



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 16, 2015, at Six Mile Tavern in Lawrence, KS.

Those attending included:

Doug Barlet – Linn Co EM	Garry Berges – Geary Co EM	Marvin Butler – City of Olathe EM
Skylar Dickey – Linn Co EM	Heather Dunlap – KDOL EM	Chris Hallenbeck – Ft Riley EM
Laurie Harrison – Riley Co EM	David Hogg – Douglas Co EM	Scott Horne – 190 th EM
Natasha Hunter – Pottawatomie Co EM	Keith Jeffers – Jefferson Co EM	John Moyer – DCF
Chad Omitt – NWS Topeka	Alan Radcliffe – Franklin Co EM	Jillian Rodrigue – Douglas Co EM
Bryce Romine – Osage Co EM	Bret Rowe – KDEM	Scott Steele – Shawnee Co EM
Zane Steves - KDEM	Amy Terrapin – Wabaunsee Co EM	Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co EM
David Vance – AIA	Thomas Winter – Franklin Co EM	

Minutes:

Bryce Romine made a motion to approve the August 18, 2015 minutes. Keith Jeffers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Presentation:

David Vance provided an overview of what the American Institute of Architects can provide to the local community following a large disaster. They organize disaster assessment and bring in teams to assist. This is a volunteer service. There is no cost to the locals.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

NWS Update:

- Every year, the NWS hosts a Winter Weather Awareness Day with media and KDOT. This year's event is Dec 1st. Chad will send out information later this week.
- Spotter Talk sign up doodle poll will go out later this week.
- Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 14th - 18th. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for 15th, but it has been requested that the text be conducted at 6:30PM.
- NWS Topeka looks to host its annual IWT meeting on Feb 9th. The statewide IWT will be held in late January. Chad will send out additional information.

KEMA Board and Conference Update:

- The KEMA Board will meet on Thursday. An update on the conference will be provided. Presentations are posted on the website, if interested. Additional updates will be provided at the December meeting.
- The Board is still working on the membership year to make that easier to process and understand.
- Scholarship checks will be sent out very shortly.
- A discussion of the lack of awards submitted for the conference. Members are encouraged to begin thinking of individuals to nominate now.
- Garry is the chair of the conference committee which will be working to identify the next location of our conference. Several bids (7-9) have been sent in and will be opened on December 1st. A recommendation will be made to the Board at their April Board Meeting.

NERHSC Update:

- Last month was a short meeting.
- 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.
- Waiting on date for the November/December Meeting.

Member Updates:

Osage County – Bryce Romine

- Working on EOP updates, corrections and changes.
- Working on the capabilities assessment
- Working lots of grass fires and a grass fire and house fire over Veteran's Day. Several mutual aid resources were requested.
- Had a good amount of damage from the thunderstorms that moved through the Friday of the KEMA conference.
- Attended the check-in recorder course which was very good.
- Participated in the Wolf Creek Exercise drill as a check-in recorder. He will participate again in December.

DOL EM - Heather Dunlap

- Attended the KEMA Conference, recorder course, and the command and general staff class.

DCS - John Moyer

- Provided updates on the tabletop exercise in October which covered civil unrest and earthquakes. This was a successful exercise which had around 100 participants.

KDEM –

Zane Steves

- Preparing for the Dec 8th Wolf Creek hostile action based, graded exercise. KDEM is heavily involved.
- Bryan Murdie is the Planning and Mitigation Branch Director. KDEM hopes to have all positions hired soon.
- Meetings with FEMA are going slowly for some as FEMA is still stretched with the number of disasters it's working.
- Don't forget to enter all of your exercises in KETS by the end of December.
- Starting April, Jonathan York will take over as the executive taskforce chair of EMAC. Any national EMAC will be coordinate through KDEM. They are also working on some mission ready packages. This change could provide additional opportunities for deployments.
- April 4th - 6th is the statewide deployable resource exercise at Crisis City. Riley is the local EOC which is playing. It is a continuous 30-hour exercise.

Bret Rowe

- At the end of September, FEMA Region 7 conducted a program audit visit. They were there for a week. Angee and Bret are responding to FY 14 issues. Bret is still working on FY15 payments.
- The state payment system was shut down for 2 weeks. The system is now back up, but there is some learning to do in the new system.
- FEMA has not published any guidance for FY16 EMPG. He is assuming guidance will come out in February. KDEM will apply in April or May and send out the application packets shortly afterwards.

Jefferson County - Keith Jeffers

- Going to be opening a new planner / GIS position. They hope to have the position filled by the first of the year.
- Half of the county is signed up in the CodeRed system. New letters will go out in the tax bills to increase subscribers.
- Working on radio agreements for the surrounding fire departments.
- Working with road and bridge on the recovery from the recent storms. There is \$1.2 million in projects.
- Several county agencies as well as the schools are requesting active shooter exercises. Keith is working with law enforcement on boosting radio reach.
- The NCRI is working on a tabletop / functional ebola exercise in February at St. Francis Hospital. Functional exercise are encouraged with local EMS and hospitals concerning donning and doffing of PPE. The second will include public health and hospitals covering measles and pandemic flu.
- Fire grants are good opportunities for local fire departments to get some additional funding. Additional information should be coming out very soon.
- Westar presented at the first association meeting. They will be providing maps distribution lines and substations. He is also working on dispatch center tours to enable greater coordination.

Ft. Riley - Chris Hallenbeck

- Please check your access badge for date corrections. They are revamping access and control. Chris will share changes for response as needed.
- Finally got WebEOC up and running.
- Thanked local agencies for participating in their recent exercise. Next year's exercise is fire focused.
- Partnership is up and running with the school district on post. They have a designated safety and preparedness week. This year, they will be conducting a full scale exercise with some schools.
- Conducted a new tabletop with water systems. The scenario was a tornadic event which destroyed some well heads, several plants, etc. A few partners came in to participate. This forced engineers and water specialist to really work through the emergency response plan for water systems.
- Attended the KEMA conference which was very good.

Riley County - Laurie Harrison

- Reminder: Accountability equipment exercise is Dec 2nd.
- After evaluating Pottawatomie County's communications exercise, Riley County is going to conduct the same exercise locally on Nov 24th.
- Conducted a CERT course which included participants from Riley, Dickinson, Pottawatomie and Geary Counties. Tasha was one of the instructors.
- Conducted an Everbridge group manager training for Riley County group.
- Attended the check in status reporter training. She encouraged other to go.
- Laurie is working with Garry on stocking the RATT trailer. They are waiting on a list from Shawnee County.
- Working on getting the Regional Mitigation Plan adopted. They are only short two organizations.
- Met with Pottawatomie and Riley County and NBAF. They are always looking at emergency planning at the new facility. A joint LEPC meeting is set for January where they will come and discuss additional information.

Geary County - Garry Berges

- Attended the check-in recorder and fire grant courses.
- Participated in the water exercise at Ft. Riley.
- 2m repeater radio went down. It will cost \$500 to replace.
- Waiting on one final adoption on the mitigation plan.
- Working with their insurance carrier to use the \$2000 of mitigation funds to purchase safety kits for county buildings.
- Garry brought up the concerns with VOIP phones not being updated with correct addresses.

Wabaunsee County - Amy Terrapin

- EOC has been approved and the grant is closed out.
- Still working through the most recent disaster including on going projects.
- An LEPC meeting is scheduled on Thursday.

Franklin County – Alan Radcliffe and Thomas Winter

- Working several fires.
- Updating the burn permit resolution. It has some grey area which is being taken out.
- Dispatch just put in a new system. CAD is not available in the EM vehicle.
- Working the FEMA declaration.
- Thomas Winter was introduced as new team member.

Linn County – Doug Barlet and Skylar Dickey

- Worked a 4 hour fire recently.
- Participating with Miami County on a full scale exercise in October. Last week they conducted a functional exercise. Working with the health department on a full scale pod exercise in December. They are also working on a tabletop and full scale active shooter exercises next year.

Pottawatomie County – Chris Trudo and Natasha Hunter

- Had the 1st citation for an illegal dump site. It was very interesting working with KDHE.
- Chris is on the Wild Cat Region MRC steering committee.
- Hosted a hazmat for law enforcement course last month.
- Hosted an LEPC meeting last month.
- Laurie and Pat evaluated a tabletop exercise for Pottawatomie, so they will return the favor.
- The PIO class has been rescheduled for January 12-14. It was cancelled due to an instructor issue.
- Involved with NBAF planning.
- They are scheduling a tabletop active shooter exercises for the 4 remaining schools.
- 600 have signed up for Everbridge. Sign-ups are included during public education to small groups. Presentations include emergency kits and how to plan. An app has been built to assist the community in signing up. Business cards have also been developed and sent out with several different departments.

Shawnee County – Scott Steele

- Dealt with a few fires last week. One agency has requested use of the areal platform.
- Working on two exercises. This week during the evening is another exercise within the Courthouse.
- The TEPW will be held in December.
- Working on redevelopment of committees.
- Working on a possible relocation.
- Working on Mitigation Plan adoptions.
- Continuing to attempt an open communications with partner agencies.
- Working on 50th Anniversary of 1966 Tornado event.
- NWS Spotter Talk will be March 16th.
- On December 2nd a Violence in the Workplace Course will be held at St. Francis. The course is on KS Train (course ID 1058500).

City of Olathe EM - Marvin Butler

- Marvin introduced himself and explained his role within emergency management.
- Participated in an exercise that the County put on. It went very well.
- Marvin is looking to attend the ICS Train-the-Trainer courses in order to bring those to their people.

Douglas County – David Hogg and Jillian Rodrigue

- Jillian introduced David as the new EM Planner.
- Kicking off the 2016 Pursuit of Preparedness. Donations are already coming in.
- EM staff will be conducting a December social media preparedness campaign, Timmy, the Preparedness Elf on a Shelf. They are reaching out more to partner agencies this year.
- Teri was invited by the local Lawrence high schools to talk about emergency management basics and how to apply those concepts. There was some good discussion.
- Jillian was an evaluator for the Kansas City Critical Infrastructure Exercise. This specifically focused on private sector partners and how they interact with the public sector. There were over 170 people participating over 9 counties. It prompted a great discussion.
- Hosted a full LEPC meeting in October. The next full meeting will be in January and cover the TEPW.
- The Mobile Command Vehicle will be deployed to assist with the McCollum Hall implosion on the 25th. It was also taken to a touch-a-truck event. It was a highlight for many who attended.
- Credentialing is catching fire! Several more agencies have come on board.
- They recently purchased a new piece of video equipment. It was brought out to a police training. The officers really enjoyed having the immediate feedback.
- Updating the Debris Management Plan. The goal is to have this completed by the end of the year.
- 14 students completed the full CERT course in October. This was a great relationship event with the Lawrence Humane Society.
- They are also working with the Humane Society on a more robust animal response plan which includes more local resources.
- From the CERT course, a high school teacher has reached out to EM to provide a Teen CERT course in the both Lawrence and Free State.

A motion to adjourn was made by Garry Berges and seconded by Scott Steele.