



Northeast KEMA

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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 February 16, 2016, at Blind Tiger in Topeka, KS.

Those attending included:

Eddie Aldrine – Shawnee Co CERT	Marvin Butler – City of Olathe EM	Heather Dunlap – KDOL EM
Cathy Ernst – Lyon Co EM	Jarrold Fell – Lyon Co EM	Tim Gibbs - Miami Co EM
Matthew Golubski – Red Cross	Jay Gradinger – KS National Guard	Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM
David Hogg – Douglas Co EM	Natasha Hunter – Pottawatomie Co EM	Jim Kilmartin – Stormont-Vail Health
Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM	Matt May – Wyandotte Co EM	Susan McMahan - KDEM
John Moyer - DCF	Dusty Nichols – Shawnee Co EM	Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka
Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Bret Rowe – KDEM
Steve Samuelson – KDA/DWR	Zane Steves - KDEM	Amy Terrapin – Wabaunsee Co EM
Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM	Jeff Welshans – KDEM	Thomas Winter – Franklin Co EM

Minutes:

Dusty Nichols made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes with corrections. Thomas Winter seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with corrections.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- Susan provided an update on the progress of Kranston Haehn, Brandt Haehn’s son.
- John Boyd provided an overview of the BCEGS National Building Code Assessment Report and how that affects ISO ratings. John’s contact information as well as the noted reports will be sent out to all NE KEMA members for reference. Steve Samuelson is also a great contact for questions regarding this process and report.

KEMA Board Update:

- EMPG Survey – Thank you again to everyone who participated and completed the EMPG survey!
- Teri Smith is working on coordinating the legislative visits. Once the packet of talking points is completed, it will be shared with all KEMA members.
- Those counties who have not sent in their patch or \$13 for the KEMA quilt should do so as soon as possible!
- Don’t forget to think about who you would like to nominate for KEMA Awards this year!

NERHSC Update:

- Held the IMT Conference in February.
- There was talk at the last meeting about how changing how the IMTs are set up. Currently, they are regional, but there is discussion over making them statewide or 1 or 2 full teams. This would change how they are funded also.
- Topeka Fire Department will be returning with an updated proposal to the group concerning equipping their fire and EMS personnel with tactical equipment as well as providing for several trainings and exercises. The Council requested TFD rewrite their proposal to include a more regional approach.
- Project leaders should be submitting their quarterly reports. Any new projects should be submitted prior to the end of the year.
- Counties are asked to complete the Capabilities Assessment. If you don't have a login, contact Bryan Murdie. This will assist with next year's projects. The Council tried to make it as simple as possible to complete. It follows FEMA's THIRA. The goal is that once the counties are done here and across the state, we'll have a statewide assessment. This will help the Council make better use of appropriated funds. Please complete this by the 1st of March.

NWS Update (Chad Omitt):

- Chad thanked everyone for attending the IWT meeting. He's still working through the ideas and suggestions.
- Spotter Talks will be hosted from February 17th through early April.
- NWS and Forestry are teaming up for Wildfire Awareness Week which is February 22nd – 26th. The intent of the campaign is to educate and inform those who may conduct burns and help them better identify from where to get weather information.
- Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 14th - 18th. The Statewide Tornado Drill will be conducted at 6:30PM on Tuesday, March 15th.

Red Cross – Matthew Golubski

- Currently, there are 18 national disasters are being supported. 90 volunteers and staff are deployed.
- During the last 45 days (dated 1/23/2016) the Red Cross has responded to 114 SFF, 110 MFF, 24 flood operations, 21 storms, 10 transportation events, 8 hazmats, 8 blizzards, 7 tornadoes, 6 explosions, and 4 civil disturbances.
- In Missouri, they open 96 shelters serving a total of 4,500 individuals. They've responded to 14,600 cases for assistance, distributed over 279,000 bulk items, and served over 127,500 meals.
- In Flint, they have issued 13,500 filters; 20,000 cases of water; and 10,500 testing kits.
- Matthew also reminded everyone of the pillow case project and their effort to install smoke detectors in homes. This year they have installed over 400 smoke alarms.

KDA / KWR - Steve Samuelson

- Flood Safety Awareness Week will coincide with Severe Weather Awareness Week!

Wyandotte County – Matt May

- Working on Hazard Mitigation Plan adoptions.
- A Ham Class starts this Saturday. 41 people are currently enrolled. Visit hamclass.org for details. Another is scheduled in May.
- Getting ready for the CST Exercise with the Speedway. Looking at over 450 participants.

Stormont-Vail Health – Jim Kilmartin

- They have elected to conduct their tornado drill at alternate times which work best with their operations.
- He also noted how many of the hospitals locally are full.

Leavenworth County – Chuck Magaha

- Working with Tonganoxie School district on their plans. They are building relationships.
- The Metro is working on the ESF-6 Mass Sheltering Exercise in August. The scenario is a New Madrid Earthquake. EOCs will be activated. There will be a forward reception center and large shelter.
- Some have found some holes in the burn permit process. They are working to remedy this issue.
- Held the resource sharing and strategic planning session recently. Over 200 individuals participated. There were many great responses, but have not had time to go through all of them yet.
- The Red Cross gave a presentation on the Safe and Well Website. This can be used for exercise purposes.
- Movement control workshop is coming up this Friday with Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Johnson Counties.
- Working with the Red Cross on moving some trailers to new locations. The warehouse in St. Joe is getting rid of several items. If you need resources, please contact Matt.
- There was a discussion concerning health departments and mass fatality plans.
- They are getting new vehicles!

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Attended and enjoyed the IMT Conference. They were without electricity for a time which was a great part of the exercise.
- Working on fire grants.
- Will likely be doing more enforcement as it relates to burn permits.
- Working on several upcoming exercises.

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo and Natasha Hunter

- Hosting a security tabletop exercise with Wamego concerning their 4th of July celebrations this week.
- Continue working with USDs concerning active shooter exercises and getting those scheduled.
- Sponsoring a PIO course on March 8th and 9th with a JIC course on the 10th.
- The Fire Supervisor and Chris met with the KS Forest Service a few months ago concerning public education materials. Following that meeting K-State was included. Ready Set Go is the program which is being developed for Kansas. It will be a great resource.
- Worked several fires and are completing inventory at fire stations.
- Meeting with CERT to get them more involved by having them at local events and fairs promoting preparedness and Everbridge.
- 9,200 Everbridge notification forms are being mailed!

Department of Labor – Heather Dunlap

- Attended and benefited from the IMT Conference.
- CallThemAll has been launched and over 50% have signed up.
- She will be helping with accountability for Fake Patty's Day and at SCAFFA school.

Miami County – Tim Gibbs

- Holding another active shooter drill for a private school which will include ALICE training for staff instead of it being more law enforcement based. Their approach has been well received with 6 additional requests for these trainings. It takes about 3-4 hours.
- The new jail and EOC building is coming along.
- Tim encouraged individuals to look into the NextDoor program.
- Text to 911 is coming online for the Metro area.

Lyon County – Jarrod Fell and Cathy Ernst

- Jarrod Fell introduced himself as the new EM. He's working through his priorities.

City of Shawnee – Terry Kegin

- 303 people attended the weather spotter training.
- Johnson County is bringing in Dr. Dennis Mileti for a training on the 25th.
- Held an ESF 3 training for the county. Sprint attended and provided a presentation on their emergency response team. Matt May added that Verizon has a similar plan and capabilities.

City of Olathe – Marvin Butler

- Working internally on updating plans, policies and procedures.
- Went to Huntsville, AL and participated in a 4 hour scenario which was set after the San Bernardino incident. What came out of that was the idea of a counter IED strategy for those events.
- Working on getting ICS 300 and 400 TTT classes.

KDEM – Zane Steves, Jeff Welshans and Bret Rowe

- Working on finishing up on FY15 and starting on FY16. It is believed that FY16 guidance will be out later in the week. Final paperwork, including exercises in KETS, is due by the end of March. A checklist is on the website. Contact Terri for any questions surrounding KETS.
- Bret is getting a new phone number (785-646-1405).
- Jeff has a new cell phone number (785-207-1729).
- Met yesterday to review the HMEP grants. Some questions and follow up may be coming to applicants. Almost everything got approved. They may be looking for additional projects.
- The LEPC Conference will be held in Manhattan on July 20th and 21st. It will be on KS-Train. There is a focus on railroads.
- There was a discussion on CRMCS and the working group as it relates to KSERV.

Kansas National Guard – Jay Gradinger

- Conducted an access control exercise in December. It was a successful exercise.
- 1 week during March or April there will be an unannounced active shooter exercise. They are still working on which week that will fall.
- There will be an ICS course in Salina in July on KS-Train during their annual training for units. There will be open seats.

Wabaunsee County – Amy Terrapin

- The Health Department approached EM concerning the mass fatality plan which they worked on. In the first part of March, they will bring in law enforcement, fire and AMR to work through those plans and how they will all work together.
- Hosting an LEPC meeting on March 3rd. This will include reorganization, bringing in new leadership and expanding to new members.

Riley County – Laurie Harrison

- March 5th is Fake Patty's Day. RATT members will be assisting.
- There is a new county fire station which replaced two previous stations. This includes new boundaries. They are also working through Next Gen 911 updates.

Franklin County – Thomas Winter

- EM offices have moved to a new location. It is secured, so you will want to call ahead.
- Working on a fatality management plan and on a volunteer management tabletop exercise.
- Working on their severe weather plan and reviewing policies and procedures.
- They will be conducting an active shooter exercise with OU.
- Working on CRMCS items.
- Alan has been working on updating the radio system. It has been a challenge.
- Thomas has been working with the state on a Kansas 259 (Resource Order Form). Only the Forest Service is using this form. This could help with resource management and closing.

Shawnee County – Dusty Nichols

- A Commissioner requested ICS 402 following the COOP exercise last year. This will be opened to the state and will be on KS-Train.
- ICS 300 and 400 courses are being offered within Shawnee County. Assisting with the APCO conference. EM will be offering an ICS course for dispatchers. They are also working with KBI on training and an exercise. They are hosting an active shooter for healthcare course on March 8th.
- They will be starting an internal CERT course for KNI.
- Working on an ambulance RFP.
- Working on planning for the Food Truck Festival.
- Hired a risk assessor for local resources.
- On Thursday, they will be working on planning for overturned cattle truck incidents.
- Shawnee County EM offices may be moving, but there are some issues to resolve.

Kansas Department of Children and Families - John Moyer

- DCF is hosting a cyber attack tabletop exercise with IT staff.

Douglas County – Jillian Rodrigue and David Hogg

- The HMEP exercise was approved and the Commodity Flow Study, funded by HMEP, will go before the commission on Wednesday.
- Final Four celebration planning is starting.
- The Severe Weather Symposium will be hosted on Saturday, March 5th.
- Hosting a mini CERT which focuses on some of the more vulnerable populations.
- Continuing the 12 Months To Preparedness which highlights a hazard each month, encourages one item to be put into a preparedness kit, and leverages local partners to share the message.
- Working on several plans: the strategic plan, COOP, volunteer reception center, etc.
- Staff continues to work with Haskell on their planning efforts.
- Kicking off a Teen CERT program with Lawrence High School.
- In recent exercises, there were requests for additional trainings for those who would work in the EOC. With that in mind, we will be combining our ESF review meetings with short tabletop exercises to assist those with their roles and responsibilities within the EOC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dusty Nichols and seconded by Thomas Winter.