonia Course or an Ethanol Course from BNSF.

Sixty-six attended the Southwest Kansas Health Initiative April 8th exercise in Hugoton. Sixteen were from Ulysses. Representatives from Pioneer Communications, Pioneer Electric Coop, and Pioneer Natural Resources were also in attendance. The Rapid Tag was used for registration. The After Action Reports (AARs) are still being worked on by Richard Everett. Nahum Manzano said they had a generator that worked well during the ice storm of 2006-07. During the exercise the generator at Bob Wilson Hospital went down and they needed an exciter and the only one available was in Alaska. Nancy Lucas has talked to the hospital about ordering an extra one to have on hand. Melissa Martinez has met with her staff to go over things they need to have in place. Kristy Frazee has talked to the Commissioners about a generator at the Civic Center.

The Southwest Kansas Regional Health Coalition is conducting an exercise on July 10 in Garden City. This exercise is for all 18 counties in our region and is looking at a pandemic and the Continuity of Operations Planning. Registration is on KS-train.org.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management is sponsoring a "Strike Team Task Force Leader" training that will be held in Ulysses May 30, 31 and June 1st.

Don said the Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council is working on the FY2014 funding. Most of the funding will be used for sustainability of older projects. On May 1, the council will meet in Ulysses.

Vivian Button gave a report on the Emergency Management Support Association of Kansas (EMSAK) Conference.

Upcoming training "Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Workshop" May 20, 21 & 22 at Garden City, "Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)" on July 8

to 10 in Newton, G202 Debris Management Planning June 17-19 in Salina, G489 “Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster” on May 20 in the Southwest Region and G775 “EOC Management and Operations” June 11 and 12 in the Southwest Region.

Kansas Association of Code Enforcement Conference was held in Dodge City the first of April, Don was asked to speak on Building Partnerships. They also discussed the Rapid Assessment and Damage Assessment forms that Kansas Division of Emergency Management uses and the forms American Red Cross uses.

Cathy Hernandez talked about 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant requirements. SKEMS (Southwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services) is looking into participating with MERG (Medical Emergency Response Group).

Nahum Manzano, Pioneer Natural Resources are building a mechanic shop.

Gail Phelps said the hospital has already had a rattlesnake bite. Nahum stated his workers had already seen 21 rattlesnakes. We were reminded that a rattlesnake can still bite after the head is cut off and release venom.

Alyssa Duncan, Linn Energy, said they are having contractors to come out and do turnaround in May. They are also dealing with the lesser prairie chicken. Linn Energy has been updating their labels to the Global Harmonization System and their Material Safety Data sheets (MSDS) to Safety Data Sheets (SDS). These updates have to be completed by July 2015. Their labels have everything on one label including the pictogram and the NFDA label.

Identification cards were discussed. There are still some questions about the Emergency Medical Service cards. Medical cards are green. K-serv is a volunteer website where medical people can register and be verified. It is voluntary but now they say if you are not registered in K-serv you should not get a green ID card.

The hospital would like some COOP (Continuity of Operation Planning) training and a G300 and G400 class.

The next regular meeting 5-15-2014 at 11:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40PM, Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Lucas and seconded by Alyssa Duncan.