



South Central KEMA Regional Meeting  
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Harvey County EOC  
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cody Charvat at 0930 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Membership/Guest Comments

- Carl Link, the new EM Director in Sedgwick County, was introduced to the group and he spoke about his background in Law Enforcement and military service.

#### 4. KEMA Board Report –Keri Korthals

Keri gave a recap of the August 1st Board meeting in Salina. The biggest topic was the upcoming KEMA conference in Topeka. Registration is now open, and all KEMA members should have received a personalized invitation to register via email. Steve Samuelson with the state has arranged for CEU's to be offered to Flood Plain Managers who attend the conference, so counties are encouraged to invite their FPM to register.

In the KDEM update, Mark Willis gave an overview of the pending changes to NIMS; this was basically the same information sent by VP Charvat to the SC region the previous week. On the exercise side, KDEM has been seeing many of the seats in their Exercise Design classes being taken by Health partners needing to meet CMS requirements, but they are coming in with zero exercise experience, so the state is looking at developing an intermediate class that would come after HSEEP, but before the 132/133 design classes and would be more appropriate for those with no experience.

Board elections were the next topic; Gary reminded everyone that the Survey Monkey polls to vote for President-elect and Secretary are open until Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. There was one last call for nominations from the floor for Regional VP; none was offered and nominations were closed with two people running for the position: John Stradal and Mike Loreg; both spoke briefly about why they would like to be elected. A survey Monkey Poll was to be sent out as soon as possible after the meeting to allow for electronic voting that would run through Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. Old Business

##### a. Training Opportunities in the Region

- Aug 8 Faithful Readiness Workshop in Wichita; registration through DHS
- 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. Bruce Bartel with the Kansas Food Bank gave an overview of his organization and talked about their desire to be involved in disaster response support. The group is working on a new disaster response plan with a goal of helping feed victims after a disaster. The Food Bank works closely with other VOAD partners, and it is the VOAD lead who will coordinate the response with the Food Bank.
- b. David Hogg with KDA provided an update on what they're working on; some of the items discussed:
  - a. Their old quarantine management SOP has been revoked and is being re-worked
  - b. Related to that is their Community Liaison program that will be part of the new plan. They are working at providing specialized training to staff and others to respond to the affected county and deal with the locals during an incident. The goal is to ID a liaison for all 105 counties; once you are notified who your POC is, you are encouraged to invite them to your LEPC meetings and other planning events
  - c. KDA is still working on their secure food supply plan
  - d. Their next annual exercise will run Dec 17-20; counties should contact KDA if they want to participate on one of those days
  - e. KDA is working with KSART to increase their capability to support animal sheltering as it is spelled out in the Kansas Response Plan. They plan on a large exercise in June, 2020.
- c. Pat Collins talked about the need to get fire departments across the state on board with credentialing their people and equipment through CRMCS, and getting their resources entered into the system so they could be seen as potential mutual aid assets during large events. The South Central region in particular has a low

participation rate among its departments. A lengthy discussion followed about problems, issues and potential fixes. If a department needs help getting things entered, they can always reach out to Pat or the SFM's office.

- d. Pat then was asked to talk about the Mass Notification System that the NE region has now; they used Regional Homeland Security Council money to pay for an Everbridge contract that 17 of their 23 counties are using. Gary Denny has introduced a proposal with our RHSC to potentially do the same thing for South Central. Any county that may be interested in taking part is asked to contact Gary Denny.

## 7. Report from Members

**NWS** – Chance Hayes reminded the group to be sure to enter any large events or outdoor gatherings into their online form. Even if you don't plan to ask for NWS support, they would like them on their calendar. Jeff Hutton said NWS Dodge City does a weekly call to all of their EM's to ask if they have anything big scheduled that week, and the EM's from their CWA at the meeting said they appreciate that; Chance said he would investigate the possibility of doing something similar for the ICT CWA.

**Dicie Nicklaus** wanted to emphasize that counties should always call the Red Cross's 844 help line after house fires so they can assist the victims. Even on small fires, there may be things they can help with, and there are no minimal qualifications the victims have to meet; free help is available to all of them, no matter how big or small the fire may seem. Look for a separate email with more information about the 844-334-7569 help line.

## 8. Next Meeting – Oct 4th in Reno County.

9. Adjournment – This was the last regional meeting that Cody will preside over as Vice President; he told everyone what an honor it had been to represent them for the last five years, and that he looked forward to working with the new Vice President, whomever it might be. The meeting was adjourned at noon.