



# THE KEMA PERSPECTIVE

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**FAILING TO PLAN**

**BY PRESIDENT STONE**

“Failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.” How many have heard that phrase or even used it recently? As I write this article, I want to make it clear that I am writing this from the view of an Emergency Manager, but I am not writing it to other Emergency Managers. The target audience for this article is for others who should be involved in daily planning such as individuals, families, neighborhoods, private business, not for profit agencies, schools, volunteer groups, and all governmental organizations.

Planning is a cooperative effort among everyone. It is not just for the planners in the field of Emergency Management, but it is meant for all walks of life of all ages. We spend countless hours planning for a birthday party, graduation ceremony, wedding, holiday dinner or a family vacation. Why does planning for emergencies or disasters have to be difficult or pain

staking? It doesn't!!!!

Planning, with cooperation from all players can be a rewarding and beneficial experience. Sometimes, the benefit of planning is not necessarily the end product, but it is the process. Don't get me



plan...that it is everyone else's job. That is simply not true. It is MY job, it is YOUR job and it is OUR job to plan.

If we all do our little part and prepare our plans to best of our abilities, we all come out on top. If one

agency, group or entity does not plan, we as whole can suffer. If an agency or entity fails to plan, we as Emergency Managers, still have to work with those groups to ensure a positive outcome. So, the next time you hear this

wrong – the product is important. Plans are baselines that assist agencies in all phases of emergency management.

Planning, when done correctly at every level benefits everyone from the citizens that we serve all the way to the responders that we work with. We all have certain expectations that everyone else should

phrase, “Failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part”, I ask you to look at it from the view of an Emergency Manager, which is actually, “Failure to plan on your part **DOES** constitute an emergency on my part”. Emergency Managers are here to help you, but please help us by having a plan.

**FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES BY: CHARLENE MILLER**

When I started in the field of Emergency Management 12 years ago, I sure didn't think I would be here this long! I thought more along the lines of allowing myself to let the college burnout wear off and then back to finish pre-veterinary medicine and apply for veterinary school. I have a written piece of paper from second grade that said: When I grow up, I want to be a veterinarian. Little did I know that coming to work for Butler County would change my direction of travel!

Through my employment, I have watched the field of emergency management grow, change, improvise, adapt, overcome, and meet the ever changing demands of state and federal mandates. I have seen the changes in the number of hats EM's wear, the crunching of budgets and doing more with less. I have seen and heard first hand frustrations with other agencies, departments and groups, yet throughout it all, we stick together to work things out that benefits us all. I have seen groups come together for the betterment of the communities (i.e. Integrat-

ed Warning Teams) that when I started I wouldn't have thought about those meetings happening. Yet, while we still have differences in how we perceive things should be done, we still manage to come together and work it out. I have watched communities be wiped out by disasters yet stand strong to rebuild. I am privileged to have spent a few days out in Greensburg, KS shortly after it happened. They have a special place in my heart.

I have had the privilege of being a part of the KEMA Board that past three years with fellow EM's, those with a vision, a leadership, a drive to do, be the best, and help Emergency Management be the best it can. I am honored to have served as the South Central secretary and VP. These are two great groups who truly put forth their best for each other and their home counties.

Undoubtedly, we have had to agree to disagree at times, go with the consensus when that isn't what we wanted, and even had to pick our battle wisely. Speaking from the South Central region, despite this all, it made us stronger as people and as a team. We know we can call each other at anytime and we will do whatever it takes to help one another out (even it means, setting up a makeshift ops center at a KEMA Conference and hurriedly getting people back home after damage from a severe storm!).

Through all of the ups and downs in Emergency Management, the ever changing needs, the importance of flexibility, the open lines of communications, the unfunded mandates, the different goals and objectives, while meeting the unique needs of our communities, we develop friends for a life time that will be there and have your back whenever you need it. I am honored to have been a part of such a group!



Charlene Miller, SC Region Vice President

**"I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for that handful of friends who have given me a heart full of joy. Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun."**

**~ Charles R. Swindoll**

**SOUTHEAST REGION****BY: BYRDEE MILLER-MARCIC**

One never knows what the year is going to be like when we say “OK” or sure “I can do that”. After reading Charlene’s article about the different duties that Emergency Managers do in addition to their jobs as Emergency Managers, made me reflect on this last year as the SE VP for KEMA.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to work or meet with all of the EM’s in this region this past year. We are and have been a pretty close knit group but like everything else in this world even that is constantly changing and evolving. Not a bad thing! Some EM’s have left to go to other jobs and new EM’s have come on board. Just this past year or so, Rick Brown left Wilson County and Terry Lyons was hired, Nathan Reese, CQ County went to the Law Enforcement Academy with Matt Hartley taking over, Keith Jeffers, BB moved on to greener pastures at Crisis City; Terry Coop has stepped up to fill his shoes. Larry Steeby took over the EM position after Jim Cook departed. Greenwood County’s sheriff has taken over the Emergency Management duties and it is my un-

derstanding the commission may be doing some interviews soon to fill that position.

We all run our offices differently; have different leadership philosophies, as well as many differences in education levels and years of experience. In spite of these differences we are all working on similar projects. We have the Regional Mitigation Plans coming up very soon; most of us are working on updating our County Emergency Operation Plan and storing it on the Super System. Some counties are moving into new quarters or trying to revive a LEPC, CERT group or build better storm spotter program. Pam Beasley, AL County, and a room full of folks, recently, started on a hospital IAP to facilitate their move to a new hospital; Jim Miller, MG County, is trying very hard to get a combined 911 dispatch center and the list goes on. In other words we

are all as different from each other as snowflakes.

A couple of weeks ago I had a fellow call me on my cell phone and wanted to know something about Emergency Management. How do you explain our profession in ten minutes on the phone? This fellow came to my office at my invitation. After spending the morning showing him some of the things we have been working on, LEOP and other things that have been written and etc. He decided and stated “it is a full time job that you live instead of just work”.

I have spent some time in the office of Matt Hartley and many phone conversations with Terry Lyons, Eldon Bedene and some of the others in the SE Region trying to help each other. Pam Beasley and I spent several productive hours with the Greenwood County Sheriff. Believe me this is one the most important acts we do, to keep things on track, are the discussions we (continued on page 4)

**“Friends and good manners will carry you where money won’t go.”**  
~ Margaret Walker



Byrdee Miller-Marcic  
SE Region VP

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have among each other. Most of the time our discussions are on what the common sense thing to do would be. One thing we can do is work together and with our folks in the county to build a body of knowledge about our area, collect best practices from each other, share solutions. Our main purpose, according to me, is to keep a common purpose of equi-

table protection to our residents and build a preparedness culture within our counties and all work toward a common goal in spite of the differences in our counties.

This past year has been a learning experience for me. There is much to be learned out there and having the chance to work and listen to some of the most organized profes-

sionals is something that is a amazing thing.

Do not be afraid to say "OK" or "Yes, I can do that", you may just learn from those experiences.

**A RURAL EM PERSPECTIVE**

The challenges of emergency management are different for rural communities than for urban ones and can be categorized into four major themes:

Resource limitations

Separation from training

Communication limitations

Rural EM is not just a smaller urban EM

The resource limitations of rural communities to address emergency management are a problem brought forth through a lack of availability of capital and manpower. The out-migration of younger residents leads to a smaller pool of willing responder volunteers. In Barber County, we have 115 responders for a population of 4,800. Financial capi-

tal is concentrated in the assets of the remaining, aging population and is largely dependent upon property taxes. The single greatest improvement for rural emergency management is the addition of the State 800 Radio System which allows disaster scene outreach and coordination with mutual aid assistance.

Volunteers provide most of the emergency services in rural areas in contrast to full-time paid and trained personnel in the urban areas. Current grant programs do not sufficiently provide backfill, per diem or in county training opportunities for rural responders. This severely limits their ability to attend centralized state training venues.

Communications for the public

and for responders in rural areas is generally limited to basic-singular systems. Public service call centers are generally staffed by one or two people. During a disaster this system becomes overloaded quickly. Cell phone service capacity is capped at a basic service level and is concentrated around population centers. Access to towers is not uniform throughout rural sparsely populated areas.

Specialized response resources such as haz-mat, USAR and communications on wheels are more than 2 hours away. Rural communities are more resilient and self-sustaining, in the absence of urban preparedness parity, regulations, training and equipment should be delivered for the more routine and frequent events. Local hazards and local needs should dictate eligibility for grant programs. A common understanding of these differences will better support the needs of rural emergency management.

**BY: JERRY MCNAMAR**

## KEMA ANNUAL REPORT

One responsibility of the Past-President is to develop the KEMA Annual Report. The purpose of the KEMA Annual Report is to form a basis of actions to assist the association in defining future direction and leadership for its members and Board toward professionalism in Emergency Management.

Developing the Annual Report has seemed overwhelming at times! However, effective reporting is key to building and maintaining trust with current and prospective mem-

bers – which are critical to the organization’s ability to deliver on its mission. As well, the process of writing and approving the annual report provides an opportunity for the board and KEMA members to review and reflect on the organization’s accomplishments, challenges and broadens the knowledge about the organization.

The areas of assessment for the 2012 KEMA Annual Report are as follows:

- Training and Professional growth

**BY: TERI SMITH**

- Recognition of professional excellence
- Exchanging of ideas and sharing lessons learned
- Addressing planning and procedural issues
- Partnership with KDEM regarding Emergency Management issues
- Influencing public policy through the Legislative process
- Coordinating association activities with other organizations
- Finance and budget
- Membership trends

## SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The KEMA Site Selection Committee and Board have been hard at work the last few months selecting a location for the 2014, 15 and 16 Conferences. Every three years the KEMA board sends out notices for conference centers to submit bids to accommodate our annual September KEMA Conference.

This year the site selection committee had seven hotels/conference centers submit bids. There were many phone calls and emails back and forth to narrow down the

best location. On March 28<sup>th</sup> a group traveled to visit the top two locations chosen at the February 6<sup>th</sup> KEMA meeting. The final location will be chosen, by the board, based on the reports from this visit on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

We are very confident one of these places will work very well, making our work organizing the conferences and your attendance comfortable and enjoyable.

Topeka has been a wonderful spot for our conference the last 6 years but the KEMA board feels an occasional change is good.

**BY:BYRDEE MILLER-MARCIC**

As soon as possible you will be notified of the new location of the 2014, 2015 and 2016 conferences.



**2013 KEMA CONFERENCE**

**BY: GARRY BERGES**

September 10-13, 2013. Believe it or not, that is only 4 ½ months away. What is going on September 10-13 you ask. That is our yearly KEMA Conference, once again being held in Topeka at the Ramada Inn. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 3 year contract for that location.

Several things have been going on to get ready for 2013 KEMA Conference. Mike Selves has the two keynote speakers lined-up. He is currently working on the breakout sessions for the conferences. I want to thank everyone who filled out the evaluations after last year’s conference or sent in breakout classes suggestions. Those helped us plan the sessions for this year’s conference.

Russel Stukey of Coffey County is handling the vendors this year. We are giving

the vendors who attended in 2012 the first chance to sign up for this years vendor spaces. We will then open it up to additional vendors as space permits. If you know of a potential vendor, please share it with Russel.

Our Pre-Conference day on Tuesday is still in the planning stages also. We are looking at two different sessions going on, so pre-attendees will be able to have a choice of what to attend. In the late afternoon, we will be having the annual golf tournament and the skeet shoot. Start practicing now!

We have just ordered the conference gifts. They are something different this year, but I

think that everyone will be able to use them in whatever your line of work is. You will need to wait till conference time to see what they are.

It is not too early to start thinking about who you wish to nominate for the different awards that we present at the Thursday evening banquet. We will be getting information out on the different awards when we get closer to the conference, but it is not too early to start thinking about possible nominees.

Before long, you will start receiving e-mails and info about the 2013 KEMA Conference. Make sure it is on your calendar and invite your neighboring EMs to join us.



Garry Berges, KEMA President-Elect

**“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”**  
 ~ Henry Ford



**KEMA Conference 2013—  
 September 10th—13th**

**SAFE AND PREPARED SCHOOLS BY: DR. BOB HULL****Bomb Threats**

Spring is the time of the year when schools usually experience an increase in the number of bomb threats. The usual intent of a bomb threat is to disrupt normal school operations. By definition a bomb threat is the expression of the intent to cause physical harm or damage by the use of an explosive device. Every bomb threat must be taken seriously and given a careful analysis of the threat.

These threats are very troubling to school leaders who must make rapid decisions on how best to handle the threat with the limited information received and usually under conditions of high emotional distress. This threat illustrates the importance of having plans and procedures in place giving guidance of how to best handle school bomb threats.

Here are some steps to consider as the school puts its bomb threat response plans together. These include:

- 1) Record the threat. Often bomb threats are received over the phone. It is important that all school personnel who receive phone calls have the ATF Bomb Threat Sheet at their disposal. If the threat is received with a live call, do not hang up the phone. In advance, speak with your phone provider to see if it possible to track the source of the phone call. If the threat is written, as possible, keep a record of the threat.
- 2) Report the threat to the appropriate emergency response personnel. This varies with each community. Thus, in advance work out these reporting procedures with your local emergency responders.
- 3) Analyze the threat. Some information to process while analyzing the threat includes: any recent school activity that would cause this threat, what activities are planned for the day, any recent unrest in the school setting, how much specific information is contained in the threat, who is absent the day of the threat and other information. In advance it is good to have a list of helpful questions to use in threat analysis.
- 4) Search for the threat. As part of your school plan, discuss how by using school personnel, you could provide an initial search of the school facility that has received the threat. The purpose of this search is to notice any unusually packages or devices that could contain explosive material. If an unusual or suspicious package or device is found, do not disturb, report immediately to authorities.
- 5) Discuss and activate response procedures (examples)
  - a. Shelter in place until a suspicious device or package is found
  - b. Depending upon threat analysis or if a suspicious package/device is found evacuate the building away from the threat
  - c. Prior to evacuation, make sure the evacuation destination is safe
  - d. As soon as possible notify emergency responders
  - e. As soon as possible notify School Leadership personnel

Bob Hull, KC-SPS  
Director

“Luck runs out  
but safety is  
good for life.”

~Author  
Unknown



## REGIONAL MITIGATION UPDATE

The Regional Mitigation Plan is a concept initiated by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) well over a year ago. It came to fruition because of the simple fact that the original County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) are set to begin expiring in mass beginning in January 2014. With money being tight, the State came up with the idea of a way to save not only county dollars, but state dollars as well. When the plans were originally funded the total bill came to over \$4.0Million. 75% was funded through FEMA, and the 25% cost share was funded through the State. With the average HMP costing each county anywhere from \$35,000 to \$150,000 it was imperative that we come up with a solution in order to ensure that our 105

counties maintained an updated plan in order to be in a position to reap the benefits. That solution was the Regional Mitigation Plan, which was first presented to our county partners at the 2012 KEMA. By doing the plans on a Regional level the cost is substantially lower at \$500K for the entire state versus the \$4M last go round.

Since the original presentation of the program, 3 out of 12 Regions have had their kickoff meetings. Kansas Division of Emergency Management hired AMEC to facilitate these meetings as well as the upcoming ones that will no doubt be set in January 2014. To date, Region L (Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte), Region G (eastern half of the South Central Homeland Security Region), and Region H (all of the South East Homeland Security Region) have had their kickoffs. In Sep-

tember 2013, Region J and K will begin the process. Each kickoff has approximately three counties in attendance, with approximately three kickoffs per sub region.

Because of the expiration dates of the current plans, KDEM has begun the Regional Plans starting in the eastern counties and working toward the west. This is to minimize the impact of any potentially expiring plans to ensure the affected jurisdictions are covered before their plans expire.

This is an incredibly exciting initiative that will benefit the counties, the state, and potentially the whole United States. As each of the 50 states and their internal jurisdictions look to conserve on funding, the counties within the State of Kansas are forging a path with an innovative process that looks outside of the box.

## PREPAREDNESS IN ACTION—CRISIS CITY

On May 29-30 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, public safety officials are welcome to stop by and tour Crisis City. In addition to the tour, a full-scale tornado exercise will be taking place. This will allow those attending not only the opportunity to see the facility, but watch a training take place.

Crisis City, located near Salina, was designed for first responders to train for a multitude of events. Such training opportunities include: rail, pipeline, collapsed structure, Urban Search and Rescue, High angle rescue tower, K-9 Agility, and Active Shooter.

If you would like more information on this opportunity or on the facility, contact Tammy Shea at 785-826-3771 or by email at [Tamrya.k.shea.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:Tamrya.k.shea.nfg@mail.mil) or Dennis Colsden at 785-207-1558 or by email at [dennis.e.colsden.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:dennis.e.colsden.nfg@mail.mil)

**EMSAK CONFERENCE****BY: DARCY GOLLIHER**

We had our annual conference on April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Wichita and what a great conference it was! We started off the conference with Todd Mann from the Blue Cell speaking on Damage Assessment; he is a dynamic speaker anyway but the knowledge he shared with us was invaluable. He also directed us to his new App that holds a ton of information and a must for all responders.

Thursday morning we started off with Keith Giesbrecht, from Lakin, KS; speaking on how his ministry helps in disasters. His presentation was spoken straight from the heart and he had everyone's attention. I'm learning that there are response agencies out there that I didn't even know about and they're in our back yard.

We then heard from Rikki Shannonhouse and Isabel Herrera, both from KDEM. Rikki reviewed CRMC with us and showed us the new updates, while Isabel gave us a Spanish lesson to help in disasters. We tried getting Isabel to teach us some colorful language but she just smiled and continued on with her prepared talk. I bet if we got

her aside, we could learn...

Erin McGinnis, also from KDEM, wrote a terrific program on "Dealing with Difficult People in Disasters." Unfortunately, due to an accident at home, she was unable to attend and we had Bryan Saindon, from the American Red Cross, step in and do a fine job! I discovered there is a reason why I prefer email as a way to communicate....

Friday morning, Chance Hayes from the National Weather Service started us off with a talk on Impact Based Warning and the Affects of Over-Warning." I always enjoy listening to Chance as he doesn't sugar coat it and tells it like it is.

Jacque Miller, also from KDEM, visited with us about the Emergency Management Accreditation Program and how much work KDEM has put into this. Hopefully we will know soon how well Kansas stands.

Randy Duncan and Mark Stump finished off the program talking

about the Sedgwick County tornado last year and the help of some of the VOADS.

We were pleased to honor three individuals for their hard work this past year; Bill Taldo, Lane County Emergency Management Coordinator, received the "Outstanding EMSAK Member of the Year Award." Sandy Hendrickson, Disaster Response Coordinator from the KS West United Methodist, received the "Outstanding Support Agency Award." And John Treolo, the Community Service Director of the Adventist Community Services, received a "Life Member Award."

EMSAK distributed challenge coins with their logo on it to all speakers and offered them to our members for a reasonable price. We will offer them for sale at this year's KEMA conference! We are a very financially sound organization that offers quality training for both our emergency management coordinators and our support organizations throughout the State. This year's slate of officers are Past President Bill Ring, President Bill Taldo, President-Elect Bruce Brazzle, Treasurer Debbie Brown, and Secretary Darcy Golliher.

It was a great conference and I really encourage everyone to join us next year at the Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center on April

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.



**REGIONAL HEALTH CARE COALITIONS****BY: CHARLIE KEETON**

Since 2002, Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) cooperative agreement, has been providing funding and technical assistance to states and local hospitals. The main purpose of the program was to assist them in preparing them for disasters and improving surge capacity and enhancing community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies. Parallel to this, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) was providing funding and technical assistance to state and local public health departments through a program entitled Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreements.

Beginning July of 2012, HHS and CDC began aligning the two preparedness programs to increase program impact and demonstrate a clearer return on investment and help ensure sustainability of the PHEP and HPP funding. As a direct result the current HPP agreement requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), who is the recipient of the funding for the State of Kansas, establish Regional

Health Care Coalitions (HCCs). The Regional HCCs in Kansas have been set up to encompass the same areas as those of the Homeland Security Regions. Consequently, there are seven Regional HCCs established or being established across the State.

The intent of Regional HCCs is to bring together multiagency and multidisciplinary groups of entities and individuals together to improve preparedness of their community's health care system. The South Central Kansas Health Care Coalition was created on March 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. To assist the Coalition in meeting its mission an eighteen member Executive Committee was established and charged with providing strategic vision, strategies and guidance to the general membership. The Executive Committee represents a cross section of the agencies and organizations involved in Regional Health Care System Preparedness (see table on Page 11).

The Executive Committee members are responsible for serving as a spokesperson for their appointing organization by gathering and expressing professional opinion for their relevant organizations and agencies. They are

also responsible for serving as liaison for, and fostering communication with, their respective organizations by educating and informing them about Coalition activities and issues.

In addition to the Regional Coalitions, a Statewide HCC Steering Committee is also being established. It consists of select members from the seven Regional Coalitions, the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and KDHE. The Committee will serve as an advisory board to the aforementioned agencies by providing guidance, suggestions and a local perspective on needs.

Hospitals, and Health Care Systems face multiple challenges daily in addition to the growing list of man-made and natural threats. Preparing them and their Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 partners to prevent, respond to, and rapidly recover from these threats is critical for protecting and securing our healthcare system and public health infrastructure. Regardless of the threat however, an effective medical surge response begins with robust hospital-based systems and effective Health Care Coalitions to facilitate health and medical preparedness planning and response at the local level. Only through coordination with emergency management, public health, mental/behavioral health providers, community

**REGIONAL HEALTH CARE COALITIONS CONTINUED**

and faith-based partners, funeral directors, animal health teams, state and local governments and collaborating with all of our ESF 8 partners can

this be accomplished. For that reason, the South Central HCC meetings are open to all entities or individuals that agree to work collaboratively on healthcare pre-

paredness and emergency response activities.

The next South Central HCC meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Impact of Health Care Coalitions (HCCs)**

| Inputs  | Activities  | Outputs  | Outcomes   | Impact  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Funding<br><br>Time & energy of coalition members & partners<br><br>Equipment & meeting space | Development of coalition charter<br><br>Coalition meetings<br><br>Regional Hazard Vulnerability discussions<br><br>Planning material & MOU development<br><br>Regional support & technical assistance<br><br>Regional evaluations through questionnaire assessments | Active charter<br><br>#of meetings<br><br>#of partnering agencies<br><br>#of training materials<br><br>#of capabilities strengthens<br><br>#of five year performance measures achieved | Formalized Coalition<br><br>Cross-jurisdictional partnerships<br><br>Continuity of planning<br><br>Active and engaged members<br><br>Increased knowledge of available resources & resource agreements<br><br>Region-wide integrated & coordinated health & medical planning & response<br><br>Maximizing funding & resources | Enhanced emergency preparedness & response readiness of local / community health care system<br><br>Have or having access to supplemental resources & jurisdictional subject matter experts across the region |

## Executive Committee of the South Central Kansas Health Care Coalition

| Representative Selected | Organization Representing     | Employer   | Appointing Body  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Ken Johnson             | Small Hospitals               | Hillsboro Community Hospital                     | South Central Hospital Preparedness Region                             |
| Teri Thomas             | Medium Hospitals              | Great Bend Regional Hospital                     | South Central Hospital Preparedness Region                             |
| Diana Lippoldt          | Large Hospitals               | Wesley Medical Center                            | South Central Hospital Preparedness Region                             |
| Melissa Shaw            | Public Health Agencies        | Cowley County Health Department                  | South Central Metro Public Health Region                               |
| Virginia Downing        | Public Health Agencies        | South Central Public Health Coalition            | South Central Public Health Coalition                                  |
| Suzette Brotton         | Public Health Agencies        | Central Kansas Public Health Coalition           | Central Kansas Public Health Region                                    |
| Tom Pletcher            | Behavioral Health             | Sedgwick County COMCARE                          | South Central Homeland Security Council Behavior Health Representative |
| Terry David             | Emergency Medical Services    | Rice County Emergency Management                 | Region 3 EMS   |
| Rick Shellenbarger      | Emergency Management          | Sedgwick County Emergency Management             | South Central Kansas Emergency Management Association                  |
| Vacant                  | Forensic Science Center       | Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center | Sedgwick County District Corner  |
| Sheryl Germeroth        | Mortuary Services             | Old Mission Funeral Home                         | Kansas Funeral Directors Association                                   |
| Bryan Saindon (Interim) | Volunteers Active In Disaster | American Red Cross                               | KSVOAD Executive Board   |
| David Brazill           | Homeland Security             | City-Cowley County Health Department             | South Central Homeland Security Council                                |
| Christi Underwood       | Long Term Care Organizations  | Sterling House of Derby                          | Kansas Adult Care Executives   |
| Jerry McNamar           | Environmental Health          | Barber County Emergency Management               | Kansas Environmental Health Association                                |
| Vacant                  | Animal Health                 |  | South Central Kansas Animal Response Team                              |
| Anna Meyerhoff          | MMRS Coordinator              | Sedgwick County Public Health                    | Current Metropolitan Medical Response System Coordinator               |
| Charlie Keeton          | Coalition Coordinator         | South Central Hospital Preparedness Region       | Current South Central Hospital Preparedness Coordinator                |

The positions that are listed as vacant did not have an organizational rep at the last March 20th meeting and have subsequently been contacted and asked to appoint a representative. The persons that are listed as interim are temporarily serving as agency representative until such time their respective organization appoints a permanent representative.

**We are on the web!**

**[www.kema.org](http://www.kema.org)**



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