



Northeast KEMA
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Call to Order and Introductions:

The Northeast KEMA meeting was called to order on March 17, 2009 at 10:00am. NE KEMA VP, Teri Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Attendees introduced themselves. Those attending included:

Cortney Bartley- Coffey Co. EM
Garry Berges- Geary Co. EM
Bill Brubaker- KDEM
Brian Davis- Geary Co. EM
Natalie Davis- KDEM
Barb Eylar- Atchison Co. EM
Rick Frevert- Lyon Co. EM

Jay Gradinger- KS National Guard
Laurie Harrison- Riley Co. EM
Melanie Lawrence- KHPI
Jason Moses- KDOT
Alexandria Norman- DG Co. EM
Doug Schmitt- Jefferson Co. EM
Teri Smith- Douglas Co. EM

Russel Stukey- Coffey Co. EM
Glenda Sunter- Lyon Co. EM
Amy Terrapin- Wabaunsee Co. EM
Chris Trudo- Pottawatomie Co. EM
Devan Tucking- KDEM

Minutes:

Barb Eylar (Atchison Co. EM) motioned to approve the minutes from February 17, 2009. Garry Berges (Geary Co. EM) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Guest Speaker:

Teri Smith, Area VP and Douglas Co. EM, introduced Garry Berges as host for today's meeting, who in turn invited Bill Nash (Dean of Technical Education at Barton Co. Community College) to begin his presentation on the Community College's Emergency Management program:

Three years ago, Barton Co. Community College began the first program in Kansas for an Associate's Degree for Emergency Management after an advisory board with members from both KDEM and KEMA was formed to establish the program's curriculum. They offer a certificate program consisting of 32 credit hours and a degree program of 64 credit hours. The degree program is 2 years with the option to finish a 2 year bachelor's degree at K-State. The certificate and Associate/Bachelor degrees may be completed fully online. The EM certificate and degree programs are modeled closely to FEMA's.

Barton Co. Community College also offers a degree in Hazardous Materials. The facility at 100 Continental Dr. (Hazmat training center) has been recently expanded by 2000 sq. ft. to include kits and devices for HazMat Ops. training and is also an OSHA outreach center. The College also owns a 20ft. HazMat trailer which is currently at Ft. Riley.

The college's advisory board is looking to make changes to the current curriculum, adding household and human waste and COOP planning as well as working more with KDEM. Currently, the College is looking to expand their trainings to Hawaii, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Bill thanked everyone for attending and provided brochures and additional information to take home, and encouraged attendees to visit their website for more information:

<http://www.bartonccc.edu/emergencymgmt/>

Old Business:

KEMA Congressional visit- NE KEMA VP, Teri Smith, reported back to the group regarding the KEMA Congressional visit. Bryan Armstrong, Nick Crossley, Mike Selves, Teri Smith and Brian Stone traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Kansas Congressional members. She is pleased to announce, Senator Pat Roberts will be sponsoring the EMPG bill. Teri also said it was interesting to note, State Senator Todd Tiahart positively commented that \$487 million is hardly anything compared to the billions being spent on new programs when Emergency Management programs are proven to work at the local level.

New Business:

There is no new business to report.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Atchison County- Barb Eylar

- CERT is going well.
- New sirens are up and functioning, but not finished completely.
- 71 people attended the storm spotter class presented by NWS.
- Barb noted she is getting her feet wet and still learning and always welcomes input and guidance from the other county emergency managers.

Coffey County- Russell Stuckey and Cortney Bartley

- E-Fm has submitted the Coffey County LEOP to KDEM.
- Still contemplating switching from narrow band UHF to 800 mHz.
- Conducting a mitigation process study.
- Sponsoring a HazMat exercise in October that Cortney Bartley- their new Radiological Officer for Coffey Co.- will be heading up in conjunction with the State Fire Marshall's team.
- Cortney will also be in charge of their county's CERT training. They are offering a CERT train the trainer course on March 28, 2009.

Douglas County- Teri Smith and Alexandria Norman

- The Douglas County Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation plan has been approved by FEMA and will continue with getting it promulgated.
- Saturday, March 21, 2009, Douglas County Emergency Management will be holding the 9th

annual Severe Weather Symposium

- March 23-March 27, 2009, is the week-long March Madness Exercise sponsored by KDHE. Douglas County will be participating in a tabletop exercise Monday as well as evaluating the Volunteer Reception Center organized by the Roger Hill Volunteer Center on Friday. The main goal of the reception center exercise will be to see how many people can be issued an ID and the amount of time it takes to complete the process.
- March 26, 2009, Douglas County will begin the HazMat tech class funded through the HMEP grant.
- Jennifer Stark (NWS Topeka) will be leaving to become the MIC for the NWS in Pueblo, CO.

Geary County- Garry Berges and Brian Clark

- LEOP submitted to KDEM.
- Getting public interest on the Geary County Mitigation Plan.
- Installed 2 new sirens.
- An 8 hour railroad emergency class will be conducted May.
- 175 people attended the storm spotter class presented by NWS.

Jefferson County- Doug Schmitt

- Working on the LEOP.
- 2 storm spotter classes were offered. 74 attended the first and 82 attended the second, which means there will be somewhere between 30 and 40 out in the field when activated.

Lyon County- Rick Frevert and Glenda Sunter

- On April 13, 2009, Lyon Co. is hosting a workshop geared for SRS employees and other providers of functionally challenged and disabled people.
- LEOP has been submitted to KDEM.
- Hosted EOC training for 38 people. Training went very well and it seemed to bring the community together even though some department personnel didn't show.
- 300 people attended the storm spotter class presented by NWS. The class was split into 2 segments and was well received. Scott Blair taught the class and he was great, had high energy and really brought the program to the next level.
- First Responder training in April.
- Utilizing KS Train to avoid issues with NIMS.
- Working on resource typing.
- Educated courthouse personnel on COOP planning.
- Hosting a spring CERT class.
- Applying for grant funding for 1 new siren for one of the rural areas.
- They have formed a local COAD, and its bylaws are complete.

Pottawatomie County- Chris Trudo

- Completed pre-planning with Wamego- City Supervisors and they are taking ICS 100 and 200.
- GIS department gridded the city, especially with utilities so it's easier to router.
- NetEOP was completed.
- HazMat training coming up.
- Second storm spotter training class is tomorrow.
- Recently assigned to the NE Homeland Security Council.
- Working on Debris management and Resource Typing.

- Starting a CERT course with Laurie Harrison's help, since a lot of citizens are taking CERT classes she's offering.

Riley County- Laurie Harrison

- Current CERT class has 35 people. 10 are from Pottawatomie Co.
- Thursday is their storm spotter presentation by NWS and are hoping for a good turnout.
- Held a public HazMat meeting, no representatives from water or school districts.
- K-State is getting 3 new sirens, taking down 2 old ones, which will be good to have in storage for parts. The new sirens will have voice override.
- Created a CERT overview PowerPoint geared toward educating law enforcement, fire and EMS on CERT and what CERT members are trained to do so these groups can better use CERT volunteers during emergency/disaster situations.

Wabaunsee County- Amy Terrapin

- 40 people attended the storm spotter class presented by NWS. Unfortunately it was on a night of a KU game during the Big 12 Championship, therefore will probably change the location and hope for a better date next year.
- School EOPs are coming along. 1 remaining district to get on board.
- Fire calls are up.
- Budget issues, like everyone else.

Other Agency Representative Reports:

Kansas Highway Patrol- Melanie Lawrence

- New office and cell phone numbers are noted in the email sent out the other day. The new office is at Billard Airport with the KHP Aircraft unit.
- Drafting a COOP plan with the State of Kansas.
- FAD plan- hosting a tabletop June 18, 2009.
- There will be a stop-movement drill on October 22, 2009, with SW Kansas and Oklahoma. This is a test to see if KDOT mixing stops will work with stop-movement.

Kansas National Guard- Jay Grading

- Working on our COOP plan.
- Scout training- refocusing our efforts to train and use scouts as "scouts" in their intrinsic sense. This training is now available online.
- IRV is up and running, new team on rotation.
- There will be a Wolf Creek Exercise in June.

Kansas Homeland Security- Bill Brubaker

- ICS 400 class coming up in Garnett, which is in Anderson Co.
- State capital assessment draft on March 31, 2009.
- Franklin County is organizing a 3 day exercise, April 1-3, 2009. The first day will focus on preparedness, second on response and third on recovery. Contact Alan at Franklin County for information.
- NE Capability Assessment on April 22, 2009, at Nickell Amory. All are invited, and encouraged to bring others. Contact the Regional Homeland Security Council for additional information.
- The 3rd annual Symphony on the Plains will be held June 13, 2009. The state will be sending in regional assets for support. 7600 people are expected to attend.

- The state exercise, Arden Guard, will be held June 18-26 in Salina. IMT teams will be utilized. There is no cost involved for the teams if the team's attendance is noted in advance.
- Dr. Hull, previous Olathe School Superintendent, is new with the Adjutant General's Office and will be focusing on school safety.
- Kansas is working on its own COOP plan.
- KDEM has 3 positions to fill- SW, Exercise, and a part-time 999 position.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management- Natalie Davis and Devan Tucking

- Web EOC is up and running. A few sections are still under construction. The 7.0 version has more great items and features and is much better. Once fully in use the following features will be available:
 - County Log- location in which individual counties can log information for documentation purposes.
 - Burn Ban Site Rep- the location in which counties can log burn ban and permitting information.
 - Event Information- the location in which all users logged into the event can see the information pushed from county logs or state agencies.
 - Rapid Report- the location in which counties can log information on incidents that have occurred in their jurisdiction.

To log in, go to www.ksready.gov and click on the "Log into KSWebEOC" or www.kansas.gov/kdem and use the "LOG IN" link under Kansas Virtual Emergency Operations Center. For more information, please contact Natalie Davis at natalie.davis@tag.ks.gov.

- Natalie will be attending training for the program in April. Once that is completed she plans to go around to counties and offer WebEOC training.

Kansas Department of Transportation- Jason Moses

- Distributed the 2009 State of Kansas Radio Communications Mutual Aid Reference Guide.
- There was some confusion regarding MOU's and Transfer of Property agreements for the 800 MHz radios. Jason sent them to County Clerk's offices as previously decided upon, but from now on, he will send the information first to County Emergency Managers and then they will forward it on to County Clerks.
- If there are any issues with your county's MOU or Transfer of Property agreement, please contact Jason and he will help resolve those.
- All the equipment and radios are updated and ready to be picked up when the paperwork is in order.
- Jason hired two trainers and soon he will begin pushing out trainings beginning with NE and SE regions.

Final thoughts and Adjournment:

Teri reminded the group the KDEM EM conference call is this upcoming Thursday at 9am and briefly reviewed the call's agenda.

The next KEMA meeting will be hosted by Anderson County on April 21, 2009.

With no further business, Glenda Sunter motioned to adjourn and Alexandria Norman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.