



South Central KEMA Regional Meeting

June 7, 2018

Physician's Pavilion

1230 E 6th, Winfield

Attendee

Mike Loreg
Abbi Doherty
Amy Miller
Jim Schmidt
Keri Korthals
Doreen Johnson
John Lehman
Brian Stone
Jason Kazban
Taylor Dory
Gary Denny
Jim Leftwich
Randy Hill
Andrea Taylor
Jeff Hutton
Janet Salazar
Chance Hayes
Mark Wagner
Greg Klein
Cody Charvat
John Crosby
DeAnn Konkel
Dan Pugh
Mark Stump

Representing

Barber County EM
Barber County EM
Barton County EM
Butler County EM (ret)
Butler County EM
Butler County EM
Comanche County EM
Cowley County EM
Cowley County EM
Cowley County EM
Harvey County EM
KDEM
Kingman Co Sheriff/EM
Kiowa County EM
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cody Charvat at 0940 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Loreg made a motion to approve the April 5th, 2018 minutes. Motion was seconded by DeAnn Konkel, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Membership/Guest Comments

- Abbi Doherty, the new EM Admin Assistant in Barber County was introduced to the group. She also serves on Barber County EMS with Mike Loreg.

4. KEMA Board Report – Cody Charvat, Keri Korthals, DeAnn Konkel, Gary Denny

Cody gave a recap of the May 8th Board meeting in Salina using the full details that were emailed to the membership on May 9th. DeAnn gave an update on conference site selection for the 2020-2022 contract; a decision is not expected until later this year.

Gary Denny reported on his recent DC trip as part of the KEMA Legislation visit. He learned from IAEM that Kansas is one of only six states that still takes the time and expense to send a delegation and he, as well as other members who had been on past DC trips, stressed the importance of continuing the visits.

On this year's trip their agenda bullet points were *A 5% increase to EMPG *Continued funding for EMI *Continued funding for the NWS and emphasizing the partnership between EM and NWS. *Making Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants TRULY pre-disaster *Maintaining funding for state Homeland Security grants *Emphasizing that while FEMA is under DHS, the local EM programs are separate and need protecting, as they are the only ones working on the whole-community approach.

Gary also gave an update on nominations; President-elect and Secretary are the two statewide offices up for election this year; so far he has one name in each category. Nominations must close soon because electronic voting will open for these positions in early July. The South Central Regional VP will also be elected; there are two nominees so far and nominations will close on Aug. 2; electronic voting will begin shortly after and will conclude Aug 13, in accordance with our bylaws.

5. Old Business

- a. Cody sent around the regional contact list and asked the members to update their info as needed
- b. Training Opportunities in the Region
 - June 19-20 ICS 400 in Wichita Train **#1073601**
 - June 20, COOP Planning for Healthcare, at Wesley, **#1078282**
 - June 14-15 ICS 300 in Harvey Co, **#1073762**; ICS 400 still TBD
 - July 17-18 G290 in Augusta, **#1078175**
 - July 18 PIO Working group in Newton, with Social Media presentation from Trooper Ben
 - Aug 14 Flooding Hazards in Wichita **#1077931**
 - Aug 16 Flooding Hazards in Hutch **#1077931**
 - Sept 18-19 ICS 300 in Ark City - **#1073762**
 - Sept 25-26 ICS 400 in Ark City Train **#1073601**

6. New Business

- a. Jim Leftwich gave a PowerPoint presentation from Jonathan York, a sort of refresher on incident reporting, wildfires, ordering resources, etc. On the subject of wildfires, Jim also strongly encouraged everyone to read the related article in the most recent KEMA perspective that was forwarded by Cody on June 4th.
- b. Jeff Hutton, NWS Dodge City, told the group about John Lehman, Comanche Co, being one of 5 people in the nation to earn the Thomas Jefferson Award for his weather data collection. John had the award mementoes on hand and told about some of his experiences and challenges since taking over the Coldwater KS weather reporting station in 1971.
Chance Hayes, NWS Wichita, reminded the group about using the online form to enter large events and request Decision Support Services from the NWS. And when you do, be sure to use the comment box to be as specific as possible about what you want in your report; for example, give YOUR criteria for significant or severe weather that you want notified of.
- c. The Regional Healthcare Coalition will conduct an Extreme Heat TTX exercise on July 18 in Wichita and they would like a strong EM presence. The meeting starts at 10:00, the exercise at noon, and lunch will be provided if you pre-register through KS Train, event ID #1078264.
- d. Mark Stump gave a brief update on the new text-to-211 capability

e. Gary Denny is seeking input on a possible RHSC project to pay for a regional mass notification system

7. Report from Members

Gary Denny told the group that there will be a memorial dedication near the Excel Plant in Hesston at 3PM on June 11. Everyone is welcome, but especially those who responded to the incident.

Brian Stone thanked the NWS for all their help and support surrounding their recent seven (or eight?) tornadoes day. He also talked about some of the issues they have had concerning protests over a Winfield PD traffic stop that has turned into a racially charged event that has gained national attention.

Dan Pugh reminded everyone that their local Health Departments are winding down their state fiscal year activities and will be pretty quiet for the next couple of months, until finalized guidelines and expectations from the state come out in late July or August.

8. Next Meeting – Aug 2nd in Harvey County.

9. Adjournment – Cody declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40. After the meeting, presentations were made celebrating the recent retirement of Jim Schmidt and the pending retirement of John Crosby. John's last day will be June 22, and there will be a reception for him in the Sedgwick County EOC from 2:00-4:00; everyone is invited to attend.