



South Central KEMA Regional Meeting
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Point Events Center
Augusta, KS

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cody Charvat at 0937 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Greg Klein made a motion to approve the February 1, 2018 minutes. Motion was seconded by Mike Loreg, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Membership/Guest Comments

- None

4. KEMA Board Report – Keri Korthals, DeAnn Konkel

We're still having a problem with people filling out their online membership form not clicking the submit button; instead they are only clicking print, so their information is not getting to Keri. If you use the online form for membership renewal, be sure to scroll down and click 'submit.'

Legislative visits to DC are still pending; the hope is for them to take place in April

The Conference Committee has received responses to their RFP's for hosting the 2020-2022 KEMA conferences from Lawrence, Manhattan, Junction City, Dodge City and Mulvane; a decision is not due until next spring, so other bids may come in. Speaking of the conference, suggestions for Keynote speakers and breakout topics are always welcome; you can send them directly to Mike Selves, or to Cody. The initiative to invite neighboring state's EMA members to our KEMA conference at the member rate is progressing slowly.

KEMA representatives will be giving two different EM-themed presentations at this year's KAC conference. It is likely we will have to replace our KAC rep Hannah Stambaugh by the end of the year, so anyone interested in taking over that role should contact Cody.

Gary Denny, Nominating Committee Chairman, reminded members to be thinking about elections that will need to be held this year; we will need someone to run for KEMA President-Elect, Secretary, and South Central Vice President. Self-nominations are highly encouraged; contact Gary Denny if you are interested.

5. Old Business

a. Training Opportunities in the Region

- Apr 18 – Psychological 1st Aid, Wesley Medical Center – Train **#1054375**
- Apr 23 & Apr 25 – ICS300 in Medicine Lodge – Train **#1073762**
- Apr 24-25 – Emergency Response to Biological Incidents, ICT – Train **#1074250**
- May 2-3 – ICS400 in Great Bend – Train **# 1073601**
- May 4 – G402 ICS for Elected Officials in Harvey County
- May 9-10 – HSEEP in McPherson – Train **#1076246**
- May 22-23 ICS 300 in Wichita Train **#1073762**
- May 31-Jun 1 – G775 EOC Operations in Harvey County
- June 19-20 ICS 400 in Wichita Train **#1073601**
- June 14-15 ICS 300 in Harvey Co, **#1073762**; ICS 400 still TBD
- Sept 18-19 ICS 300 in Ark City - **#1073762**
- Sept 25-26 ICS 400 in Ark City Train **#1073601**

b. GOES-16

There was general discussion about the GOES-16 satellite data and hotspot notifications from the NWS. Generally everyone has had a very positive experience and there were multiple incidents where the GOES notification beat the 911 call, giving FD's a head start. There was some discussion about potentially expanding the border around counties, or allowing people to sign up for notifications for multiple counties. The NWS is taking input and still tweaking the system. The only minor glitch reported was when Rice Co got a new notification on an old fire several days after it was extinguished.

c. Helicopter response on wildfires

Jim Leftwich reported that the State will continue to pay for the helicopters assisting on wildfires **for now**; it is unknown how long that will last. The counties that had received assistance from the helos reported there was a problem in coordinating exact locations for water pickup and dump spots; the locals are using lat/long while the pilots are using military grids, and the two do not match. Jim was going to address this issue at the state level and try to get a resolution.

6. New Business

a. KDHE & Health partners update

Dan Pugh reported on the latest personnel shakeup at KDHE; Mike McNulty is again in charge, at least as an interim. Their original work plan had been for ALL local health personnel to attend mandatory G290 PIO training; that's now been changed to IS-29 PIO Awareness.

There is a stringent exercise requirement that health partners must exercise at least four different health capabilities in a tabletop or above between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019; it is likely they will be reaching out to their EM's for help.

Regional Healthcare Coalition boundaries will be staying the same, but not much else with the Regional Healthcare Coordinators will. ALL contracts with the Regional Coordinators expire on June 30, and only 3 Coordinators have indicated they plan to continue, and that does NOT include the SC region. Further complicating matters, KDHE has yet to open the Coordinator positions for applications. In SC, Wesley Medical Center had provided logistical and management support to our local Coordinator team, but that will also be going away June 30. In short, do not expect the same level of support from the Healthcare Coalition after July 1.

7. Report from Members

Cody Charvat – The Director position for Sedgwick County EM is again open for applications

Janet Salazar – At the time of the meeting, there was still one more day to apply for a Turn Around, Don't Drown road sign.

Jeff Hutton – Reported that the new EM in Meade County is Brian Burgess

Gary Denny – The Harv Co PIO working group will meet Apr 18 in Newton

Keri Korthals – Gave the group an update on Jim Schmidt. He will now retire June 1 and the plan is for him to attend his final regional KEMA meeting June 7 in Winfield.

Jim Leftwich – There is a heavy emphasis from Topeka that Regional Coordinators are NOT to be the ones handling initial requests for assistance from counties, especially after hours or on the weekend. Those initial requests MUST go through the KDEM Duty Officer.

Greg Klein – Thanked those in the region who had sent mutual aid to assist on their multiple large wildfires.

Brian Stone – Cowley is updating their EOP, due Jan 1, and they will have sheltering full scale in September.

Dan Pugh – Said he was contacted by Dr. Samantha Montano, a researcher studying the impact disasters have on domestic violence in the affected communities, and the results show an alarming upswing in DV's. Just one of the reasons given was that a large number of women feel they have no choice but to return to their abuser in order to make sure their children are taken care of. He recommended a course called Training on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Disaster <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource/the-intersection-of-domestic-violence-and-disaster> and also encouraged EM's reach out to local domestic violence prevention/response partners to get them involved in disaster planning.

8. Next Meeting – June 7th at the Physician's Pavilion, 1430 E 6th Ave in Winfield.

9. Adjournment – Cody declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33.