



## 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 August 18, 2015, at Paolucci's Restaurant in Atchison, KS.

Those attending included:

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| Ralph Dishong – Red Cross    | Andrew Foster – KU EM               | Tim Gibbs – Miami Co EM          |
| Michaela Isch - KOEC         | Natasha Hunter – Pottawatomie Co EM | Karla Lang – Red Cross           |
| Wes Lanter – Atchison Co EM  | Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co EM    | Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas Co EM |
| Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM   | Steve Samuelson – KDA/DWR           | Zane Steves - KDEM               |
| Russel Stukey – Coffey Co EM | Todd Swart – Nemaha Co EM           | Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM |

#### **Minutes:**

Chuck Magaha made a motion to approve the July 21, 2015 minutes with the correction to Lyon County's report. Chris Trudo seconded the motion and the corrected minutes were approved.

#### **Presentation:**

Michaela Isch of the Kansas Office of Emergency Communications provided a presentation on the Kansas SIEC and the Motobridge. The KOEC offers training and exercise assistance at no cost to local communities. Michaela is responsible for the Northeast, Southeast and Southcentral Regions. Currently, she is going to each county to provide hands on training to entities. She'll be contacting the EMs to set up meetings. If EMs have an LEPC meeting she can attend, please don't hesitate to contact her.

#### **Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **NERHSC Update:**

Laurie provided a report prior to the meeting. Everbridge is live! There were no other updates.

#### **Red Cross Updates:**

Karla provided an update on current projects. The Pillow case project focuses on learning, practicing and sharing preparedness information with younger children. They are working to reduce home fire deaths by working with local communities to provide smoke alarms. She reminded the group that the Red Cross has several free apps (first aid, tornado, etc.) available for download. She highlighted the benefits of cross training volunteers to assist with shelter management as some communities don't have as many volunteers currently. Any advanced notice EMs can provide to the Red Cross for larger events in which they might be needed is appreciated. The more lead time they have the better chance to collect and mobilize volunteers.

### **KEMA Board and Conference Update:**

- Nominations are being accepted for President Elect and Treasurer. Please submit those to Jillian before the end of the day on August 24th. Online voting will open on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Conference registration is now open! Most should have received an invitation, but registration is also available from the KEMA website. An e-mail was sent out with all of the details on the conference. Conference agenda items and break out session information has been sent out as well. Members are encouraged to pass along the materials to others within their community who might benefit from the training.
- Applications are being accepted for the KEMA Scholarship through Friday! The goal is to give out \$500. A 7 member team will review the applications, score them and make a recommendation to the KEMA Board. This team includes one representative from each region and an unaffiliated individual. Jillian thanked everyone for their continued support of the scholarship!
- A raffle will be ongoing during the conference. Members were encouraged to participate!

### **NWS Update:**

Chad Omitt was unable to attend the meeting, but sent in a report. The NWS Regional Office will be sending out a note to EMs requesting feedback on the decision support project between the Kansas City and Topeka offices. Please take a few minutes and complete that survey.

### **Member Updates:**

Nemaha County – Todd Swart

- Conducting a farm rescue exercise on September 26th.
- Working with Red Cross to expand volunteers and shelters within the County. They are reaching out to local churches and schools.
- Conducted a severe weather walk through with NorthRidge Church. Red Cross will be providing additional training to their members.

KDA/DWR – Steve Samuelson

- New flood maps will become active on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wyandotte and Douglas County.
- He also discussed flood insurance legislation. He also is available to assist citizens with their questions and concerns with insurance. If residents are looking for an insurance agent, one who has taken FEMA training can be found on the FloodSmart.gov site.
- The flood model is available to counties for fairs and other events for free. Just contact Steve.

Russel Stukeley – Coffey County

- Working through the Presidential declaration. Damages were in the mid \$200,000 range.
- Attending a 4-day FEMA evaluator course next week for an exercise in Nebraska.
- KEMA Conference Update: 24 vendors have signed up for the conference.

Bryce Romine – Osage County

- Working on Everbridge. More now than on IRIS.
- Dealt with 40,000 lbs. frozen pork on the highway.
- TEPW is scheduled.
- Hosting an accountability and staging area management exercise.
- Completed the budget submission.
- Completed the PDAs for the recent declaration. Osage County had around \$450,000 in damages.

#### Wes Lanter – Atchison County

- Finalizing the new 800 MHz system with the hope of having it operations the first part of September.
- Budget has been submitted.
- Working on the disaster declaration. Atchison County has reported damages of \$380,000 with several outstanding entity amounts.
- Working on active shooter exercise for next fall with schools, law enforcement, hospital, and EMS partners.
- Building a new emergency services complex for EMS, rescue, EM, and the Sheriff's Office.

#### Chris Trudo and Natasha Hunter – Pottawatomie County

- Working on Everbridge. Dispatch is on board and completing training. EMS is lined up to use the system for call backs.
- Accountability system is now operating out of the EM office.
- FEMA declaration. Public works. County 300,000
- Received a positive report from the recent KHP audit of the regional equipment.
- Chris attended the exercise design for operations based exercises training.

#### Tim Gibbs – Miami County

- Working through the declaration process. At this point, only the state has been down. FEMA has not made it but did ask to bring new trainees down for experience and training.
- Looking for another tower location for the radio system. They are also looking into the vhf digital motobridge system as well.
- The jail came in \$2 million over budget, so plans are being revised. The goal is to complete the building by the end of 2016 or early 2017.
- Working on a full scale and tabletop exercise for closed pods. The intention is to get closed pod MOUs signed with some of the larger governmental and non-governmental organizations and exercise those. The next step would be exercising an open pod later in the year. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Tim for details.

#### Zane Steves – KDEM

- The Planning Section Chief position is vacant and has been opened internally. Susan is handling things in the interim.
- Zane ensured all EMs received FEMA equipment rates. Chuck will send to Jillian for distribution.
- NC Region has put together an active shooter exercise at crisis city on 9/21-25. Seats are still open.
- FEMA staffing is stretched thin due to so many declarations.
- 2015 ERGs will be available in the next several months. If you have not placed your order, please send that to L'Tanya Christenberry in Tech Hazards.
- FEMA has come out with a new definition for those with access and functional needs.

#### Andrew Foster – KU

- Students are coming back to campus.
- ICS 300 and 400 courses are being delivered.
- Working to move forward with using the accountability system and working with Douglas County.

### Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth County

- Budget has been submitted.
- 38 days of flooding in Leavenworth County. EM staff is building the data between the Easton and Potter stream gauges over the next 2 years.
- Kim came back from EMI after attending with the Lansing School District. The trip was very successful.
- Kaw River Race is impacting Douglas, Leavenworth and Johnson Counties. It runs from Eudora to Desoto. Chuck is the Communications Unit Leader.
- Bikers for Babies will be going through Douglas, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson and Jefferson Counties on September 20<sup>th</sup>. 20,000 bikers participated last year.
- EM staff will be presenting to around 1,500 students as a part of the STEM mentoring program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> is the upcoming Critical Infrastructure Exercise.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Chuck is presenting to the Central Office of the NWS as 1 of 3 on a panel for the new warning coordination meteorologists and forecasters.
- Conducted outreach at the County Fair. They anticipate they touched 2,500 people during the fair.

### Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas County

- Volunteers manned a preparedness booth at the County Fair. They spoke about the dangers of heat safety and other preparedness topics. The Mobile Command Vehicle was deployed for this event.
- Hosting a full CERT course in October.
- The new planner will begin on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Teri has been a part of the planning team for the Great Kaw Adventure Race.
- A new intern begins shortly to organize all Douglas County Tier II reports and hazardous materials spills and create a new GIS layer. The other intern and staff member are working through National Preparedness Month outreach.
- Everbridge is fully on board with agencies that were using IRIS previously. Staff is still offering training and making small changes in settings.
- Teri participated in the NWS DSS meeting. She mentioned it was a productive meeting and emphasized ensuring staffing for NWS offices.
- Completed the Pursuit of Preparedness campaign recently in which we gave out around 150 preparedness kits. We'll start collecting donations shortly.
- Still conducting walks through for facilities. Some of the schools have also completed remodels, so staff has gone to review their new severe weather plans.
- On Thursday, Teri will be meeting with the Lawrence Municipal Airport for review of the After Action Report. Some of the items identified have already been corrected.

The next KEMA meeting is the full membership meeting at the conference. The next NE KEMA meeting will be in October. Jillian will be reaching out to those who did not host a meeting this past year for the opportunity to do so this year. She also thanked Wes Lanter for hosting. Chuck made and Wes seconded a motion to adjourn.