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Call to Order and Introductions:

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

Kathy Allen – Shawnee County	Brandt Haehn -- KDEM	Paula Phillips -- KDEM
Doug Barlet – Linn County	Laurie Harrison – Riley County	Anthony Prideaux – KHP
Les Boatright – KCP&L	Dan Hay -- KDHS	Alan Radcliffe – Franklin County
Chris Brantley – Johnson Co.	Jennifer Kassebaum – Morris County	Doug Schmitt – Jefferson County
Frank Coots -- KDEM	Rob Ladner – KS Wildlife & Parks	Teri Smith – Douglas County
Vickie Eckard – Franklin Co.	Melanie Lawrence -- KHP	Glenda Sunter – Lyon County
Barb Eylar – Atchison County	Chuck Magaha – Leavenworth Co.	Chris Trudo – Pottawatomie Co.
Anthony Fadale – State of KS	James McCosh – KSNG DOMS	Keith Yoder – KDEM
Rick Frevert – Lyon County	Sheila Meggison – Douglas County	

Minutes:

Doug Schmitt motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2009. Chuck Magaha seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Presentation:

Bob Crasper, KDEM Communications Assessment Team, presented the *Communications Interoperability Assessment Regional Outbriefing* for the NE and Metro regions. The assessment was conducted between November 2008 and March 2009 for the two regions. Participation from Dispatch Centers and Public Works/Highway/Road & Bridge departments in both regions was almost 100%. Electronic copies of the presentation are available from Bob upon request.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

New Business:

KEMA Awards

Teri Smith reminded the group that award nomination forms were sent out to all NE KEMA members. She encouraged the group to nominate other members and to attend the conference so the

Northeast would be well represented. She emphasized the value of the training and networking the conference provides to all who participate.

KEMA Conference September 16-18 in Topeka

Chuck Magaha provided updates on the 2009 KEMA Conference.

- Gerald Barron, CEO of PIER Systems, will be the keynote speaker to present on new technology for societal warnings.
- Marni Vos, a motivational speaker/stand-up comic, will provide the entertainment on Wednesday night.
- There is a full slate of sessions being offered, including a pre-conference training “Liability issues in Emergency Management” on Tuesday.

National Weather Service

An Integrated Warning Team Conference is being planned for next spring to be held in central Kansas. More information will be forthcoming from the NWS.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Atchison County –

- No Federal money will be received from the storms in June.
- The Emergency Management side is quiet; the EMS side is very busy.

Douglas County-

- Resource Typing is ongoing.
- Mobile Command Vehicle and Emergency Operations Center SOPs are being updated.
- The Preparedness Fair is September 26. The Together Prepared group received grant funding to pay for a billboard to promote personal preparedness. The billboard will be up for one month along K-10 during National Preparedness month.
- The LEPC re-organization is complete.

Franklin County –

- Things have been busy weather-wise. There have been two declarations, one of which might qualify.
- Resource Typing and Hazard Mitigation are ongoing.
- The idea of a possible State Equipment Rate List was proposed to the group. The list would contain rates on specific equipment in case it is needed during an emergency. Hopefully, this would help speed up the process of determining reimbursement rates. Feedback should be sent to Alan Radcliffe.
- Franklin, Douglas and Shawnee County presented a proposal to the NE KEMA members that as a region we would apply for a HMEP grant to conduct a Commodity Flow Study. Shawnee County volunteered to be the grant applicant. Kathy Allen agreed to apply and be the grant administrator.

Jefferson County –

- The fireworks display went well.
- The ABATE get together is coming up.
- A USAR awareness training class is being planned.
- Doug reminded everyone the KDHE has stopped doing meth lab clean up.

Johnson County –

- Hazard Mitigation Plan is done; cities need to adopt it.
- The county's Gap Analysis is online.
- The back-up EOC is up and running since the EOC is being remodeled.
- Updates to the COOP are in progress.

Leavenworth County –

- The Kansas Department of Labor is visiting all counties to look over their EOPs for ADA compliance.
- The COOP is finished and will be practiced in mid-August.
- The county's trunking system will go online July 30.
- The County LEPC is being rolled into the Metro LEPC.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being finalized.
- Several used oil spills of significant quantity have occurred recently. Some oil got into a landowner's well, while another landowner found used oil had been dumped in one of his ponds.

Linn County –

- Work is progressing on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- The County Health Nurse is working on a drive-through clinic as well as a stationary clinic for possible PODs.
- The county is working on a declaration due to recent storms.

Lyon County –

- Two Federal declarations are in process from this spring.
- Lyon County is a StormReady County.
- The County Fair is July 31-August 6.
- An After Action Report (AAR) is in progress from the Wolf Creek exercise.
- Work is in progress on a drive-through clinic in case of the H1N1 getting worse.
- The LEPC is getting more involved.

Morris County –

- There was no EM on staff when the storms hit in March, but work is in progress to get money.
- Resource Typing is in progress.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is in progress.
- The LEPC Survey is in progress.
- There is a hope to get HMEP grant funding to do an exercise.

Pottawatomie County –

- The first LEPC meeting in one and a half years was recently held.
- NIMS has been completed in three cities.
- The Health Department clinic POD is being worked on.

Riley County –

- The Mitigation Plan is in progress.
- A new CERT class is beginning in August.
- The Mobile Command Post went to Wamego for the Fair.
- The Mobile Command Post was used for Boy Scout training.

- Plans are underway for a drive-through POD for H1N1.
- Interoperable training is being held this week.
- Dispatchers have been trained on EOC, Mobile Command Post, and ACUM.

Shawnee County –

- The Mitigation Plan is almost done.
- The Resource Typing is in progress. It is more involved than just FEMA-typed resources.
- July 30-31 is a VOAD Conference in Topeka.
- The training trailer is available. There are draft SOPs and an itemized list of equipment available with it.

KCP&L –

- Les Boatright is available to attend trainings/exercises/drills with the counties in the region.

KDEM –

- An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) template to use in Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) will be sent out today. The wording contained in the template has been approved by the State ADA Coordinator and follows Department of Justice (DOJ) guidelines.
- Upcoming trainings are being scheduled for Continuity of Operations (COOPs).
- Templates are available for Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) bylaws.
- Trainings for Vulnerable Needs Registry are being scheduled.
- WebEOC is up and running. Feel free to put exercises on it.
- Basic training for WebEOC is being scheduled across the state. The first training is August 17 in Salina. More information will be forthcoming.
- Storm damage Conference Call on July 27.
- Public Assistance training to be held in Wichita. Visit KS-Train for more information.
- There will be a Preparedness Booth at the Kansas State Fair.
- The IS701 class is in danger of being cancelled because of low enrollment.

Wildlife and Parks –

- The storms that hit just before Country Stampede caused some tree damage and resulted in lots of clean up.

Kansas Homeland Security –

- A draft of the State Strategy is online.

Adjournment:

The next meeting is August 18, 2009, in Olathe.

The meeting was adjourned.