



South Central

KEMA South Central Meeting
Fry Center, Wellington
December 6, 2018 9:30 AM

Attendee

Abbigail Holden
Mike Loreg
Doreen Johnson
Keri Korthals
John Stradal
Bryan Ellis
Gary Denny
Jeanne Bunting
Jim Leftwich
Heather Kinsler
Randy L. Hill
Andrea Taylor
Randy Frank
Tim Hawkinson
Julie McClure
Chance Hayes
Chris Jakub
Jeff Hutton
Janet Salazar
Scott Smith
Kelly Butler
Tim Branscom
Dan Pugh
Amy Lumry
Dicie Nicklaus
Tom Pletcher
Laurie Harrison
DeAnn Konkel
Collette Pontier
James Fair
Randy Duncan

Representing

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Butler County EM
Butler County EM
Cowley County EM
Harvey County EM
Harvey County EM
KDEM
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Kingman County 911
Kingman County SO/EM
Kiowa County EM
Marion County EM
McPherson County EM/911
McPherson County EM/911
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1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 by John Stradal
2. Round of Introductions
3. KEMA Award Presentation to Abbi Doherty 2018 Outstanding Emergency Management Support Professional – Laurie Harrison
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. Approved by Tim Branscom
 - b. Seconded Randy Frank
 - i. **Motion approved**
5. KEMA Board Report
 - a. Previous Board Meeting Report – John advised most of the meeting was about budget. Conference came in about \$1,200 under the budget, so the conference came into the black. They looked also into some website and member management software, Wild Apricot. When they get more into the program, they will let us know. Laurie said the report of the Conference survey results were good they did have a few things about food and rooms and the bill did result in that. Keri did remind all that the new membership year began on October 1, so don't forget to renew your KEMA memberships.
6. Old Business
 - a. Training opportunities in the region
 - i. IWT January 22 in Great Bend at the Convention Center, this year like last year there will be a state-wide table top that will count for EMPG, if any one has any agenda items for the day please email Jeff or Chance; they have a 1½ or 2 hours unspoken for. One thing they are thinking about is a Q & A panel of NWS and media partners. Registration is not open yet since they are finalizing some details. They are still working on the caterer either bring food in or have subs.
 - ii. December 12, 2018 10:00-4:00; Wildland Fire Outlook. Right now they have 150 registered; this training will be at Heartland Preparedness Center; lunch will be provided
 - iii. Kansas Pipeline Association will be starting their presentations in the North East Corner of the state on January 8; South Central will take place mid-February.
 - iv. Mass Fatality Incident Response January 29-30; training will be at Heartland Preparedness Center; you can sign up on **KS-Train ID: 1081839**
 - v. U.S Marshall Service site security class tentatively scheduled for sometime in March; still working on dates. Possibly held at the Heartland Preparedness Center, Dan will give more information when he gets it.
 - vi. January 16, 2019 Harvey County PIO working group; Kansas State Forestry will be the speaker.
 - b. SC Region Credentialing Printer Project Update – Jim gave the report since Greg could not be there.
 - i. Testing of the printer that was introduced at the last meeting is being held up. From what they have been told the test printer sent to KDEM did not include printer ink. The vendor will get the ink to KDEM after existing orders have been filled. DeAnn said KDEM wants to run some tests to check the durability of the ink on the cards. They should know in about 1

month if the ink would last for the 5 years. Card expiration can now be extended to 6 years but that excludes medical credentialing. Missouri and Arkansas have the test printers and they love them. Some of the KEMA members are wanting to see if there was any one in the state or another customer elsewhere that would be able to send us some dummy cards so that KDEM may test them for durability. DeAnn said she will call KDEM and ask if this could be possible.

c. No other old business at this time

7. New Business

a. Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Matt Eyer & Jeanne Bunting, KDEM

i. Matt went over the goals from last plan and all felt that the goals are still viable, applicable, and attainable:

- a. Reduce or eliminate risk to the people and property of Kansas Region G from the impacts of the identified hazards in this plan.
- b. Strive to protect all the vulnerable populations structures and critical facilities in Kansas Region G from the impacts of the identified hazards.
- c. Improve public outreach initiative to include education, awareness and partnerships with all entities in order to enhance understanding of the risk of the region faces due to the impacts of the identified hazards.
- d. Enhance communication and coordination among all agencies and between agencies and the public.

ii. “Who's all in”

1. There are different approaches: cities, fire districts, townships, and special districts may roll under a county's umbrella (meaning if they choose not to adopt by themselves then they will be included under county, and county will control grant money) OR they can adopt by themselves; (meaning they can control grant money themselves).
2. If cities, fire districts, townships, school districts, and special districts could or did not attend the meeting; then EM will need to outreach to them. If they have met with EM then they can be included, if not then they will not be able to be included. Data collection guide needs to be sent to the EM from city or school; but less formal communication with townships (ex. a phone call) is fine. Every school district must be in this plan; and they must adopt themselves.
3. There is still work to do; and we need more guides to be sent in.
4. Matt will be providing a spreadsheet so that each EM will be able to go out and solicit needed responses more easily.
5. Churches are now able to retrofit and build safe rooms inside their facilities, instead of just outside. But unsure what funding priority they will be given.

iii. Mitigation Actions: FEMA will be taking a much much closer look at the action items. So, you should too!

1. For each action you need a brief summary regarding the completion using the following:

- a. Not started; action will provide reason for lack of progress, which may include lack of funding, differing priorities, changes in political climate, lack of technical skill
- b. In progress: action will provide a summary and if applicable of percentage work completed to date
- c. Deleted: a reason will be provided for deletion, which may include no longer viable, not cost effective
- d. If a jurisdiction is a NFIP participant, it must have at least TWO actions related to the NFTP
 - i. Continued operation and management of jurisdictional NFIP activities
 - ii. Acquisition/demolition of flood prone properties
 - iii. Complete a storm watershed master plan study which identifies stream buffer policies, detention requirements, grading plan requirements, and minimum development standards for storm water.
- e. **Anything that is unknown or blank must be replaced with a viable answer!!!**
- f. **Each action needs to be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time bound**
- g. The survey monkey that was sent out to Region G did well with 147 responses. Continue to solicit responses if possible.

2. What's next:

- a. Action review feedback due January 10, 2019
- b. Meeting #3 in March 2019 "Victory Lap"
 - i. If at this meeting you have not had contact with a jurisdiction, this will be the last time they can still be included. If they do not and it gets sent to FEMA, then they are locked out of the plan for 5 years.
- c. The plan will be submitted to FEMA by March 2019
- d. Next week Jeanne will email EM's their county's list, action item spreadsheets, capabilities spreadsheet and the power point presentation from this meeting

3. **If you need to contact Matt Eyer, he can be reached at matt@blueumbrella.co, or via phone at (303) 552-1181.**

- b. Regional radio tests – John has spoken with the office of communications (that is now under KDEM). Participation has fallen off in the monthly radio tests that have been conducted. John is wanting to know if there is still perceived value in these tests, or if there is any specific reason why people are not participating. The group said they cannot really remember when they are and have not been getting the notifications like before. The check in is the Second Tuesday of every month at 10 am except when something else comes up (ex. KEMA conference). DeAnn said she has not seen the notifications in a couple of months. Keri said that she hasn't received one since August. John said that maybe we need to send out a monthly calendar invite. Randy said it is considered a drill through the new EMPG rules. Kingman county uses it as a training tool for the dispatchers that are on that day. John is wanting to know that if the second Tuesday of the month is a good time; no objections at this time. John said that we will start it

again in January and run it for a quarter and go from there. First one is January 8 at 10:00 am, (that Cowley County will likely conduct due to a potential scheduling conflict); February 12 and March 12 will be the next 2. They will alternate between channels SC10 EOC, SC9 EOC, and F-Event 2. *Note: The latter channel is located in three different zones in most radios: SC 9, SC 10, and (KHP) EF.* There will be a notification normally 30 mins prior to the roll call and in notifications will be the channel that the roll call will be using. If you are wanting to be on the list send John an email with info on where you want the notice sent to (either by email or cell phone) If you choose cell phone, he will need provider info.

- c. Other new business
 - i. Gary is wanting to know if any other EM's use anything other than DHS for their THIRA. Most do not use the THIRA. Randy Duncan advised that Sedgewick County has used the force model in the past.

8. Report from Members

- a. National Weather Service: hot spot notification will be used again this season either by text with a link to the hot spot for those who have joined the list. Wichita and Dodge will be doing it slightly differently, but on red flag day they will have a dedicated person watching for the hot spots; SW area has asked to have it on the 800 so that they have a heads up. Ford County has asked KDOT have a new talk group for weather in the SW (John said that they have to go thru KDOT, and that each radio has to be touched and reprogrammed. This has been strongly discouraged in the past due to this reason and the abundance of existing talk groups). Winter storm severity: local program tab on website has links, and is available for for planning purposes. Severe weather awareness week will be March 4-8 test, with the test on March 5th. If you have not secured a location for the Fury on the Plains, please get with Chance. April 4 at North West high school will host an advanced severe weather training, they will also have one in Salina unknown date or time. Janet said that in October they had 33 forecast points in Flood Stage, and 4 forecast points reached Action Stage. She is wanting to know if the products that they gave out met needs, and if there is anything else they can do. You can now go online to <https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov> and register for alerts by either points, polygon, or county, which now include flooding.
- b. Dicie introduced Amy Lumry, she will be working with her at the America Red Cross for our region. Tom Pletcher is also an additional resource for EM's at the Red Cross. Dicie said they both will be added to the contact list.
- c. Marion County had a train derailment, and hazmat incident with oil in a creek, and wanted to thank the NWS for all their help on both events.
- d. It was brought up that it would be helpful if the NWS could change some of the language that they use on their daily products and online. Some people know the highways that are used in the products and some do not, but if you can use city names that would a lot easier for when they are trying to figure out if the weather will be in their county.
- e. Keri let everyone know that Jim had emergency surgery on his heart; he is at the Kansas Heart Hospital, and now is in room 107 if anyone would like to send him any well wishes.
- f. DeAnn let everyone know David Baker was hired by Sedgewick County as their new planner. (He could not be at the meeting since he is at EMI.) He will have

Rick's old phone number.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday February 7, Barber County

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion made by Dan to adjourn the meeting
- b. Deanne seconded the motion
 - i. Motion approved