



South Central KEMA Regional Meeting  
October 4, 2018  
Reno County Law Enforcement Center  
210 W 1st St, Hutchinson KS

**Attendee**

Abbigail Holden  
Mike Loreg  
Brian Stone  
Amy Miller  
Doreen Johnson  
Heather Kinsler  
Greg Klein  
John Crosby  
Lorie Wilson  
Gary Denny  
Brian Ellis  
Tim Hawkinson  
Julie McClure  
Jim Leftwich  
Keri Korthals  
Tim Branscom  
Carl Link  
Andrea Taylor  
Jeff Hutton  
Keith Vagts  
DeAnn Konkel  
Todd Strain  
Randy Duncan  
John Stradal  
Mark Stump  
Adam Weishaar  
Janet Salazar

**Representing**

Barber County EM  
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Cowley County EM  
Barton County EM  
Butler County EM  
Kingman County 911  
Rice County EM  
  
KS Assn of Oriental Medicine  
Harvey County EM  
Harvey County EM  
McPherson County EM/911  
McPherson County EM/911  
KDEM  
Butler County EM  
Pratt County EM  
Sedgwick County EM  
Kiowa County EM  
National Weather Service  
Rice County EM  
Sedgwick County EM  
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Stradal at 0935 hours.

2. Approval of Minutes

Greg Klein made a motion to approve the August 2, 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

Keri and DeAnn gave a recap of the recent board meetings. Most of the discussion surrounded the KEMA conference, possible changes in conference and membership management software, as well as changes to committee members.

Evaluations will be sent out soon for the KEMA conference. The evaluation must be completed in order to get your certificate. There were a total of 181 attendees. The conference will be held for one more year in Topeka, before moving to the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane for the next 3 years (2020-2022). Wesley Lanter will be taking over the role of vendor coordinator starting in 2019, replacing Russel Stuke who is now president elect.

Natasha Hunter has assumed the role of KCEM Recertification Chair, and all future renewals should be sent to her. Bernie Botson has agreed to fill her vacated position as a KCEM commissioner.

The board is considering switching to a new membership management and conference software called Wild Apricot that would potentially replace CVENT. This software would streamline membership and conference registrations, allow for easier management of the KEMA website, and add the capability of additional features such as dues tracking and reminders, and possibly a KEMA store. CVENT currently costs \$1650 per year, while Wild Apricot would cost \$1824 for two years. The board is working with Mary Napier, our current webmaster, and a final proposal will be voted on at the next board meeting in November. Business will continue as usual for now.

### 5. Old Business

#### a. Training Opportunities in the Region

- Fundamentals of Disaster Medical Support Unit Workshop - Great Bend - October 18th
  - 10 people enrolled to date; KS-Train Course #1079273
- Faith Based Preparedness Workshop - Pratt - October 17th
  - Contact Tim Branscom for registration
- G290 Basic PIO Class - October 29th & 30th in Salina - KS-Train #1078175
- Harvey County PIO Working Group Meeting - October 17th in Newton
  - Topic will be dealing with law enforcement and negative news media
- Web EOC Demo - October 8th at Sedgwick County EOC

- b. An updated Regional Contact list was distributed last month. John asked everyone to double-check the information and send any changes to him.

### 6. New Business

- a. Lori Wilson with the Kansas Association of Oriental Medicine made a presentation on the use of acupuncture in disasters. The association is a member of Kansas VOAD, and is willing to provide services at no cost within the state to responders and those affected by a disaster. Discussion followed regarding scenarios where their services might best be utilized, types of training available to help the association better integrate into a disaster situation, and how the EM community might help to get the word out about the availability of their services.

- b. Greg Klein and Natalie Garrett updated the group on the status of a Homeland Security Council project that would potentially supply new ID card printers to at least some of the counties within the region. The existing CP80 printers that were provided through a 2009 project are at end of life. Parts are anticipated to still be available for these printers through 2022, and supplies are still available for now as well.

Two potential options were discussed. The first model is the ZC350, which is a new printer model that will allow for both regular credential and rapid tag use. This printer does not have lamination capability, but does have an extra durable ink that should be sufficient. The cost of the printer is \$2969. A replacement ribbon costs \$85, which brings the average cost per card to \$.85, which is cheaper than the current CP80.

The second printer option is the CR85 which is significantly larger than the CP80 and ZC350. It is capable of lamination with an add-on. Cost of a ribbon is \$85, and laminate is \$56. This brings the cost per card higher than either other printer. McPherson County and Butler County respectively volunteered to test the two printer models and report back to Midwest Card and the group.

Current state credentialing policy requires that all standard credentials be laminated for durability. Discussion followed regarding whether this was still needed in light of changes in printing technology.

Gary Denny made a motion to support a suggestion to the credentialing working group, eliminating the lamination requirement so long as durability of the card is not compromised. The motion was seconded by DeAnn Konkol, and approved unanimously.

- c. The meeting schedule for the upcoming year was set by the group. Meetings will be held on the following dates and locations as listed below.
  - a. February 7th - Barber County
  - b. April 4th - Butler County
  - c. June 6th - McPherson County
  - d. August 1st - Cowley County
  - e. October 3rd - Pratt County
  - f. December 5th - Sedgwick County

## 7. Report from Members

**NWS** – Jeff Hutton briefly reported that the Kansas Integrated Warning Team meeting has been scheduled for January 22nd in Great Bend. More information will be released at a later date. John Stradal stated that the plan was to conduct another tabletop exercise during the meeting since that last one was so well received.

**Jim Leftwich** announced that KDEM and the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office will be hosting a Wildland Fire Outlook Seminar on December 12th at the Heartland Preparedness Center.

**John Stradal** stated that the Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan is due for revision, and that Jeanne Bunting with KDEM will be hosting a kickoff meeting in Butler County later in the month. Jeanne will be at the December SC KEMA meeting to follow up with some additional information for emergency managers.

## 8. Next Meeting – December 6th in Sumner County.

## 9. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by John Crosby, and seconded by Tim Branscom. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.