



Northeast KEMA
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The Northeast KEMA meeting began at 10:10 a.m. on October 21, 2008. Teri Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Attendees introduced themselves. Those attending included:

Attendees:

Danny Barnett – Atchison Co.
Russel Stukey – Coffey Co.
Teri Smith – Douglas Co.
Doug Schmitt – Jefferson Co.
Garry Berges – Geary Co.
Kathy Allen – Shawnee Co.
Jay Gradinger – KSNG DOMS
Sheila Meggison – Douglas Co.

Ray Gonzalez – KHP
Laurie Harrison – Riley Co.
Bill Brubaker – KDEM
Marvin G. Grimes – Anderson Co.
Dave Sterbenz – Shawnee Co.
Melanie Lawrence – KHP
Randy Rice – KSNG DOMS

Minutes:

Doug Schmitt moved and Russel Stukey seconded the August 19, 2008 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Melanie Lawrence received 109 survey responses from the KEMA Conference. Feedback was positive and several ideas for training were provided for the 2009 conference. A suggestion was made to use a write-on board for schedule changes at next year's conference.

Laurie Harrison said approximately 150 people attended the KEMA Conference. Several issues with the hotel were settled for next year before the final bill was paid.

New Business:

- The KDEM Conference Call was the shortest in the Northeast Region. Apparently there were only a few participants. The call might go to every other month. A summary will be dispersed.

- Teri distributed a sign-up sheet for hosting meetings in 2009. The November meeting is cancelled because of the IAEM Conference and KAC.
- Bill Brubaker distributed a copy of the Communication Assessment e-mail he received from Kyle Bunting. Visits to all Northeast Region counties will begin within the next two weeks.
- Bill Brubaker stressed that EMPG requirements will be enforced in 2009.
- Bill Brubaker informed the group that WebEOC was out of service and is being replaced.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Doug Schmitt, Jefferson County

- Work continues with E-Fm on the county's Master Plan.
- Wakarusa Festival is possibly moving to Jefferson County.
- ABATE Festival over the Labor Day weekend had approximately 5,000 attendees.
- The county hospital in Winchester has hired a full time doctor and the hospital's radios can communicate with the ambulances.
- The Health Department will conduct a mass dispensing exercise during election day activities.

Jay Gradinger, Kansas National Guard

- The quarterly communication exercise will be held October 28 at the Eisenhower Learning Center (17th & Milo). It begins at 10:30 a.m.

Randy Rice, Kansas National Guard

- The Kansas National Guard's Joint Information Center has a computer program that can estimate evacuation zones for hazardous materials incidents when the majority of the placard is unreadable. If the last two numbers on a placard are readable, the information is still searchable.
- Beginning January 1, 2009, the Joint Operations Center will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phone number is 785-274-1117.

Kathy Allen, Shawnee County

- Work continues on Operations Plan.
- A survey is being done by E-Fm for the Mitigation Plan.

Laurie Harrison, Riley County

- The LEOP has been approved.
- Work continues on Mitigation Plan.
- Resource management/typing has been contracted out.
- The Kansas Pipeline Association Summit will be October 23.

- The Kansas All Hazard Behavioral Health Symposium will be October 24.
- Laurie will attend KAC as a KEMA representative.
- Laurie will ask Mike Selves to put legislative updates on the website.

Ray Gonzalez, Kansas Highway Patrol

- Preparations are underway for the Wolf Creek tabletop exercise to be held November 12, 2008. The focus will be on developing a Communications Plan.

Bill Brubaker, Kansas Department of Emergency Management

- Bill will be attending the Northeast Regional Council meeting on October 22.
- The Crisis City Team will meet at 10:00 a.m. on October 22.
- The Kansas Task Force #1 is writing SOPs and SOGs. The team will be headquartered in Salina.
- Effective November 1, 2008 Angee Morgan will be the new Deputy Director at KDEM. Angee will appoint an Operations Director and Operations Deputy Director. There will be some re-organization within KDEM.
- Work on budgets is in process.
- On November 18-19, 2008, there will be an IMT in-service in Topeka.
- Bill attended a National IMT Conference last week. Thirty-four states were represented. Kansas is the only state whose IMTs are multidisciplinary.

Marvin Grimes, Anderson County

- A high school shooting exercise was held two weeks ago. The following week a student brought an air gun to school. It was an eye-opening experience for the high school administrators.
- Work continues on a new law enforcement center. The dispatch center will be in the basement. There will be a combination EOC/meeting room.
- There was a Corn Fest over the past weekend.
- An ICS-300 class will be held November 5-6, 2008.
- The county commissioners were involved in the recent Wolf Creek Drill, which increased their awareness level.

Danny Barnett, Atchison County

- Danny will retire in 71 days.
- Danny thanked Bill Brubaker for addressing his county commissioners and hopefully convincing them the emergency manager should be a full time position.
- During the ICS-300 class in September, the Rapid Tags were used to familiarize staff and students with the concepts.
- The accountability PDA is being used during the CERT class.

Garry Berges, Geary County

- Work continues on the LEOP and Mitigation Plan.
- The ESPN Bass Master Tournament will be held at Milford Lake the first week in November. The tournament will be viewable on-line through ESPN's website.

Russel Stukey, Coffey County

- The Wolf Creek Drill is completed.
- The upcoming Wolf Creek exercise will be a hostile action drill.
- A plane crash exercise will be held this weekend.
- E-Fm is working on the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- A new radiological officer has been hired. He will be attending the next available CERT Train-the-Trainer class.
- A temp has been hired to work on the resource typing.

Dave Sterbenz, Shawnee County

- A large-scale exercise will be held October 28. Victims are still needed.
- Work is in progress on the LEOP and Mitigation Plan.
- The SART team is going well.
- Planning is underway for an upcoming ICS-300 and 400 class.

Teri Smith, Douglas County

- Work continues on the LEOP and Mitigation Plan. The Mitigation Plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.
- The CERT class in Eudora is in its fifth week. An average of 25 students have attended each week.
- Douglas County experienced a small tornado on September 12, 2008. There was minimal damage reported.
- Work continues on upgrades to the EOC. Work must be scheduled around the Courts' schedules.
- Law enforcement responded to a stand-off in the county in September. The Mobile Command Vehicle was deployed for the event.
- The annual Preparedness Fair was held September 27, 2008. Twice as many preparedness kits were handed out this year as last year. The fair will be held every year during the last weekend in September.
- Eudora School District will begin building their safe room at the new elementary school. This will be the first FEMA-funded safe room in Douglas County. Baldwin City School District will have a bond issue on the November ballot for building a new intermediate school. They will apply for FEMA funding for a safe room at the new school and strengthening the walkway between the high school and middle school if the bond issue passes.
- A tabletop exercise with the University of Kansas was held in September. The emergency operations plan was tested. The University has come a long way but still has some work to do.
- The Severe Weather Symposium will be held March 21, 2009.
- A forum will be held November 6, 2008 to discuss vulnerable populations and how to address their needs in the event of a disaster. The working group facilitating the forum is called Together Prepared. Members are from several agencies within Douglas County.
- A Volunteer Recognition Banquet will be held October 30, 2008. It will be a joint event with MRC, CERT, ACT, and Skywarn volunteers.

The next meeting is December 16, 2009. The National Weather Service will host. Location TBA.