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Call to Order and Introductions:

The Northeast KEMA meeting was called to order on April 21, 2009. Teri Smith, NE KEMA VP, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Attendees introduced themselves. Those attending included:

Marvin Grimes—Anderson County
Vickie Eckard—Franklin County
Doug Schmitt—Jefferson County
Doug Barlet—Linn County
Chris Trudo—Pottawatomie Co.
Amy Terrapin—Wabaunsee County
Natalie Davis—KDEM
Jennifer Stark—NWS

Barb Eylar—Atchison County
Alan Radcliffe—Franklin County
Matt May—Johnson County
Rick Frevert—Lyon County
Kathy Allen—Shawnee County
Chuck Clanahan—DHS
Jonathan York—KDEM
Sheila Meggison—Douglas County

Russel Stukey—Coffey County
Brian Clark—Geary County
Chuck Magaha—Leavenworth Co.
Glenda Sunter—Lyon County
Dave Sterbenz—Shawnee County
Bill Brubaker—KDEM
John Marmon—KU

Minutes:

Rick Frevert motioned to approve the minutes from March 17, 2009. Doug Schmitt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Farewell

Jennifer Stark thanked everyone for their hard work and cooperation while she was with the National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS hopes to have three new hires in place by the end of June.

Guest Speaker:

Teri Smith introduced Micky Davis, representative for KDEM's Mitigation Division. Micky gave a presentation on mitigation funding and projects. He said there is approximately \$30million available from the previous winter's ice storms. The State of Kansas' top priorities in their plan are safe rooms, buyouts of flood property, and protection of critical infrastructures.

Micky suggested emergency managers get a copy of FEMA 361, Second Edition on Design Requirements. The document is available on CD through FEMA's website. Another useful document for contractors and inspectors of safe rooms is ICC 500. (ICC stands for Increased Cost for Compliance.) Micky reminded the emergency managers that a flood claim triggers ICC.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Chuck Magaha said the KEMA Conference committee decided to provide meal vouchers to vendors at this year's conference to help decrease the costs of meals. Suggestions are being taken for a motivational speaker.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Anderson County—Marvin Grimes

- The new law enforcement office will be up and running in about a month.

Atchison County—Barb Eylar

- New, digital flood insurance maps are being made.
- Installation of an underground storm shelter at the county lake is in progress.

Coffey County—Russell Stukey

- Plans are being finalized for the June 3 exercise.
- Plans are underway for the October exercise.

Douglas County—Teri Smith

- The Mitigation Plan has been approved. Lecompton was the first to sign the resolution to promulgate it.
- County legal is reviewing the terminology for the EOP resolution to make sure non-public information stays non-public before the resolution is adopted.
- An RFP for Resource Typing will be sent out later this week.
- Baldwin City will be building two new safe rooms with mitigation money.
- A Special Needs Registry meeting will be held this Friday to determine if Douglas County will have one and who will be responsible for it.
- A third Vulnerable Populations forum will be held in May. This forum will bring together CBOs and response agencies.
- The Lawrence Municipal Airport will celebrate its 80th Anniversary in May with an all-day celebration requiring the use of Emergency Management volunteers and the Mobile Command Vehicle.
- Several business walk-throughs and public weather presentation have been conducted this past month.

Franklin County—Alan Radcliffe

- The early April exercise was the first time the EOC had been activated in recent memory.
- The Mitigation Plan is completed. Work continues with the jurisdictions to secure resolutions for it.
- The Resource Management project is underway.
- The Emergency Management offices have moved to the County Annex Building at 14th and Main streets.

Geary County—Brian Clark

- Work continues on the ESFs.
- The EOP has been approved.
- Fire runs so far this year are double over last year.
- The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium will present the *AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response* course on May 7-8, at the Geary County Emergency Management offices.

Jefferson County—Doug Schmitt

- Planning work continues.
- All is quiet on the Operations side.
- The narrow-band plan is being worked on.
- A re-focus on NIMS compliance will be a priority this year.

Johnson County—Matt May

- The LEOP is being worked on.
- Narrow-band work is in progress.

Leavenworth County—Chuck Magaha

- The 800 MHz digital system change over is almost complete.
- A COOP for the entire county has been completed.
- The Mitigation Plan is almost completed.
- Several public presentations on severe weather and the plans have been done.
- Resource typing is in progress.
- The LEPCs from the Metro area and MARC are combining to form a regional committee in July.
- There will be a Mass Casualty exercise on May 22.
- The annual stand up of the EOC will be April 22.

Linn County—Doug Barlet

- Grass fires this year have doubled over last year.
- A burn resolution has been implemented.
- The Stop Movement trailer has been received.

Lyon County—Rick Frevert

- The EOP has been accepted.
- A Special Needs seminar is being planned.
- Several ICS-402 classes have been scheduled.
- The storm disaster from last year went federal.
- Plans are being finalized for the Wolf Creek exercise.
- Resource Management is in progress.
- There were 269 controlled burns in an 8-hour period. All resources were committed.

Pottawatomie County—Chris Trudo

- There were 45 fires reported at one time in the county.
- The EOP has been approved.
- The first meeting for the Mitigation Plan has been scheduled.
- All the cities managers are being taught the ICS-100 class. This will bring all cities into compliance.

- A resolution was passed on prescribed burns.
- A HazMat exercise will be held in May.
- Several ICS-300 and 400 classes are scheduled for fire personnel.
- The first Stampede meeting has been held.

Shawnee County—Dave Sterbenz

- Bids for the new siren system are due Friday, April 24.
- No more mitigation meetings will be held. The plan will be submitted with the signatures already gathered.
- The LEOP has been approved.
- Plans are underway for a 50-year re-enactment of the response to the June 8, 1960, tornado in Topeka.
- A 3-day campout and how to survive after a disaster exercise is being planned.
- Kathy Allen is the new Deputy Director.
- Resource typing is in progress.
- Agencies are catching up on NIMS.

Wabaunsee County—Amy Terrapin

- The LEOP has been submitted.
- Approximately 90% of what needs to be burned in the county has been burned. On Sunday, April 19, 10,000 acres were burned, which is the largest annual burn in the county.
- Pre-planning is underway with all cities. Agencies are being NIMS-trained.

Other Agency Representative Reports:

Department of Homeland Security—Chuck Clanahan

- A secure database capable of storing critical infrastructure information for schools, businesses, telecommunications, etc., is being promoted by DHS. The database can alert users to update their contact information every 90 days.
- Several DHS-sponsored trainings are scheduled.

University of Kansas—John Marmon

- The University's Emergency Management Plan is being updated.
- Work has begun on an EOC Development Plan.
- Approximately 433 people have been trained in ICS-100, 200, 700, 300, and 400 classes that were held at the University.
- An ICS-EOC interface course will be held.
- A tabletop exercise for EOC personnel is scheduled for next week.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management—Jonathan York and Natalie Davis

- Reports are being wrapped up from the March storms.
- Wolf Creek details are being finalized.
- WebEOC 7.1 is being downloaded. At this time, WebEOC is being used at 10% of its potential.
- A PowerPoint presentation on WebEOC is being developed to be taken to each county and possibly offered at the KEMA Conference.

Kansas Homeland Security—Bill Brubaker

- The Capability Assessment Workshop will be held April 22 in Topeka.
- All EMPG letters have been sent out. Checks will be sent out soon.
- Exercise trailers need to be lettered.
- The LEPC Handbook is in its final proofreading stage.
- There will be a Vigilant Guard exercise in June, which will involve four states.
- One Incident Management Team will be deployed for the Symphony on the Plains.
- Communications Assessment Team briefings are being scheduled.
- The Exercise Coordinator position is still open.
- The State Law Enforcement Conference is in May in Topeka.

Adjournment

The next KEMA meeting will be hosted by Wyandotte County on May 19, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.