



## 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 November 18, 2014, at Pizza Ranch in Emporia, Kansas.

Those attending included:

Jane Blocher – Red Cross	Carrie Boettcher – ESU EM	Diane Fodness – Red Cross
Rick Frevert – Lyon Co EM	Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM	Terry Kegin – City of Shawnee EM
Carl Lee – ECKS Public Health Coalition	Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka	Alan Radcliffe – Franklin Co EM
Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas Co EM	Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Bryan Saindon – Red Cross
Steve Samuelson – KDA/DWR	Dave Sterbenz – Shawnee Co EM	Russel Stukekey – Coffey Co EM
Glenda Sunter – Lyon Co EM	Amy Terrapin – Wabaunsee Co EM	Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM
Scott Wiltse – Chase Co EM		

#### Minutes:

Glenda Sunter made a motion to approve the October 21, 2014, minutes with the correction of the spelling of Russel Stukekey's name. The motion was seconded by Carrie Boettcher, and the minutes were approved.

#### Old Business:

- Conference Meals: The KEMA Board confirmed that the extra meals were for conference attendees who stated they would attend the banquet. Once again, the Board will look into better ways to confirm those who are attending the banquet. Jillian noted that within the conference registration form, there is a place to select whether or not you plan to attend the banquet. If that changes during the conference, we ask that you notify Registration as soon as possible prior to the banquet.
- Vendor Reception Night and Game: The Board discussed extending the Vendor Game to allow for more time to interact with the vendors during the conference. This was a concern of several regions.
- Patches: Byrdee Miller-Marcic will be making the quilt with the county EM logos. Jillian will need those by April. Initially, we are looking at using county EM logos, but partner agencies who want to submit, can also send those to Jillian. For those EMs without a logo, Byrdee is working on a way to ensure all 105 counties are included.
- Conference Shirts: Jillian has several conference shirts. If you are missing a shirt, please let her know.
- Per Diem Concerns: These were discussed including putting the agenda out when the registration is open and stating whether or not a "meal" is provided.
- The Board had a brief discussion about the conference regarding the survey results. Vaughn is working with CVENT to get a better report, since he was provided over 700 pages to review. Those results will be shared as soon as possible. Overall, the comments were positive. The Board will work with the hotel and conference center on the initial concerns with food and set up.
- Reminder: Carrie's award presentation will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>. RSVPs are requested.

### **New Business:**

- The NE KEMA region is provided a representative on the Northeast Region Homeland Security Council. Our current representative, Dusty Nichols, was unable to complete the second year of this appointment due to unforeseen circumstances. Jillian expressed her appreciation for his year of service. Nominations to fill the remaining year of service for this position will be accepted via e-mail through November 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Voting will then be open via electronic ballot until Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The results will be shared at the December 9<sup>th</sup> NE KEMA Meeting. The basic expectations of the representative are as follows:
  - Attend the NERHSC meetings and vote with the best interest of NE KEMA in mind
  - Forward meeting minutes to the NE KEMA VP for sharing with the membership
  - Update/report written or in person for each NE KEMA meeting
  - Notification of important discussions happening at the Council which may impact the membership and/or when their input is requested
- Meeting Locale Updates: Jillian provided the group of a breakdown of the NE KEMA region. She will be coordinating with EMs with those smaller sections to host monthly meetings. This is designed to spread the meetings among the entire region as voted on by the membership. The plan for next year is to go to different member counties or organizations than we will go to this year. Jillian thanked the EMs who have responded to the requests.

### **KEMA Board Update:**

- KCEM Guidelines Update: Members should have received the updated KCEM guidelines which will go into effect at the beginning of 2015. The changes are an effort to ensure those with the certification have completed emergency management related coursework, to clarify what information is needed, and to assist with processing of applications.
- Laurie Harrison agreed to assist Brian Stone with a review of the KEMA awards.
- KEMA President, Vaughn Lorenson, appointed Hannah Stambaugh of Saline County as the KAC representative and John Stradal of Cowley County as the SEIC appointment. Approval of the appointments is ongoing.
- Scholarship Update: The KEMA Board approved setting aside \$500 for the KEMA Scholarship award. This is a combined amount of \$386 from the Foundation and \$114 from 2014 donations. This amount may be split between two awards or given as one amount. After reviewing the applications, the Scholarship Committee will make a recommendation based upon applications and need.
- Based upon consecutive years of reaching into the reserves, the KEMA Board unanimously voted to increase membership fees by \$25 (now \$75) and conference fees by \$50 (now \$200 for members). Some members in attendance noted their wish that the Board had implemented the increase before budgets had been finalized.

### **NWS Updates:**

- Chad Omitt noted that the previous winter weather forecast didn't pan out as expected and forecasters are working together to learn from this event. They are also looking into ways to better communicate with the community.
- The WCMs from Goodland, Wichita, Dodge City, brought up the idea to conduct the statewide tornado drill at 6:30PM in the evening instead of 1:30PM on Tuesday. This is not finalized, but could be a change from previous years. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2015 is scheduled for March 2–6.
- Chad will be sending out the spotter show signup survey link. They will start of February 17<sup>th</sup> and go through April. NWS Topeka is going to each county again this year.
- Topeka is working on a location for the February Integrated Warning Team meeting. The statewide meeting will be on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Lyons.

### **NERHSC Updates:**

- Pat Collins e-mailed that he received 23 laptops to replace accountability system hardware that operated on the XP platform. E-mail Pat with the PC name and the mobile express or Command software installed. The last meeting of the year will be December 17th.

### **Member/Organization Updates:**

#### Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo

- Held three county meetings concerning internal Ebola planning.
- Took the morgue trailer to the coalition meeting. 50 people went through it.
- Completed the TEPW at the last LEPC meeting.
- Working on EMPG.
- Chris attended the disposal of materials from one of the local Tier II facilities.

#### Wilson and Chase Counties – Scott Wiltse

- Chase County EOP was approved last week.
- Symphony on the Plains will be in Chase County on June 13th in the National Park. The first meeting is tomorrow.

#### Osage County - Bryce Romine

- Working on getting the mitigation plan resolutions with the cities and schools signed.
- Worked a few grass fires and house fires in the last 30 days
- Attended the RATT training last week. It was a very good training.
- Working to get the new burn permit system in place.

#### NE KS Healthcare Coalition – Carl Lee

- Thanked Chris for bring out the morgue trailer.
- Working with the Rural Preparedness Consortium to bring isolation and quarantine training to the region. They are waiting on KDEM for approval.

#### Coffey County - Russel Stukey

- Had enough snow on the southern end of the county to run snow plows.
- Attended the Corps of Engineers tabletop exercise. It was very interesting.
- Conducted the hostile action based tabletop exercise on October 29th with county, state, federal and industry. 100 - 120 people attended.
- Hired a new office assistant who will begin on Dec. 1st.

#### Franklin County – Alan Radcliffe

- TEPW has been completed.
- Working on resolutions for the mitigation plan.
- Last week, they put a stop to some of the recurring grass fires. An individual has been arrested.

#### Shawnee County - Dave Sterbenz

- EOP is almost done as they have had some difficulty getting information from agencies. They have one more section to get completed.
- Spent a lot of time on Ebola. The local health agency has developed IAPs for the event.
- Teaching a lot of ICS classes.
- County Commission asked if EM could find \$90,000 for additional construction for EM costs.

- Presently doing a CERT course for the Civil Air Patrol for adults and youth.
- The Dept. of Labor has created and filled an EM Coordinator Position to assist with planning for those incidents when businesses get damaged. Dave's daughter is the new EM.
- Purchased a quad-copter with a transmitting camera. It can be used for fires and other incidents to get a better view.

#### City of Shawnee - Terry Kegin

- Johnson County has not yet filled his position.
- Attended 25 Ebola meetings within the city.
- On February 12<sup>th</sup>, they are hosting a Damage Assessment Certification course for the KS Damage Assessment Team. It's a 4 hour course.
- Getting ready to start a new website called JoCo72. It's a new take on preparedness. It's an effort to target younger folks and simplify things.
- There are 4 CERT teams in Johnson County. Overland Park is getting ready to start their program again. That puts about 500 CERT members in Johnson Co. Coordinators are going to sit down and develop core capabilities for CERT teams. More information will come after this meeting.
- Hosting the regional CERT rodeo. Not sure how many people it will be open to. They are working on a date. Keynote speakers are scheduled and food is coordinated.
- Countywide hostile event plan has been approved.
- Teaching ICS 300 tomorrow.

#### Wabaunsee County - Amy Terrapin

- Thursday, they are hosting a pipeline meeting with a representative from Tall Grass Energy. They are hoping for 40 people.
- Working on the EOP.
- Going to the EBOLA forum in Salina on Friday.

#### Emporia State University - Carrie Boettcher

- Ebola is taking up a lot of time.
- Had the opportunity to practice their power outage plans and gained some lessons learned.
- A new thing this year are veterans banners and is worth the drive. Each banner is in support of a veteran. Emporia is the founding city of Veterans Day.

#### Lyon County – Rick Frevert and Glenda Sunter

- The Ebola exercise that was scheduled for this Thursday was postponed until December.

#### Douglas County – Jillian Rodrigue

- A tentative date of March 7<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Severe Weather Symposium. EMs mentioned that topics more applicable to them would drive the desire to attend the event.
- 5 proposals for the HMEP grants for a tabletop and full scale exercise are being reviewed.
- Attended a number of Ebola meetings. The community is moving toward developing infectious disease plans, with the addition of specific protocols for specific diseases.
- As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mitigation Plan will be adopted.
- The first EMAP committee meeting will kick off in January. We are going to go through the entire planning process whether or not we officially apply for the certification.
- A school safety tabletop exercise for the Eudora School District is scheduled for February.
- Hosting an accountability training in January. This is one thing our CERT volunteers are learning.
- Debris Management Plan is being updated.

**Red Cross Discussion:**

Bryan Saindon, Jane Blocher, and Diane Fodness provided an update on the latest changes surrounding the Red Cross. A map was provided to all in attendance to show which counties are within each region in the state. It was noted that several counties are moving from the KC region to the Topeka Capital Region. A lengthy conversation was had concerning a lack of response to some recent events. Jane will be working with counties to get them the supplies they need to serve their communities. Bryan also talked about partnering with local agencies within each community in which volunteers might be scarce. One initiative of the Red Cross is to train the volunteers that already serve in some of the counties. Bryan and Jane will be added to the NE KEMA e-mail list and will try to attend meetings as they are able. One of Jane's goals is to meet each emergency manager in the region she supports in person as she believes that relationship is of the utmost importance. Bryan also mentioned some upcoming changes which will assist responders in contacting the correct representative to get help coming quickly. He will be sending out additional information in a follow up e-mail.

Russel made a motion to adjourn, and Carrie seconded the motion. The next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> at Blind Tiger in Topeka.