



Northeast KEMA

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NE KEMA Meeting Minutes

The NE KEMA meeting was called to order by Jillian Rodrigue, NE Vice President, at 10:00AM on January 15, 2013, at the Blind Tiger Brewery in Topeka, KS. Introductions were given by those present.

Those attending included:

Renee Aldrich – Red Cross	Chris Blackledge – Morris Co EM	Rick Frevert – Lyon Co EM
Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM	Nancy Lamb - KDEM	Wes Lanter – Atchison Co EM
Tim Lockett – Private Consultant	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM	John Moyer – KS Dept of Children/Families
Dusty Nichols – Shawnee Co EM	Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka	Alan Radcliffe – Franklin Co EM
Jillian Rodrigue- Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Bret Rowe – KDEM
Teri Smith – Douglas Co EM	Swapan Saha – KDEM	James Steele – Shawnee Co EM
Russell Stuckey – Coffey Co EM	Glenda Sunter – Lyon Co EM	Amy Terrapin – Wabaunsee Co EM
Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM	Keith Yoder- KDEM	

Minutes:

Tim Lockett made a motion to approve the December 18, 2012, minutes. Glenda Sunter seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Speaker: Bret Rowe, KDEM EMPG Coordinator

Bret took a few moments to introduce himself to the group and to discuss EMPG progress and updates. Counties which submitted the 1st – 3rd quarter requests, you should have been paid as long as all paperwork was submitted as well. He is working through 4th quarter requests. If not done so already, he asked counties to go ahead and submit final training and exercise documents, reimbursement requests, statements of work, or quarterly reports. He stressed submission of the training and exercise documents as KDEM must submit those to FEMA by the end of the month. In the future, all exercise documentation should be submitted to Cait Purinton.

FY2013 – During a conference call, FEMA stated they would likely provide guidance EMPG in April. Counties should plan on the same level of funding and requirements from 2012. Bret is going to try to develop and check lists of some kind to send out in March to assist with submission requirements. KDEM is seeing a trend with FEMA of needing to see documentation in one place. Counties no longer need to complete form at the end of year for returning money.

Bret thanked the group for their patience with him during the early process, email issues, resending e-mails, etc. On the business card he handed out, the phone number is borrowed and the voicemail is not being checked. He will let everyone know when it is finalized.

Old Business:

Garry Berges sent out a request for a representative to participate on an Award Committee to assist Cathy Hernandez with the awards.

Jillian thanked the EMs for submitting their years of service and responsibilities for the report for the TAG.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Member/Organization Reports:

Riley County – Laurie Harrison

- Hosting a CERT class with Pottawatomie County in March.
- Working on the FAD Exercise with a tabletop exercise in February and a full scale exercise in October.

NE Regional Coordinator - Nancy Lamb

- Passed around the Bold Solutions trainings flyer.
- Response/Recovery: This group asked county EMS to reach out to public water suppliers and see what their status is currently. Are there any conservation measures being conducted? They suggested taking time to look at their emergency plans to see what they have listed as secondary sources and limits in the event they run out of water.
- Response/ Recovery: Marlo will be scheduling WebEOC training across the state.
- Planning: KSplanner.com will begin hosting monthly webinars within the next 60 - 90 days.
- Planning: Custom Mitigation Solutions out of Salina and Blue Umbrella out of Denver, CO, have been contracted to complete the regional mitigation plans. They began with the SE and SC regions first anticipating that will take about 3-4 months to complete. They hope to provide the NE region with a 45-60 day notice of when they plan to begin with plans here.
- Planning: The 2011 Kansas Response Plan is being revised for 2014. If any EM wants to provide comments, let Brandt know. Comments must be submitted prior to July 2013.
- If any issues with any branch, contact Nancy or the branch chief. Please voice your concerns or requests for improvements.
- EMs requested more feedback or a confirmation e-mail from the branches when e-mails or documentation is received.
- Nancy is without an office at the moment. She asked EMs to call her cell (785-817-6083) if they need assistance from her. If you don't hear from her after submitting an e-mail, you can also send it to other e-mail (nj_lamb@hotmail.com).

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo

- Improvement Plan will be worked on at the end of week for the recent bus exercise.
- ESF 8 review
- Working with USDs on credentialing and development of emergency plans.
- Arsonist lit a CO-OP grain elevator in St. Mary's on fire Thanksgiving morning. These are very dangerous fires. He suggested requesting any CO-OP in your county with an unused grain elevator to tear them down for safety reasons. He also urged training on the exposures.
- Working on a tabletop exercise with Task Force 2 in February and a full scale March 25 - 27th.

Atchison County – Wes Lanter

- Reorganizing, starting to develop procedures, and learning things they don't know.

Wabaunsee County - Amy Terrapin

- Working with school districts on emergency plans.
- Recovery from the Harveyville Tornado has taken a considerable amount of time. The 1 year anniversary is February 28th. The community is having a celebration with a chili feed at the Fire Station.
- Working on the rebuilding team in Harveyville. The team continues to review cases, two of which remain open. United Way, Red Cross and the Methodist Church still have funds for the community.
- With some money still available, storm sirens are being considered.
- Amy thanked those who helped before, during, and after the tornado.

Shawnee County – Dusty Nichols and James Steele

- Have two new commissioners and EM staff is working to catch them up on responsibilities. EM met with one last week. They looking forward to working with the new commissioners.
- May be moving to a new building in the next year along with elections.
- Getting ready for SCAFA.
- Just finished an exercise with KHP on civil unrest on or near the Capital. Overall, a good exercise to help identify some areas of improvement.
- Rebanding the new communications system. EM has now been invited to that table.
- Scott working on the exercise and comfort trailers.
- Still in discussions with KDEM to replace some of the used materials.
- LEPC is getting going. TEPW is coming up.
- Participating in a March tornado exercise with the 190th.
- Severe weather talks are coming up.
- Dusty asked about an advanced weather class. Douglas County let them know they host an advanced class each year.
- Working with schools on emergency operations plans.
- Working on the revising the county EOP to include volunteer annex.

Douglas County – Teri Smith and Jillian Rodrigue

- Plans - LEOP, each ESF and working on.
- School districts - hosted a mtg. really working on.
- Meeting with a commissioner and fire chiefs to continue discussions on a burn resolution.
- With HMEP funds, EM is hosting a HazMat Tech training, HazMat IQ, jail exercise, and an alternative fuel training.
- Conducting a PIO Exercise in June.
- Completed the 2012 Annual Report. Teri mentioned you might surprised by all you've accomplished.
- Weather 101 is February 21st at 7PM.
- Advanced Severe Weather Symposium will be hosted on March 9th from 8AM-4PM at KU Union. The event is open to everyone. Registration is required, and there is a \$15 per person fee to attend.
- Hosting another Weekend CERT class April 26 - 28th in Lecompton.
- Process of looking company to produce 10-12 podcasts for weather safety, preparedness, etc.

Franklin – Alan Radcliffe

- If any NE Region member has a rapid tag which needs updates, please bring those to the Regional Council Meeting on the 23rd.
- Regional Homeland Security Projects are due for 2013 monies. Alan put one in for IMTs. Sustainability will likely be the theme.
- Last week the County held its kick off for updating the LEOP for its 5 year update. Twice as many

people attended this meeting. 3 of the 4 school districts attend with one completing their own EOP.

- Several schools since the Sandyhook shooting have contacted LE and are conducting seminars.
- 2 new commissioners, both of which are supportive of EM. G-402 course will be conducted.

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Working on LEOP.
- Exercise coming up on Saturday with Fire/EMS/Road and Bridge.
- Several house fires to contend with. 1 serious injury.
- Working with schools on developing an EOP.
- ICS 400 class will be held the last weekend in April. This class will be geared towards volunteers. Register on KS Train.
- 1 new commissioner.

Lyon County – Rick Frevert & Glenda Sunter

- Several training opportunities upcoming. February 19th, rail car incident training; March 4th-5th, Event Security for law enforcement; April 24th, special needs training; May 8th-9th, IS-300; June 12th-13th, IS-400; July 22nd, Resource Inventory; and an HSEEP training in September.
- First half of training is not on KSTrain.
- Kicked off EOP rewrite in January along with the TEPW. May be going back to the commissioners to include additional annexes.
- Working with Zoo programs to conduct a FAD tabletop exercise on February 7th.
- Violence in the schools in on the radar for school districts.
- Next week, EM will bring Water districts and providers together to discuss drought water restriction challenges.
- Coffey County Host Reception Care Plan has been submitted with comments.

Coffey County – Russel Stuckey

- Storm spotter training will be hosted on 2/20.
- Quarterly LEPC meeting was recently held. Discussed at length active shooter exercises with local school districts.
- Will be forming an emergency water committee with rural water districts, Corps of Engineers, cities, USDA, etc.
- The State & Coffey County will be graded on the ingestion pathway drill. Two two-day drills for practice and 1 two-day drill in November which is graded. KDHE is going to have a session at KEMA for ingestion pathway counties (counties within a 50 mile radius of Wolf Creek).
- Working on WebEOC training for 3 EOC teams.
- Coordinating the HMEP CFS for 12 counties. Waiting on 3 who have not signed the MOU.

Red Cross - Renee Aldrich

- Updating national shelter system making sure that accessibility is in there. They are sending teams out to get more shelters where there are non or very few.
- Still sending people to Sandy. Sandy, as far as the number of people affected, is greater than Katrina.
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Wal-mart have provided individuals to respond as disaster responders.
- For large fires or large exercises, they can setup a canteen. Went to the St. Mary's fire.

Leavenworth County - Chuck Magaha

- Water along the Missouri River is lowest in history. Currently, they don't have access to the river. As river levels continue to fall, LV EM is working with the NWS and water department.

- Conducted the TEPW in December which was facilitated by Keith.
- Attend Mobile Express training last week.
- A new sheriff is in town. There is 90 yrs of experience between the former Sheriff and Undersheriff. Chuck met with the new Sheriff Friday. He is looking forward to working with him. The Sheriff thinks highly of EM, and Chuck has worked with him on prior incidents.
- Two new commissioners. The newest one has been involved in disasters on the faith based level.
- ESF 8 is wrapping up. The VA will activate their emergency plan and ICS on limiting patients, monitoring visitors, etc. to keep from spreading the flu. Smaller hospitals are packed.
- Still working with schools.
- Working with Angee over the possibility of closing Guantanamo Bay. There are 2 sites in Leavenworth.
- Conducted a jail exercise last month. Took 30 employees of the public works department who acted as inmates during the exercise with a scenario of a fire. Yesterday there was a fire in POD C. Also, had a prison fire, and the installation of the sprinklers helped.
- KCMETRO MARC: Coming out with three new videos on preparedness (~3 mins.). Sheltering and fires will be the themes which should be available by the end of next week.
- Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties are working on a responder reception center concept which is used in other states. They will be meeting soon with state and local partners to develop a plan. Once developed, it can be utilized by the state and region.
- HARP, a research center out of North Pole, produces enough HF electricity to power a small city. Leavenworth CO EM, Ft. Leavenworth, and the NWS have been approached by a group which believes that this HARP system has an influence on weather (which it doesn't).
- Chuck has been asked to present at the state engineers conference. His presentation title is *Debris Management: It can break you or make you.*

KDEM - Swaphan Saha

- Swapan sent out a reminder for HMEP applications. It is not known what will happen with 2013 funds.

Morris County - Chris Blackledge

- Attend a school board mg on security and emergency action plans.
- Working to get the LEPC reorganized and help them understand the purpose.
- Coordinating a meeting with the commissioners and Council Grove to discuss the drought.
- Action plan was discussed for the scenario if the city lake dam broke.
- Attended one of the Bold SuperSystem workshops and found lot of gaps in the plan.

NWS Topeka - Chad Omitt

- Thanks for signing up for the spotter talks. All trainings have been posted and sent to the media. Staff will be going to every county again this year.
- The statewide weather information packet will be sent out around February 1st.
- The drought will persist as there is no reason to expect any relief any time soon. Chad also emphasized looking at emergency plans. Average precipitation totals are down about 12 inches in Topeka.
- WIBW announced they are offering a free service called Storm Call, which will send an alert if you are within the polygon, for schools. Chad will send the information to Jillian for dissemination.

The next meeting will be hosted by Coffey County Emergency Management on Tuesday, February 19th.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Tim Lockett and seconded by Russel Stuckey.



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Those attending included:

Renee Aldrich – Red Cross	Nelson Casteel – Shawnee Co EM	Marvin Grimes – Anderson Co EM
Tim Lockett – Private Consultant	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM	Matt May – Johnson Co EM
Dusty Nichols – Shawnee Co EM	Jillian Rodrigue- Douglas Co EM	Russell Stuckey – Coffey Co EM

Minutes:

Tim Lockett made a motion to approve the January 15, 2013, minutes. Rob Ladner seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Jillian discussed some pre-conference training ideas for the 2013 KEMA Conference.
- Chuck Magaha briefed the group about Safe and Prepared Schools reaching out to local school districts to encourage the development of emergency plans. These trainings are free to the participant.

Member/Organization Reports:

KDWPT - Rob Ladner

- Rob led a discussion about EHD in the deer population. He asked if EMs had received the e-mails concerning where it had been detected. Many EMs received the notifications. He also discussed Chronic Wasting Disease tracking in deer.

Johnson County - Matt May

- This Summer they are getting prepared to go to Emmitsburg for the IEMC. 75 folks are going. During the meeting, Dan was presenting to the key players.
- Johnson County has a new mass notification system from Everbridge which is a combined effort with 8 cities. 140,000 numbers are currently in the system now. Each city has its own check box options. Entities have been working with cell partners. They will be testing the system early on March 5th.
- The State has a new state RACES officer, Herb Fittic. He was a volunteer fire fighter and former assistant fire chief. New RACES plan was signed off on a week ago. If you want a copy of the plan or want to start a RACES group, let Matt know. There are 6 new qualifications for amateur radio in the plan.
- The Mid-America Regional Council has released new videos on their website.

Leavenworth County – Chuck Magaha

- The MO River still giving them fits. Recently had an individual that capsized canoe, but rescuers had no way to get to him. Ft. Leavenworth was able to rescue him. They have temporarily dredged around the water intake. They are looking in to installing a diverter well (\$2.5 million project). Gavin's Point sent out a release that they are cutting back more in regards to water release through April.
- Chuck informed the group about the regional Mitigation Plan process. The contractor wants a lot of information in a very short amount of time. There are 22 hazards which have been identified and require an action for each hazard.

Red Cross -Renee Aldrich

- Responded to an arsonist fire in Manhattan at 20 unit apartment building which housed international students. There was 1 fatality.

Coffey County - Russell Stuckey

- Working on 12 county CFS. They are preparing to choose a contractor. He requested any tips from the group for the CFS study.
- All 3 superintendents sit on LEPC and attend. They are working towards a countywide school plan.
- He reminded the group about a training for Wolf Creek which will be offered at the KEMA conference.
- They recently arrested an arsonist, a 79 year old grandmother who had been setting fires in ditches near graveyards. She ventured over to Anderson County as well.
- State has had a couple meetings on projects and proposals to dredge John Reservoir. They also hosted a meeting with potential contractors.
- Russell asked if anyone was attending the Tornado Summit on March 10-12.

Anderson County – Marvin Grimes

- Worked several road ditch fires including one East of Harris. These were related to the Coffey County fire investigations and 79 year old arsonist.
- Working with schools on plans. The schools are starting to bite into it more. Currently, schools don't have a lot of plans.
- Dusty did an ICS 300 class and will be completing an ICS 400 class next week.

Shawnee County – Dusty Nichols and Nelson Casteel

- ICS 300 and 400 set up for August at the request of the Extension Office who will host the classes.
- Dave's been focused on the drought situation.
- Staff met last night with TV and radio meteorologists and a couple storm chase teams to discuss how to share information in real time.
- When funds are released for a new vehicle, Shawnee County EM will be developing the Tactical Emergency Response Device (TERD). It includes a backup system for the siren system and the ability to talk through the PA system.
- Still working accountability.
- They are still working through plans of a new EOC since they are moving.
- Storm spotter training is March 4th at 3PM and 7PM.
- Talked with Chad concerning the issuance of an advanced weather spotter training certificate following the spotter training and communications training.
- Kansas First News completed a story on social media and disasters including an interview about Shawnee County's efforts.
- Staff will be travelling to Atlanta for the public health conference specifically for COOP and social media.
- Advanced PIO course.

- Nelson and Scott will be attending advanced instructor training.
- CERT Class March 1st and 2nd and 8th and 9th.
- Received an intern for the semester.

Douglas County – Jillian Rodrigue

- Jillian brought flyers for the Douglas County Severe Weather Symposium which will be held on March 9th.
- We are still working PSAs and podcasts to share on our website, with local media, and on our social media sites.
- Recently sat down with the LJWorld to discuss the makings of a severe weather plan for their facility.
- Sat down with Rick Katzfey, 6 News Chief Meteorologist, to interview for his severe weather special which will air on March 13th.

KDEM

- All KDEM staff are attending the EOC training.
- Law Enforcement state level personnel standards are complete and will be posted as soon as the working group makes them available.

The next meeting will be hosted by Lyon County Emergency Management on Tuesday, March 19th.

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Jillian Rodrigue - Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Teri Smith – Douglas Co EM
Dave Sterbenz – Shawnee Co EM	Russel Stuckey – Coffey Co EM	Glenda Sunter – Lyon Co EM
Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie CO EM		

Minutes:

Glenda Sunter made a motion to approve the February 19, 2013, minutes. Dusty Nichols seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Jillian discussed some concerns over the inability to send out messages via IRIS while TechRadium was completing some server work. TechRadium did not send an e-mail as they have done in the past to notify users of the possible delays. She will bring these concerns to Doug Bartlet.
- Members were asked to submit articles about what’s going on in their county which might be useful for other counties for KEMA’s quarterly newsletter. The decision on what article(s) to submit will be determined at the next meeting.
- A discussion of the current statewide tornado drill procedure was had by those present. At this time, the product being issued by the NWS includes a “T”, for test, which does not activate all of the means by which individuals receive warnings. This being the case, we are not able to truly test all of the components of the warning dissemination system. Jillian will work with Doug Schmidt to develop a letter to be approved and signed by the KEMA Board and sent to address this concern with appropriate NWS representatives.
- A request from a vendor was made to attend a business meeting and present a product. After a discussion an official motion was made to only allow vendors to attend monthly NE KEMA businesses meetings when an invitation is extended by the membership. Otherwise, vendors are encouraged to attend the annual KEMA Conference. Garry Berges made a motion to approve and Russel Stuckey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

- Nancy Lamb brought to the group a request from the Health Coalition for a representative on their committee. The coalition elected Chris Trudo for this position, and was not willing to be presented with an alternate unless he refuses the position. After much discussion Dusty Nichols made a motion requesting a formal request with responsibilities for the representative who will represent KEMA on this coalition. Teri Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
- Chris Trudo requested the KEMA Board to investigate legislation to provide emergency managers more legal ground or authorities to stand on to make decisions.

Member/Organization Reports:

Geary County – Garry Berges

- Received bids for a new vehicle.
- Symphony on the Prairie is at Ft Riley this year.
- Next week several individuals from the Site Selection Committee are visiting 2 sites, one in Manhattan and one in Junction City, to host the KENA Conference for the next three years.

Franklin County – Alan Radcliffe

- Updating county EOP through May.
- Burning season has started. Last week was very busy when the temps warmed up. Over 800 permits were issued (typically issue 1300 per year).
- Provided a G402 class to county commission. They asked a lot of questions during the training. 3 of the 5 Commissioners are new.
- Starting on budget which must be completed by the end of the month.
- The communications system was damaged during the snow storm. One antenna was knocked off during the event.
- Working with the fire departments concerning mutual aid agreements. They have been educating the departments on how the process works.
- Sheriff and deputy remain under investigation.
- Vickie completed 300-400 ID cards since beginning of the year.
- Hosting a Safety Day at the end of April which is for all first responders at Orscheln Farm and Home. EM will be programming weather radios.
- Continue to program weather radios at the office.
- Getting a new website.

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Working on getting the LEOP updated.
- Putting together numbers for the preliminary damage assessment for the 12+ inches of snow they received. They should meet the threshold.
- Working on the CFS.
- Exercises upcoming in April and June.
- Hosting a G400 Class on 27-28 April which is geared more towards volunteers.
- A few schools have contacted EM requesting help with their plans. A couple are looking at hosting an active shooter exercise.

National Weather Service Topeka – Chad Omitt

- Mike Selves has asked the NWS to conduct a half day pre-conference workshop on weather. Chad asked EMs to provide EMs to submit topics to be covered as it pertains to weather.
- WEA is out and they are working to publicize it through media and spotter talks. There are many more questions than answers from users. Chad will send out the link to information on the WEA.

- The Impact Based Warning test continues this year with very slight changes to the wording. The same format applies, but the tags are a little different. "Considerable" has replaced "Significant" as a word to describe. The test has been expanded to include the 38 offices in Central Region. NWS may host another webinar for EMs and Media.
- Planning on putting out a graphical product which will be provided to local EMs and media through an internal link. This is a test product. NWS will be evaluating to see if it's practical and helpful for partners.
- Weather coming Thursday. NWS is expecting about 1-3 inches of wet snow. Another possible storm is coming Sunday bringing heavy wet snow again.
- NWS has some concerns about the Spring severe weather season and what it will bring.
- Planning on having an IWT meeting later this year. Chris Trudo suggested incorporating the meeting during the pre-conference training.

Lyon County – Rick Frevert and Glenda Sunter

- Working on updating the County EOP
- Updated 3 annexes: Special Needs, Animal Sheltering, and Debris Management
- Water conservation plan is taking a lot of time because the City is rewriting their portion of the plan. This afternoon EM will meet with rural water districts to hopefully correct some misinformation. In the last 5-10 days, a realization of what may happen if the water supply dries up has occurred. The lake continues to fall. December could be ugly for water if the reservoir does not fill.
- CFS is going well. Thanks to Coffey County.
- Working on the school response plans. They were able to get all of the disciplines in the room together. PD conducted an active shooter training at a local grade schools.
- 3rd week in May they'll be conducting the Coffey county host plan.
- June 1 - Dirty Kanza. Motels are already full, and they are beginning to utilize the dorms. This is a 200 mile bike race which begins in Emporia, goes through Greenwood and Chase Counties, and back to Emporia. Riders leave 6AM Saturday and won't return until 2-3AM Sunday. The first planning meeting went well. With several concerns over the safety of the bikers, EM has been asked to put together a brochure for weather safety. Snakes will also be included. They will be putting together a local EM team. The local Chamber is anticipating around 5000-8000 people in attendance at the 3 day event.

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo

- Locals have started burning. 2 burn bans have been issued in the last week – 10 days.
- Starting to meet with their USDs each 6 months. 3 meetings have been conducted and are going well.
- Participated in the Statewide Drill. 1 siren didn't function properly.
- Morgue trailer wasn't available for KHP audit as it was being marked. It is available for those who need it. The sheltering trailer, morgue trailer, and response trailer are being moved to Westmoreland in the next couple months.
- The 3-day exercise with Task Force 2 and the IMT is coming up.
- Updating ESF 8 with health dept. He worked in Bold some.
- Participated in a Community Needs Assessment which was looking at health needs in Pottawatomie County and how to best address local needs. Mental health is taking a center stage.
- Working with Riley County on conducting a bus exercise.
- Thanked Chad for work on the snow storm forecast, information, and webinars. It was a very smooth response to the weather system because they were able to meet prior to the event and plan together.
- Improvement plan was sent to KDHE on the bus exercise. They have started working on not having school districts carded to get into the scene and providing training to first responders on the updates to the mass cal tags.
- Rick had good FEMA class on rail car response.

Coffey County – Russel Stuckey

- Attended the National Tornado Summit. It was okay. It was mainly attended by insurance representatives, but it did have several EM focused tracks.
- Send 3 to Anniston, AL for radiological officer training.
- Working on safe schools plans. All 3 superintendents attend the LEPC meetings. They are working on a countywide plan with annexes for each school district.
- Hosted a storm spotter training. Training was good even though the turnout was little low.
- Closed the County Courthouse 1 day during each storm.
- Working on CFS. Russel reminded everyone to keep track of their hours and submit them.
- Coffey County and the State EOC are being graded by FEMA on the Ingestion Pathway (once every 6 years) and then 8 years. The Ingestion Pathway is when the plume would leave the 10 mile emergency planning zone. Any county within the 50 mile EPZ who wants to participate in the exercise, should contact Russel. The graded exercise is Nov 5-6. The practice exercise are 8/20 and 10/30.
- There will be two different training sessions offered at KDEM to support the Wolf Creek exercises. An Orientation for Wolf Creek on March 28th (afternoon) and a Wolf Creek refresher on June 20th will be held.
- All sirens functioned during the statewide tornado drill.

Emporia State University - Carrie

- Been in the new position since end of January.
- Working on a lot of review and enhancement. They have been able to test some of the plans with real-world events.
- Testing some of the emergency notifications systems and making some updates. Tests are going well.
- Working to bring together EMs in similar positions within the regent's system and universities to meet and discuss issues and how they can support each other. The first meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm.

Shawnee County – Dave Sterbenz and Dusty Nichols

- Conducted an ICS 402 for new commissioners, department heads, sheriff and undersheriff.
- Disaster declaration for the snow.
- It's good to have a reliable COOP plan. The COOP Plan for the Elections office worked really well.
- Finished St. Patty's day parade in Topeka. About 20,000 people attended. An IAP was completed and they rapid tagged drivers, vehicles, etc. All parades will be planned for in the future.
- Dusty attended the public health conference in Atlanta. It was a great conference.
- Working on the situation unit leader kits.
- Getting ready for annual encampment for CERT members which will be hosted Noon Friday - Noon Saturday. It will be a nighttime exercise this year.
- Finished a CERT class with good attendance. They have already scheduled the next classes.
- Severe Weather Awareness Week event was hosted at Westridge Mall. It was attended by several agencies. EM sold and programmed weather radios.
- EM provided an 800 radio to the NWS Topeka. They have now provided local media outlets in Topeka with 800 radios programmed with the Shawnee County EM Channel.
- Working on new 800 radio system. They are finally getting decided on where to put towers.
- ICS 300 Class was completed in Anderson Co. ICS 400 will be conducted at the end of April. ICS 300 & 400 in Topeka in August.
- Hosted the storm spotter trainings, but had a somewhat smaller turnout of 500 people total.
- Working since last fall to complete a tornado shelter for the Shawnee County North Annex. It has been a difficult process. New plans had to be created instead of using the original plans from Greensburg.
- Announced CERT volunteer of the year!

Johnson County - Matt May

- Johnson County had 15-25 inches from the recent snow storm. One of the schools may lose their gym. Their main beams are all broken. They may be able to make threshold with this damage. During the snow storm they had 46,000 FB hits. EM launched a test of the new system. They continue to work through a few challenges.
- Still performing a complete review before IEMC. They are also redoing the hazard mitigation plan and finishing up the debris management plan.
- Every month they review an ESF and are about half way through.
- One person from EM and 4 from health department were sent to the Public Health Summit and one person was sent from EM to the Tornado Summit.
- New functional access needs trailer which will be set up very soon.
- A generic handout has been developed for information on WEA on preparemetrokc.org. Some information needs to be updated.
- Hosted a spotter talk at the end of January. They had about 450 in attendance.
- State RACES plan has been rewritten. The RACES working group will meet on April 2nd.

KDEM - Nancy Lamb

- EOP Status was requested to be shared with the group. If you want a follow-up training on the Bold System, contact Andrew at KDEM.
- Handed out "Managing the Risk". A few highlights of the NE region include the Harveyville Tornado, support provided to the East Coast, and Anderson County for LEPC events.
- Kim Nettleton has taken a new job as an environmentalist at the new Mars Factory.
- Crisis City position is open.
- State fire Marshall's office has agreed to umbrella search and rescue. This was approved by the Governor. Regulations are being put together at this time and will mirror hazmat regulations. SAR activation remains the same where you must be County EM and contact KDEM. When this changes, notifications will be sent out.
- The Fire Marshall's office has been in discussions with KSARNA concerning placing them under their umbrella. This is being sent to the Fire Marshall's legal division.
- COWs were discussed at recent regional council meetings. Currently, they are considered under KDEM with funding from KDOT. In a few years, this will be turned over completely to KDEM.
- Regional mitigation plan meetings are in progress. Funding for the sustainment of the plans will be through KDEM.
- Water emergency planning workshops have been sent out.
- Nancy will try to send out the minutes from meetings from working groups and coalitions.
- The Battle Book was requested. Nancy will send it out. Please send Nancy any needed updates.

Red Cross - Renee Aldrich

- Volunteer system has changed from current to a new system.
- Red Cross has a new corporate sponsor, Blue Cross Blue Shield. They have provided 30+ volunteers. 26 have been trained so far.
- Participating in the Full scale on March 25-27th.
- The Red Cross has several phone apps! These include a number of tools including an "I'm ok" button, flashlight, etc.

Douglas County - Teri Smith and Jillian Rodrigue

- Updating of plans is ongoing.
- Recently completed the PDA, and we do believe we will meet our threshold.
- Remain busy with a Full Scale Exercise with the Sheriff's Office in April.
- As the KU men's basketball team continues its run in the tournament, local agencies continue to plan for celebrations downtown by fans.
- Hosted their rescheduled Weather 101 on March 18th. Participation was a bit down from previous years.
- Conducted their 13th Annual Severe Weather Symposium on March 9th. About 150 people attended the event.

The next meeting will be hosted by Shawnee County Emergency Management on Tuesday, April 16th.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Dusty Nichols and seconded by Matt May.



Northeast KEMA

Call to Order and Introductions:

The Northeast KEMA meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on April 16, 2013 at the CASA Restaurant in Topeka (Shawnee County). President-Elect Garry Berges welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Rick Frevert- Lyon Co EM

Garry Berges- Geary Co EM

Chuck Magaha- Leavenworth Co EM

Dave Sterbenz- Shawnee Co EM

Carrie Boettcher- Emporia State Univ. EM

Steve Nelson- 190 ARW EM

Bill Schwindamann- Marshall Co EM

Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM

Bryce Romine- Osage Co. EM

Nancy Lamb- KDEM

Gary Thurman- United Way 2-1-1

Doug Barlet- Linn Co EM

Linda Maus- Linn Co EM

Cait Purinton- KDEM

Russel Stukey- Coffey Co. EM

Rob Ladner- KDWPT

Nelson Castel- Shawnee Co EM

Dusty Nichols- Shawnee Co EM

Minutes from the March meeting were approved with the following corrections:

There is no “c” in Russel Stukey’s name

Under Geary County Report, it should be KEMA, not KENA

Cait Purinton then gave an update on the KDEM Exercise Program.

HSEEP in Emporia the last of the month.

HSEEP in Kansas City

Exercise Design-Discussion Based May 14-16

Exercise Design- Discussion Based Aug 15-16

Exercise Design- OPS Based October 22-24 in Topeka

May 30- Crisis City –Open House for Public Safety Officials

She will be in a Webinar rest of the day and tomorrow. It is their annual Training and Exercise Conference which is Webinar based this year to reduce travel expenses. She will let everyone know about any changes to the Exercise Program. Coming soon to WebEOC is After Action Reports for Exercises.

Garry then asked about any articles that anyone had for the upcoming KEMA Perspective Newsletter. Dusty advised that he had done one on the Kansas Fusion Center and was waiting for their review so he could submit it. There were no other articles brought forward. Dusty will submit the article when okayed, directly to Jillian.

Member/Organization Reports:

LINN County- Doug Barlet

- Linda Maus is the new Planner in his Office
- LaCygne – E.M. Committee
- Data base- cleaning up
- Light grass fire season
- COOP Plan – working on
- Having 300 and 400 classes in July & Aug-weekend classes
- Haz-Mat Awareness / OPS put on by KU Fire
- Pushing IRIS and Vulnerable Population sign-up
- Facebook page is up and running
- CERT Program
- Training on Railroad
- IRIS system was down while hardware switch happened, better system now, has a back-up system, opt-in for notification on maintenance issues on may Tech Radium page

Riley County- Laurie Harrison

- CERT Class with Pottawatomie Co
- Riley Humane Society- info booth at Park
- Doug Schmidt (formally Jefferson CO EM) new Asst. County Fire Chief
- Part-time temporary office clerical hired
- Burned 4,000 acres compared to 18,000 last year
- Thursday- Ft. Riley Irwin Army Hospital Safety Day- helping out at

COFFEY County- Russel Stukey

- 3 Significant fires last week
- Commodity Flow Study- keep track of hrs
- He is the Vendor Liaison for the KEMA Vendors this year
- WebEOC training planned
- Counties with the 50 mile radius of Wolf Creek who wish to be part of the next drill, send e-mail to him
- Courtney at the Radiological National Conference

KDEM- Nancy Lamb

- Battle Book review going out this week- any updates need to notify Nancy
- Fusion Center- coordinate with them on upcoming events
- Big County Events- send info to Nancy so it can be put on the “radar screen”

United Way- Gary Thurman

- Tested system during last storms using laptops
- New generator hooked up to their building
- System is now Internet-Based on their end

SHAWNEE County- Dave Sterbenz, Dusty Nichols, Nelson Castel

- Nelson was bored last night, so he was following the social media sites dealing with the Boston incident- they wanted the info to get out to the public
- Used the Boston incident to get word out locally on social media about: See something- say something, etc
- CERT class in May
- 300 and 400 classes Aug 13-14 21-22
- Scott went to bomb school
- Any event with 500+ are forwarded to KDEM so they are aware
- Radio system- 6 new towers
- Annex- working on shelter location

- Credentials- updating and working on vehicle credentials
- PIO Course next week
- State Firefighter Association Conference next week at the Ramada

LEAVENWORTH County- Chuck Magaha

- Working on 2014 Budgets- told to prepare for 5% and 10% cuts, watching to see what the State does
- Weather Radio Campaign- Metro area – now till mid May
- June- Homeland Security Equipment- Show & Tell
- NASCAR Race- asking that CPs are put closer
- Working on LEOP- Kansas Standards
- EOC- updating- adding more TVs
- Outdoor Sirens- 10 new up, 10 left to do
- Credentialing
- Site Assessments- county buildings
- Kansas Homeland Security Group- Chuck elected Chair (must have been sleeping at vote time)
- Catholic Churches- shelters/ templates

WILDLIFE, PARKS & TOURISM- Rob Ladner

- Deer Hunters- caliber restrictions changing
- Turkey Hunters- any gauge shotgun

MARSHALL COUNTY- Bill Schwindamann

- Full Scale Exercise in Holton- asked for Ems
- School Evacuation Plan
- Storm Shelters
- EOP- working on

LYON COUNTY- Rick Frevert

- Schools EOP Plans- working with DHS
- Dirty Kanza- Planning (Bike Race)
- Hosting different training- coming up
- Fire Dept hosting Responding to Nuclear weapons training
- Water reserves- still dropping
- Reading Tornado- 2 years ago- all major businesses now open back up

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY- Carrie Boettcher

- EM and High Education personnel getting together
- Planning for Dirty Kanza- overflow housed on campus
- Water conservation planning
- Training on Friday- KHP presenting morn- LEOs and School officials
Afternoon- LEOs only

OSAGE COUNTY- Bryce Romine

- LEOP updated
- Triage training- Thursday
- Lake- Search and rescue Plans
- 400- Apr 27-28 Sat & Sun
- Weather Radio Grant Program
- Sky Dive- EOP Plan
- CERT Team- starting
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GEARY COUNTY- Garry Berges

- Fire calls are way down- about half from last year
- Looking at a Regional CERT/MRC group- Geary, Riley, Pottawatomie,
- Doing vehicle credentials
- Working with the school (USD475) on Crisis Plans

Motion to Adjourn

No further business, meeting was adjourned



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NE KEMA Meeting Minutes

The NE KEMA meeting was called to order by Jillian Rodrigue, NE Vice President, at 10:00AM on May 21, 2013, at the Sirloin Stockade in Ottawa, KS. Introductions were given by those present.

Those attending included:

Garry Berges – Geary Co EM	Vickie Eckard – Franklin Co EM	Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM
Nancy Lamb - KDEM	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM	Matt May – Johnson Co EM
J.D. Mersman – Anderson Co EM	Steven Nelson – KS National Guard	Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka
Alan Radcliffe – Franklin Co EM	Jillian Rodrigue - Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM
Gary Thurman – United Way	Keith Yoder - KDEM	

Minutes:

Matt May made a motion to approve the April 16, 2013, minutes. Bryce Romine seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- The 2013 State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites in Lawrence, Kansas from Tuesday, November 5th through Thursday, November 7th.
- Electronic Voting: The KEMA Board has been discussing the option of electronic voting instead of paper ballot voting. This push forward was to create a means for all members to have the ability to vote, even if he/she could not attend the conference. This would also allow the membership to vote on changes throughout the year. Chuck Magaha, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee Chair, drafted an electronic voting policy. This policy will be shared with the membership upon final review. The first change needed is to vote, at the conference, to approve a change to the bylaws to allow for electronic voting. If this does not get passed by 2/3 of the membership present, we will vote with paper ballots for the remaining issues. Please note you will be required to enter your KEMA number, which you should have received with your membership renewal. The Board voted to utilize surveymonkey.com for online voting. You can contact Jillian or Keri Korthals to retrieve your KEMA number if you have misplaced it.
- KEMA Conference Updates:
 - Save the date information will be coming soon for the 2013 conference. Garry is working with CVENT to send out updates. Vendors are being coordinated by Russell Stuckey in Coffey County.
 - During the May KEMA Board meeting, members voted to approve the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee to have the 2014 - 2016 conference at the Marriott in Junction City.

- Chuck Magaha attended the Safe and Prepared Schools Consortium and gave a report on recent changes.
 - Beginning in January 2013, a shooting with 3 or more fatalities will be considered a mass shooting, and the FBI will take charge over incident.
 - A rewrite of the Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools training is being conducted. Every scenario within the updated training is a school intruder or shooting. Kansas is asking for tornado safety exercises to be added.
 - Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure developed a pilot program to conduct school assessments. 25 schools were initially assessed. This year's program includes a school district from Salina, Manhattan, Lawrence, and Wichita.

Member/Organization Reports:

Geary County – Gary Berges

- Had some damages with weekend storms. Geary County had a peak wind gust of 107mph based on a wind machines reading. They had a camper with 2 individuals in it overturn at the lake. Lots of trees and powerlines down. Also, experienced hail as participants of the Run for the Wall motorcycle ride entered the county.
- Working on the budget.
- Working on updating the EOP.
- Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie are working to put together regional CERT/MRC groups.
- The new vehicle is being built and should be ready in a few weeks.

Riley County – Laurie Harrison

- Working on budgets and the EOP.
- Had some wind damage from recent storms that moved from Leonardville to Randolph. Damages totaled about \$200,000. Most of this damage was to outbuildings.
- Working with USD 383 on assessments.
- Working with the University on 9-1-1 addressing.
- CRMCS is having some trouble connecting to the Department of Revenue. Individuals within CRMCS are not getting the sunflower logo on their driver's license. Riki is working with the Department of Revenue on the issue. It was also noted that if you put a middle initial, it doesn't print on card.
- Laurie requested an explanation about how individuals are approved for access within NWS Chat.

Franklin County – Alan Radcliff and Vickie Eckard

- EOP update is being finalized. They had several good discussions with agencies during the update process. Staff met with the animal shelter who were glad to be a part of the plan.
- Franklin County has a communications plan which is cross walked with local agencies. They understand they will need an IMT. The Communications Plan will be provided to incoming support individuals to provide some background on the workings within the cities and county.
- Kansas Fire Service came out to record fire department capabilities. EM has requested a capabilities assessment and plan to attach both to the EOP.
- Discussions continue concerning combining fire departments to countywide or at least fewer than 9 fire departments. Request input from citizens.
- EM staff supported the sheriff's office on the recent homicide. Alan noted that if an infant is killed, the FBI is required to investigate. Staff were requested to assist in coordinating the wide area search. The command trailer, light tower, and communications equipment were all utilized.
- There are 4 school districts in Franklin County. Ottawa completed an assessment a few years ago. He was not sure if there was follow through from the original. USD 288 has an IT director and appointed

EM and delivered their plan a week ago. This plan was used when severe weather was anticipated during Prom.

- New website is being developed. This new one will allow for more information. They will be putting some information about the Moore, OK Tornado.
- Alan asked the group about a bylaw change concerning membership on the Regional Council: KEMA now has 2 members on the council. He asked if they wanted to keep or remove them. Jillian will begin sending out minutes from the meetings to KEMA members.
- Alan also discussed the use of cell phones in disasters. The Moore, OK cell phone towers were overloaded. He also noted that too many cell phones in a small space can shut down a signal booster.

United Way - Gary Thurman

- The new generator was delivered and will be installed and ready within a couple weeks.
- Red Cross and United Way completed a damage assessment exercise which included amateur radio operators in the vehicles completing the survey. They noted how much amateur radio members improved the exercise.

Leavenworth County - Chuck Magaha

A survey monkey request was recently send to school districts which included 4 questions. 292 of the 306 recipients responded.

- 1.) Has your district recently upgraded/completed an EOP using NIMS and ICS? 40% said yes
- 2.) Is your district in the process of updating your EOP? 71% said yes
- 3.) Does your district need to update your EOP? 68% said yes.
- 4.) Has your district participated in the EOP Training provided by Safe and Prepared Schools? 51% said yes.

Of those that responded, 98% state time was an issue, 73% listed training as an issue, 47% said money, and 27% stated a lack of people and resources was an issue. The final question asked if Kansas Safe and Prepared Schools was a benefit. 21% stated it was not a benefit.

- They have had several 2 liter bombs going off. These are being throwing next to people's houses.
- 2 pipe bombs were found near Basehor. They are working through the investigation.
- Considerable wind damage from recent storms.
- Completed budget. EM was asked to cut 5%. Since 2009, EM's budget has been cut 33%.
- On June 21st from noon - 7PM at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds, they are setting up all homeland security assets within Leavenworth County. Others are invited to come and see what's available.
- Following the West, TX incident, EM sat down with GIS. They've created a map of fertilizer plans and other hazardous material sites with explosion rings around those areas. All addresses area included. Riley County, Franklin County and Douglas County are headed that direction. Franklin County has created grid maps for search and rescue teams to utilize during an emergency.
- Presented Debris Management 101 with Randy Duncan to the Kansas County Highway Association in Wichita. There were lots of questions. Chuck will be giving 2 trainings in the coming year.
- A zip line amusement park is moving in to Leavenworth County. It will sit on 143 acres over a bluff and will be open all year round. There will be 7 lines and will take 2 1/2 hours to complete. This will be the first in KS and MO. The 21st is the deadline for comments. June 19th EM and fire will go back out. Cave Rescue exists in Cherokee County. Nets over the cave vents are being requesting. 60 ft is the highest point. EMS has requested labeled trails to ensure easier access to patients. Midwest underground caves are notorious for flash flooding. Chuck has pushed the need for a good chemical and severe weather plan.

Johnson County – Matt May

- 75 officials are participating in the IEMC on September 16th.
- Signed off on a new debris management plan.
- Participating in a regional EOC exercise on June 13th. Operations and communications will be the main foci.
- The liaison from Lenexa to EM has taken a new position in Clay County.
- Couple new guys working this weekend/week did well with recent storms.

KC Metro Region - Keith Yoder

- KDEM is EMAP accredited, and the plaque will be coming in the next few weeks.
- Brett Rowe is taking over as EMAP manager. KDEM is in the process of an annual review process that was built in. Some of the items include the training needs survey, TEPW, review of strategic plan, EMPG review, etc. This provides the structure on how to keep program up to date and moving forward.
- Next is an exercise in Crisis City with IMTs and SAR. Several individuals from KDEM are going to support.

NE Kansas Region - Nancy Lamb

- Laura Hyer lost her battle with cancer last week. She started in Bourbon County, then worked in Shawnee County.
- OK response: OK requested federal SUSAR teams, and there is no anticipation of doing EMAC. Nancy requested EMs to remind folks not to self deploy. Task Force: It does not look like they will need our assistance.
- Please take a few moments and complete the training needs assessment survey sent by Erin.
- CRMCS – Please complete the feedback survey.
- CRMCS training on May 23rd. This will be held in Topeka and individuals can register on KS Train.
- June 4th ESF training. State ESF partners are also participating. Individuals can register on KS Train.

Kansas Air National Guard - Steve Nelson

- Fire Chief is excited to show the new SAR trailer. It supports at least a 20 person SAR team.

Anderson County – J.D. Mersman

- Announced he will be taking over for Marvin Grimes as the EM / County Fire Chief. JD has been with the department for 6 years.
- Ethanol plant hopes to be up and running again in August. The shutdown was due to lack of corn. They have expressed an interest in working with the fire and rescue on training. They've offered some funding for equipment and training. They have already completed some grain engulfment training and doing some rope rescue training.
- Local working group made up of the school district, law enforcement, hospital and EM are working on school assessments. They completed an active shooter training about a month ago which was successful. The next step is to look towards the aftermath of the active shooter.
- A gentleman faxed in a threat. The Sheriff worked with the Kansas Fusion Center. Within a few hours, they had found the individual who sent in the threat.
- Working with Coffey County on the Commodity Flow Study. Coffey County EM will be attending the next LEPC meeting to discuss this process. The LEPC is going strong and includes lots of interest by the private industries which have opened new lines of communication.
- CERT team is going well. They have an exercise coming up June 10th which will be a mock disaster for the team.

Osage County - Bryce Romine

- Working on the update to the EOP. ESF 5 & 7 done. ESF 8 is coming.
- Functional exercise coming up in June.
- Responded to a hazmat spill on Friday afternoon.
- Experienced some minor damage from weekend storms.
- G402 class is being provided by Alan school officials and government officials.
- Have not gotten into schools yet. One school is getting close to coming on board.
- CFS is moving along. Coffey County EM will stop by an upcoming LEPC meeting.

Douglas County – Jillian Rodrigue

- PIO Exercise coming up on June 20th. This will be specifically for our PIO group which is made up of multiple PIOs from local agencies.
- miniCERT class coming up in June. miniCERT is a pared down version of the full CERT course for vulnerable populations.
- Had small test of the COOP plan during a recent roof renovation. Our Mobile Command Vehicle was utilized for part of the evacuation process of the dispatch center.
- Bids for the upcoming ECC/EM renovation project will be opened in June with demolition/construction to begin shortly after that approval.
- Working to install 2 new sirens around the county.
- Working on a hazmat project in GIS to map out previous spill locations as well as mapping Tier II reporting businesses.
- Finishing up HMEP sponsored trainings. HazMat tech training should be completed shortly, and an alternative fuel vehicle training is scheduled for June.

The next meeting will be hosted by Osage County Emergency Management on Tuesday, June 18th.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Matt May and seconded by Chuck Magaha.



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Rick Frevert – Lyon County EM	Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM
Matt May – Johnson Co EM	Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka	Jillian Rodrigue - Douglas Co EM
Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Bill Schwindamann – Marshall Co EM	Teri Smith – Douglas Co EM
Russel Stuckey – Coffey Co EM	Glenda Sunter – Lyon Co EM	Todd Swart – Nemaha Co EM
Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM	Matt Wolters – NWS Topeka	Keith Yoder – KDEM

Minutes:

Chuck Magaha made a motion to approve the May 21, 2013, minutes. Laurie Harrison seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Marshall County discussed encouraging the public to use ICE (In Case of Emergency) groups or individual contacts within cell phones. Ask Fire Group.
- Chuck Magaha is the chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee for State Homeland Security. During next Tuesday's meeting, he will bring the comments from this group and challenge the state partners and regional leadership to discuss communication networking. There is a strategic plan for state homeland security. He encouraged all to review the plan.
- AT&T recently turned on Wireless Emergency Alerts for iPhone users.

KEMA Update

- In order to use electronic voting, a bylaws review must be agreed upon. Electronic voting via surveymonkey.com will go out 60 days before the conference. KEMA members will have the opportunity to vote before or during the conference. Approval of the bylaw change will be the first order of business at the KEMA Meeting at the conference.

Northeast Region Homeland Security Council Update (NERHSC)

- NE KEMA has 2 representatives on the NERHSC. One of those positions is now open. Jillian asked the group to discuss who should fill that position. Rick Frevert made a motion to open the floor for nominations including allowing members to submit nominations via e-mail. The call for nominations would cease on June 25th when Jillian will send out a survey via surveymonkey.com for members to vote for their preferred representative. Voting will end at 5PM on Monday, July 15th. A final discussion will occur during the July NE KEMA meeting. Counties within the KC Metro region were asked to abstain since they do not have representation on the NERHSC. Chris Blackledge seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all in attendance.
- An additional discussion was held concerning who the targeted membership for the NERHSC was. It was noted that it might be beneficial to have a PIO from each region and to include representation from local universities.
- Chuck Magaha, from the KC Metro Region Homeland Security Council, thanked the NERHSC for approving the request for EOD for bomb disposal. The region studied how many times they deployed this type of equipment outside of their region. Since 2010, 121 deployments were made out of the region. The money will be used to purchase a scanning device. Equipment currently supports a number of local events. Only 1 scanner of this kind in the state, and it's owned by KHP.

Member/Organization Reports:

Emporia State University – Carrie Boettcher

- Co-hosted the Dirty Kanza which is a 200 mile bike ride. ESU took on a new role this year of housing participants and those coming to watch. Due to the new role, ESU hosted a few extra planning meetings and completed an AAR. ESU attended all of the community planning meetings. Overall it was a very good experience. Riders went through campus. The experience was also a great training experience as there were several involved that were new to the university. ESU housed ~65 individuals. The numbers were a little low since there were several short term leases available through local landlords. Each year the event grows. This year there were 100 riders and next year they anticipate 2000 – 5000 riders plus their support staff. The Dirty Kanza is looking to hire a coordinator.
- Rick Frevert added that next year Civil Air Patrol will be involved to check the path for lost or injured individuals. This race included people from 5 different countries that were not familiar with local threats/hazards. The route had to be changed due to low water crossings.
- Chuck Magaha added that in his county, events like this require a special use permit which requires the event to have a severe weather plan.

NWS Topeka – Chad Omitt and Matt Wolters

- Chad reminded EMs about Safe Calls for Schools which is owned by a company out of CO called Weather Call. They partnered with WIBW and Slumberland Furniture to provide this service for free to all local schools (K-12). The partnership will at least continue through next Spring.
- Turning the corner with severe weather season, and moving into summer.
- National Lightning Safety Awareness Week is next week.
- Impact Based Warnings are ongoing. If you had a large tornado, NWS will be reaching out to you.
- Furloughs are off the table for now.
- NWS Topeka is down 2 forecasters and will lose another in August. Routine services shouldn't be affected. Staff has a great attitude and will do whatever needed to provide good services.
- Discussed the tornado shelter safety slides created originally OUN and shared by TOP.

Marshall County – Bill Schwindamann

- Dealt with a tornado. FEMA was there. Experienced water damage on the roads. Todd received a call to attend a meeting yesterday, but he was not told it would be a PDA meeting. Debris is mostly all cleaned up. The community lost 2 businesses and 28 homes. The tornado path was from the County line to Marysville. He thanked the other EMs for the calls to help. This type of event has established a line in the sand about when to call for help.
- Conducted a school shooting functional drill which went very well. The hospital played a full scale role with it even though the players were not told ahead of time they would be participating.
- Working on the LEOP update.
- Applying for a few grants.
- Responded twice to pull cars out of the river.

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Conducting a functional exercise on the 29th. Exercise includes fire and EMS personnel and will focus on ICS.
- Participating in several fairs.
- One of the biggest things going on is with USD 421 (Lyndon) which is one of 3 pilot program schools going through the all hazard assessment template created by the state. In about 90 days, a template will likely be coming out and will include 300 questions covering a variety of topics. Very detailed.
- The update to ESF 8 is almost complete.
- Alan taught a G402 training. It was attended by 30 people. The course opened a lot of eyes.
- Had some minor camper damage last Saturday, but no injuries were reported.

Riley County – Laurie Harrison

- Continue to work with KState, Geary County, Pottawatomie County, and Fort Riley on a Regional Citizen Corps Board. They continue to iron things out as a region.
- CERT class to be hosted in July. Many of the classes have been regional. This class is mainly composed of personnel from Ft. Riley and Irwin Army Community Hospital.
- Conducting an LEOP update.
- 3 CERT members attended to the Crisis City exercise. The feedback received so far has been positive. This will be discussed during the next monthly meeting.
- Pat and Laurie assisted Clay Co and Pam with an exercise which included a scenario of the 1973 Clay Center Tornado.
- Experienced a little weather and had a little damage.

Douglas County – Teri Smith and Jillian Rodrigue

- Going through each school with in USD 497 to review their tornado safety plans with a district representative. 19 have been completed, with 1 left.
- Participated in an exercise with hospital on severe weather in which staff and patients walked through the plans and procedures. They've applied many of the lesson's learned from Joplin.
- July is when our LEPC reorganizes. Annually, we give out Preparedness Partner Awards to individuals, businesses, or organizations who are proactive in their preparedness efforts.
- EM currently has an intern who has developed a great brochure about severe weather for the county.
- Recently hosted the AAR for the full scale correctional facility exercise. A PIO/JIC TTX will be hosted on June 20th along with an Alternative Fuel Vehicle Workshop.
- MiniCERT will be completed with a home hazard hunt next week.
- Teri encouraged each to apply for the Naval Postgraduate Executive Leadership Program.

Leavenworth County – Chuck Magaha

- Budget process is well on the way. Chuck will attend a budget meeting tomorrow morning.
- Mitigation regional plan is well on the way.
- Participated in a Metro-wide exercise last Thursday which included 9 EOCs. In the exercise, Leavenworth Co wasn't directly impacted. Chuck found his role as an EM was to become more of a supportive role. The exercise ran from 8:30AM - 1:30PM with a formal Hot Wash.
- This Friday, June 21st from Noon – 7PM, along with Keith, they will be exercising the footprint of equipment within Leavenworth County. There are two objectives. One is to let everyone know what equipment is available, and secondly to setup a logistics staging area to determine the needed space to stage this equipment if the area is hit. They will also ensure all of the equipment has an ID and is listed in the credentialing system.
- Observed the SC/SE exercise at Crisis City. It was interesting to see just how much equipment KS has.
- Chuck attended and presented at the CEPR meeting.
- Will be teaching Debris Mgmt. on July 17th and 18th. Another course will be taught in November.
- Several along with Pleasant Hill NWS will attend a presentation on a system of individual radar sites owned by the private sector that come into large metro areas. Andy provided radar imagery from Moore Ok. The overview is that the company stated that 5 radars would be needed at a cost of \$1 million a year to maintain. Each radar is about \$500,000.
- Mike Baxter is the new Jefferson County Emergency Manager and Assistant EMS Director.

Coffey County – Russel Stuckey

- CFS ongoing.
- KEMA Vendor checks are coming in. 6-7 vendors have paid and about 20 have stated they planned to attend.
- Russel went to NE to take a 3 ½ day FEMA plan review course.
- Coffey County has almost 1/3 of all households covered with a weather radio.
- Preparing for the November 5th and 6th ingestion pathway exercise (graded). If you would like to be involved and are within the 50 mile radius, send an e-mail ASAP.
- Carl Lee is moving 90% to the health department. He's taking Carrie Boettcher's old job which is moving to Coffey County from Lyon County. Carl will still do HSEEP and PIO for EM. EM and the County Treasurer will jointly hire a position.

Nemaha County – Todd Swart

- PDA meeting tomorrow with KDEM for flooding and the tornado. They lost some bridges and experienced some crop damage.
- They have a new National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Director who invited EM to attend the damage assessment on the crop damage.
- Todd asked for ideas for volunteer management and staging areas. He also stated the NWS very helpful with tornado.

KC Metro Region - Keith Yoder

- End of last month he attended the IMT/SAR exercise at Crisis City. They learned about integration processes. In the early stages, a 9-man IMT may not be large enough. One the second day, the SW IMT had to be pulled for a real incident.
- EMPG Guidance was sent out to all EMs.
- 2 PIOs from the state of Kansas were EMAC to OK. They will be coming back this week.
- The Regional Council Coordinating Committee meets next week to discuss coordination.
- KDEM gets its EMAP plaque on July 8th. All are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Johnson County – Matt May

- Participated in the Infamous exercise Twisted 2 with ESF 2 and couple PIOs. Initially, they were going to play as TTX, but ended up with 26 people in the EOC instead. The biggest challenge was not having the rest of the ESFs to play off. They used the Joplin and Greensburg tracks over areas as a part of the scenario.
- Still rebuilding WebEOC, but they now have a new template.
- Purchased a copy of Everbridge. At the start, the system did not have weather elements, but they were added with contract. 140,000 phone numbers were pulled from the phone book with about 200 per day signing up.
- Field Day this weekend. This is a competition for each group, and EMs are worth 100 points, so Matt encouraged all to at least stop by and see the set up.
- National Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted on Oct. 5th. They are looking to engage the State RACES program.

Lyon County – Rick Frevert and Glenda Sunter

- Hosted a G402 Class for the school board, elected officials, etc. They had a good turnout.
- Hosted the ICS 400 class with a good turnout.
- Working local USD 253 on their school plan. They have a good taskforce which meets monthly. Their deadline is next month to provide their completed plan. They brought in Chuck Clanahan who completed an assessment.
- Still dealing with the drought issue. The reservoir is about 80% at Council Grove. For comparison, on June 1st last year it was at 100% and by August 1st, they were in water restrictions.
- Notified that EOP rewrite has been submitted to KDEM with several new annexes.
- Festivals have started. In July is the Olpe Down Home Days.
- On July 22nd they will be hosting a resource inventory management training. In August, they will host a Mass Fatalities Training. Visit ruraltraining.org to sign up for either.

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo

- Spent a week in Ulysses attending the Exercise Design for Discussion Based Exercises course.
- Was a part of the Kansas Task Force 2 project since 2009. He has been really impressed by those 6 departments who have come together to train and exercise.
- Assisted Marshall County with an active shooter exercise.
- Hosting an LEPC meeting on August 12th. He's trying to get an exercise in all districts within 2 years.
- COOP is coming up again.
- Spent a lot of time rewriting ESF 8.
- Stampede is coming up.
- Has some calls out on hosting a G402 course for new government officials.
- The annual Rendezvous, a mountain men reenactment, is going on within the county. Around 400 men participate with no cell phones, no lawn chairs, etc. They have to go through zoning, so they have to have an emergency plan.

Geary -

- Both budgets are in.
- The roof on the building is being repaired. 2 fire trucks had to be moved during the process.
- Look at starting a CERT class in July or August.
- Ft. Riley is conducting an exercise on July 2nd. Geary County will participate.
- Working with school district on their plans.
- The annual Sundown Salute, the largest free Independence Day celebration in the State of Kansas, is being held July 3rd -6th with an anticipated crowd of 30,000 people.

The next meeting will be hosted by Riley County Emergency Management on Tuesday, July 21st.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Matt May and seconded by Chuck Magaha.



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NE KEMA Meeting Minutes

The NE KEMA meeting was called to order by Jillian Rodrigue, NE KEMA VP, at 10:00AM on August 20, 2013, at High Noon Saloon and Brewery in Leavenworth, KS. Introductions were given by those present.

Those attending included:

Andy Bailey – NWS Pleasant Hill	Garry Berges – Geary Co EM	Carrie Boettcher – ESU EM
Kim Buchanan – Leavenworth Co EM	Larry Eker – Wyandotte Co EM	Rick Frevert – Lyon County EM
Terry Kegin – City of Shawnee EM	Wes Lanter – Atchison Co EM	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM
Errin Mahan – Shawnee Co SO	Matt May – Johnson Co EM	Dusty Nichols – Shawnee Co EM
Al Pietrycha – NWS Pleasant Hill	Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM
Teri Smith – Douglas Co EM	Ron Starbuck – KDHE/Wy Co	Glenda Sunter – Lyon Co EM
Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM	Jessica Trudo – Guest	Gary Thurman – United Way/211

Minutes:

A motion to approve the July 16, 2013, minutes was made by Wes Lanter and seconded by Matt May. The minutes passed without any discussion.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

KEMA Update

- Garry attended the funeral of Lowell the former Emergency Manager for Lincoln and Russell County. There were about 30 emergency vehicles at the funeral. The service took about 30 minutes, but the drive to the gravesite was 45 minutes with the number of emergency vehicles. He started the rescue squad out there, and they transported him in the old converted ambulance.
- Conference Update
 - Time is winding down to register for the KEMA Conference. There are lots of health people registered due to the health track being offered this year. Currently, there are over 100 people registered. You can register online or through CVENT. There are several great speakers lined up again this year.
 - There are several pre-conference tracks including social media, NWS, and accountability.
 - If you plan to participate in the golf scramble or skeet shooting, please contact the coordinators of those events to register.
 - The silent auction will go on again this year. Jillian encouraged individuals to donate an item for

the silent auction. There will be a binder, next to the items up for auction, which will contain specific information about the scholarship program. Last year we made over \$500 in interest on the money put into the account so far. We have currently over \$5,000 in the account with a goal of \$10,000.

- Awards: If you have nominated anyone for an award, please invite them to attend the conference in order to recognize them. We will also need photos of those individuals/groups.
- Bylaws Update:
 - KEMA would like to move to online voting. You should have all received the test survey. You will receive a copy of the proposed bylaws changes and a request to vote for officers online.
 - At the opening of the Business Meeting, we will ask for a vote on the changes Bylaws, including the addition of online voting. If that does not pass, we are ready to use paper ballots. If the changes pass, the online voting will be utilized.

NERHSC Update

Dusty Nichols provided an update from the last NERHSC meeting. Most of the conversation covered purchases and budgets. A few computers were issued to IMTs. There were no votes and no official minutes have come out.

Member/Organization Reports:

Atchison County – Wes Lanter

- Still working on the EOP.
- Working with schools on plans.
- He provided a brochure of the overview of the new caves in his area. He will be touring those shortly. The caves are set up as an underground RV park designed to be a storage and survival shelter which would 5,000 for a year. It includes recreational facilities, utilities for a year, and emergency services. These are the old federal caves.

Johnson County – Matt May

- Released annual update for CEOP. They have been in the habit of meeting with each ESF every month and collecting those updates annually. They changed the county resolution so only the county manager must sign off on it.
- Debris management process is closer to being finalized. There were several steps for selecting vendors. They are down to the last two meetings with vendors.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan which is being completed with Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Johnson Counties is down to the public comment stage.
- Cut over on their new WebEOC system. They've updated all 8 copies of WebEOC utilizing more modern technology. They are connected to the State of Missouri and Kansas. Missouri is not online yet, but they are hoping to be there around October.

Leavenworth County – Chuck Magaha and Kim Buchanan

- Recently completed their big public outreach event at the county fair. They contacted around 2,500 people and gave away 675 emergency preparedness bags. Kim found it very easy to promote the family preparedness kits. She played the Wheel of Misfortune with individuals. She was surprised by the young kids that were interested. The wheel is made of local hazards. An individual spins the wheel and answers preparedness questions based on the hazard. The Wheel was taken to the Leavenworth County Safety Days where it was a hit. Kim was surprised about the lack of knowledge of earthquakes. They were also able to take the Wheel to a T-Bones game. It is a great, engaging tool to help share information about preparedness.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is almost complete. FEMA is using the Metro Area as a pilot. This is the first time a regional approach across an entire state, so they plan to go over the Metro's plan closely to ensure it is done properly.
- Chuck has the opportunity to present to the Northeast Board of County Commissioners. The presentation lasted about 15 - 20 mins. 15 different commissioners attended. The Leavenworth Board thought it would be a good idea to meet and exchange ideas on a quarterly basis. Chuck talked about EM, what we do and how we share ideas.
- The budget process has been completed. EM's budget will stay the same as last year. We have been granted an EMPG planner position. The hiring process will start in November with a start date in January.
- Chuck will be teaching a debris management course September 17th and 18th in Topeka. Debris Management can make or break you. The course includes hands on topics and estimating.
- Will be meeting with the schools who have contacted the EM office. They are anxious to get back to working on their EOPs.
- Operation Footprint exercise which was held on the 22nd of June was a large success. 41 different agencies brought equipment. 141 folks participated. The VA Hospital was there along with all of the County assets. Eric Pippin attended and would like to see this happen in all regions. EM wants to expand next year. This is a great way to let others know what assets are available.
- The mobile express only lasted 4 hours before it died. The scanner still worked. Everyone showed up at 11:15AM to be checked in. The lines were 3 wide. Everyone was set up by noon.
- EM utilized the mobile express for the county fair. Discussed with the Fire Chief's that if you don't have credentials, you couldn't play. Everyone was done expect the Sheriff's Office.

Geary County – Garry Berges

- For the past 3 weeks, they've had 2 issues with flooding from 5+ inches of rain in an hour or so
- Hosting a shooter in the work place end of September.
- On Monday, Aug. 26th, they are hosting a FEMA Firefighter grant workshop from 9 - 4PM.

City of Shawnee – Terry Kegin

- Terry introduced himself as the official EM for the City of Shawnee. It is a full time EM position.
- Recently updated the EOP for City.
- Getting ready to teach ICS for employees.

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo

- Participated in an accountability exercise in Manhattan between Pottawatomie and Riley Counties. The scenario included a disaster with 5 individual sites. The Rapid Tags worked ok. Mobile Express units had issues due to some software deletions. CERT teams used tablets until the technology was put back. It was a good exercise.
- Met for the last time for the FAD exercise with KDA, Pottawatomie and Riley Counties, KSU and border states. This will be a large EOC exercise scheduled for the 9th and 10th of October.
- Kansas Task Force II met with the 190th Air refueling branch out at Forbes which has a FEMA cache of rescue equipment ready to go. They discussed how the groups would interact and connect.
- Hosted an LEPC Meeting and elected new officers.
- A new EMS Director has come on board. EM has met with him as he is changing some things.
- Met with Caterpillar Work Tools at their annual emergency service meeting. They covered plant safety topics.
- Working to get caught up on EMPG reporting.
- The EOC is due on 4/4/14.
- Agencies should begin moving into the new Law Enforcement Center today. Everyone is welcome to come for a tour.
- Met with County Coroner about the mass fatality trailer. It holds 20 bodies with a full compliment of body bags. If you need it, just call Pottawatomie County.

NWS Pleasant Hill – Andy Bailey and Al Pietrycha

- New forecaster just started last week. This is the first time in 3 years they have been fully staffed operationally.
- NWS Budgets have been adversely affected by sequester. Congress stepped forward to provide some money through the Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Bill which will drastically improve their computing power. There was little money came down; therefore, every office will have a representative at the KEMA Conference. All remain nervous about the upcoming budget.
- Al staffed the Command Center during the MLS All Star Game in July. They will continue to do more Decision Support Services. They were there to support Wyandotte County. He was staffed with DHS and FBI whose main concern was security. Al brought along another forecaster to teach briefing of Incident Commanders. Fortunately, the weather was good.
- Have been approached by the University of Massachusetts about installing a network of high resolution radars within and around the KC Metro. It offers very rapid update cycles, a reduction of beam height issues, and a much higher resolution. These radars may not more quickly detect a tornado, but we will know when one is occurring. For the number of radars needed to cover the Metro, the price tag is about \$5 million over about 5 years. About half of that is to buy the radars and \$500,000 – \$750,000 annually to operate them. One of the reasons they came was because of Google Fiber. You need very high bandwidth to send the data. This would give us the opportunity to approve warning services with potentially new types of alerting and could be down to the block. In the next 5-10 years. A group is working on the project. The main slow down is due to finding funding to maintain the system. The next step is a conference call with Dallas and Fortworth who have the system. They would be a collaborative partner in the process.

Gary Thurman – United Way of Greater KC / 2-1-1

- 100KW generator went online. This is the third leg of redundancy. They have Voice Over Internet laptops and a new backup call center on the Plaza to ensure 2-1-1 will be operating during emergencies. 2-1-1 is a great resource during emergencies. KC is the backup call center for all areas.
- Found some funding to hire a veterans navigator in the next month. This will be a full time position to assist with their concerns and resources.
- Also within the system, is a new, very powerful online database. If you have an emergency and set up a long term recovery group, this searchable database could be useful.

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Working on the EOP especially ESF 4 and 10. It went well.
- Had a public service and emergency display at an assisted living facility on Saturday morning. Attendance was low attendance but went well.
- Commodity Flow Study is ongoing.
- Working on some exercise planning.
- ICS training will be coming up later this year.
- Updated mutual aid agreements.
- Hazard mitigation meeting kick off next week with Coffey County.
- Local agencies are working through some communications issues.

Lyon County – Rick Frevert and Glenda Sunter

- On Aug 27th, law enforcement and fire departments are participating in National Night Out. This year they are hosting BBQs at the first stations in smaller towns. Some neighborhoods are hosting block parties. This is a first for this group to get that many people involved. EM is now involved since they are the ones agencies go to go get things.
- Announced last week that there is a bonified a joint communications center in Lyon County where all response agencies will have one dispatch location. This was presented to the city and county which have endorsed it. They have asked it be up and operational by Jan. 1. The steering group is a broad representation of leaders. It will be a separate entity, but will be run by a board of directors with its own department head.
- Lyon County qualified for the recent disaster. The Governor signed on Friday and pushed to President.
- Those counties that have the Accountability and Rapid Tag systems, Rick has your supplies.
- Used some of the money to purchase computers through a separate bid process. The ones that were bought did not have the necessary software to become compatible.
- Lyon County is a reception center for Coffey County as a part of the Wolf Creek Plan. There is now more training than ever before and receiving more guidance that contradicts itself. About a year ago, Lyon County has stated they cannot support the plan as written since they do not have the personnel and facilities to fulfill the needs addressed in the plan. They've asked for the plan to be rewritten. EM is visiting with Emporia and the City has put up a potential site. The idea is that contaminated individuals and equipment would have to travel to Lyon County to be decontaminated. EM is working through the process with Coffey County and FEMA. They are hoping to make things more streamlined. The flow pattern for the new site must be finalized before May. Chuck provided a contact to Lyon County for paperwork and other considerations.
- Rural Water district had a failure. They were without water 24 hours. The media was reporting that nothing was being done and there were no plans. There were over 1000 people without water. Initially, they couldn't find the leak. It was a great learning exercise for all involved..

Douglas County – Teri Smith and Jillian Rodrigue

- New planner, Ryan Wolkey, begins Monday.
- As a part of the renovation, we are moving two offices tomorrow. The overall renovation is going well, but likely won't be completed until the beginning of the year.
- We are hosting a Volunteer Recognition on Saturday, September 7th.
- Hosting a Preparedness Expo on September 28th.

KDHE/Wyandotte County - Ron Starbuck

- Ron introduced himself. He is based out of Wyandotte County, but is funded through KDHE Preparedness. They were able to contract with Wyandotte and Wabaunsee Counties on the outreach coordinator position. Currently, he is providing training and exercise support as well as monitoring in support of HPP grants. If you work in hospitals or public health, he can assist with evaluations and planning efforts.
- Started about 4 months ago and is still working through the roles and responsibilities.

Shawnee County – Dusty Nichols

- Reviewing the EOP. They hope to have it completed by the end of the year.
- Attended the training cadre meeting.
- Hosting a CERT graduation this weekend.
- Mitigation Plan Kick Off Meeting is August 26th.
- Participating in two locations for National Night Out. CERT was heavily involved.
- Helped with Stampede.
- Completed an ICS 300 last week and will conduct an ICS 400 tomorrow.
- Grant paperwork has been completed.
- Hosted an active shooter seminar with Topeka PD. This will likely lead to more seminars.
- Attended accountability training. It was a great troubleshooting experience.
- Shawnee County won the LEPC Award for large county.
- Conducting vulnerability assessments so they can build security plans.
- Nelson has been working on communications radio template locally.
- Attend the Volunteer Symposium a few weeks ago. It had a good turnout and had some great training.
- Had a suspicious package during the Shrine Parade. Since a new standardized template for these types of events was used, the response to the package was seamless.
- The proposal for EM's Budget is that it be cut in half. This leaves enough money to pay siren bills and standard items. It eliminates Dave's position and in turn with no stated EM, eliminates the grants that pay for Dusty, Scott S., and Kevin F. That will leave Scott G. and Nelson who are paid through the County, but they have to take pay cuts. The next review of the budget began with a proposal to put EM under the Sheriff's Office. With the cuts, they will not likely be able to comply with the EMPG requirements. If EM is eliminated, they would be the only capital county with no stand alone EM department. Their Board of County Commissioners are comparing notes about other EM offices throughout the state. As it stands, EM has until 9AM Thursday to convince Commissioner Cook to change his mind. They have had a lot of support. Officially requesting KEMA to send a letter to the Commissioners advocating for Shawnee County Emergency Management. Garry stated the request should go directly to Brian as the President of KEMA. Discussion continued on the issue.
- Dusty introduced Col. Mahan who is the Emergency Manager for the Sheriff's Office.

Emporia State University – Carrie Boettcher

- School has started. Last Friday was move in day.
- During the first week, they do many things to welcome the new students. One of the activities is a block party. The University has built a smoke trailer with one room that has a sprinkler system and one without. That is brought to the block party each year.
- ESU has a campus fire safety planning partnership with community partners. Going before the county and city commission to celebrate September as fire prevention month.
- There is a school in California which has developed a framework called Framework Ed. This takes all of the planning requirements and puts them in an online tool to help schools track and rank how they are doing. If their technology will be compatible with the system, ESU would be one of the first schools to implement the system.

Wyandotte County – Larry Eker

- The new radio system installation/build is happening now.
- Director Bob Evans is retiring. Thursday is his last day. Mike Baughman is the Interim.

A motion was made by Teri Smith and seconded by Chuck Magaha to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting held at the KEMA Conference.