



Northeast KEMA
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The Northeast KEMA meeting began at 10:05 a.m. on January 20, 2009. Teri Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Attendees introduced themselves. Those attending included:

Attendees:

Laurie Harrison – Riley Co.
Teri Smith – Douglas Co.
Garry Berges – Geary Co.
Kathy Allen – Shawnee Co.
Pat Collins – Riley Co.
Sheila Meggison – Douglas Co.

Rob Ladner – KDWP
Alexandria Norman – Douglas Co.
Dave Sterbenz – Shawnee Co.
Barb Eylar – Atchison Co.
Jonathan York – Marshall Co.

Minutes:

The minutes from October 21, 2008, were approved as written.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Area Reports –

- Teri distributed informational handouts for upcoming trainings.
- Pat Collins reported that the ICS forms have been updated and loaded onto the KSIMT.org website.
- Pat reported that the PSIC radios have been accepted and inventoried. The MOUs will be sent out as soon as the radio numbers are added to the MOUs. TFM will install a state template in the radios.
- The NE Regional Council will meet on January 21, 2009, to discuss 2009 Regional Grant proposals.
- Dave Sterbenz requested information on any upcoming PIO trainings.

- Dave reported that there will be an APCO Conference in Topeka, April 19-21, 2009. Some classes will include a 2-hour introduction to ICS for dispatchers, an introduction to IMTs, and an introduction to NIMS. Any other suggestions for classes should be forwarded to Dave.

KDEM Report –

- KDEM has not received their FFY 2009 funds from FEMA--so those who have applied for funds this year haven't received their funds. Awards will be made using the same formula as last year. Those who received funds for a Planner will receive the same amount for this position as last year. KDEM is passing a total of \$1.6 million on to eligible counties. You should see a little increase because of the increase of pass-through and the fact that not as many counties applied this year. EMPG reporting requirements will be less this year than previous years. KDEM will be reviewing resolutions, position descriptions, planning progress, etc. to see how you are meeting the requirements of KAR 56-2-2. KDEM will also be working with counties and KEMA regarding FFY 2010 EMPG activities.
- In previous years the seven regional coordinators were funded by Department of Homeland Security grants. Beginning July 1, 2008, they are now funded 100% with state general funds. When the legislature approved the state funds they changed the law to require their titles to be "Emergency Management Regional Coordinators." When the TAG created the new division of Kansas Homeland Security, these regional coordinators were moved from homeland security to KDEM. The Regional Coordinator will never replace or "takeover" the role of local emergency managers. First and most importantly, the law does not allow this. Secondly, this is not the vision of KDEM. The Regional Coordinators are to help counties build a comprehensive emergency management program, by mentoring, providing technical assistance, reinforcing to elected officials and the community the importance of having an emergency management program, and assisting in exercise development or evaluation, etc. When appropriate during an emergency, Regional Coordinators will be deployed within their region to be the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) liaison and the state representative in the affected area. They will never assume command but can provide you assistance and support and help you identify resources that your community may need. They will also represent me regionally at meetings and events.
- Tina Reed was promoted within the Division and began employment on Monday the 12th. She was the agency's Database Administrator. Tina has already built a couple of boards and hopefully in the next couple of weeks, WebEOC will be breathing life again. Natalie Davis, KDEM Communications Unit Leader, will be our primary trainer for WebEOC. Natalie can be reached at 785-274-1409 or natalie.davis@tag.ks.gov. You can let her know of your interest to host a training event (preferably coordinated regionally) so she can start scheduling dates.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Barb Eylar, Atchison County

- Barb introduced herself as the new Director of Atchison County Emergency Management and identified her five jobs: Emergency Management, Rescue/EMS, Noxious Weeds, 911 Addressing, and Flood Plain Manager. Barb will welcome any help from other Emergency Managers.

Teri Smith, Douglas County

- Teri introduced Douglas County Emergency Management's new AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, Alexandria Norman. Alex started in mid-December and has been working on the Vulnerable Populations Annex.
- Douglas County's LEOP, Mitigation, and Debris plans are being reviewed by FEMA. Approval on all three is expected within the next two to four weeks.
- Resource Typing has begun in Douglas County.
- Working with Baldwin School District on a Safe Room Grant.

Garry Berges, Geary County

- Geary County has one new county commissioner.
- Geary County is hosting the April meeting for NE KEMA.

Jonathan York, Marshall County

- Work is almost completed on the EOP and Mitigation plans.
- Two school districts want to build safe rooms.
- E-Fm has been contacted to conduct Resource Typing in Marshall County.

Pat Collins and Laurie Harrison, Riley County

- Pat has been talking with representatives from the National Bio and Agri-Defense Facility.
- Resource typing in Riley County was contracted out to a college student. Data will be uploaded to the State.
- A new CERT class will begin soon. Laurie started a newsletter for the volunteers.

Dave Sterbenz and Kathy Allen, Shawnee County

- Shawnee County will get new sirens worth \$1.5 million because of a new resolution.
- The Tecumseh-area CERT, Tecumseh United Methodist Church, and the Tecumseh Ready Neighborhood work well together and have a very successful program.
- The Capital Area Animal Response Team (CAART) has approximately 60 volunteers. Neighboring counties are welcome to become involved.

Rob Ladner, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

- All KDWP officers now have 800 MHz radios, both mobile and handheld. The repeaters are on KDOT towers.
- KSART is interested in attending the KEMA Conference and CART meetings.

The next meeting is February 17, 2009. Riley County will be the host. Location TBA.