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October 13, 2016

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the October 13th LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Erin Starr, Lyon County Dept. of Aging
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emergency Management
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Keith Senn, City Public Works
Jennifer Skiles, Flint Hills Community Health
Bill Duggan, Lyon County Communications
Carrie Boettcher, Emporia State University
Jesse Boyce, Holiday Resort
Molly Milakovich, Newman Regional Health
Rolland Trahoon, Westar Energy

Chip Woods, Lyon County Road & Bridge
Jon Vopata, Emporia State University
Janice Arb, Lyon County LCAT
Jack Taylor, Emporia Fire Chief
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County LEPC Secretary
Anthony Ohlman, Southern Star Central Gas P/L
Gary Sparks, Tyson Foods
Damien Okeefe, Newman Regional Health
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, The Salvation Army

LEPC Chair Jennifer Skiles called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., followed by introductions of those present.

Motion to approve the July 13th minutes:

Chip Woods (Keith Senn) 14-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nomination of Erin Star as LEPC Vice Chair for 2017. Election of Ms. Starr and any new members will be at the January 12, 2017 meeting.

Updates of changes to Emergency Support Funtion 10- Oil and Hazardous Materials Annex document were highlighted by Jarrod Fell. Motion to approve updated ESF 10. Jack Taylor (John Koelsch) 14-0

Jarrod Fell gave a presentation of a new Google Maps kmz file tool that layers information identifying Tier II reporters and any vulnerable populations located near them. The file is stored on Kansas Planner and can be accessed and reviewed as needed. The information on how to access this map will be emailed to the group.

Emergency Management will check on the reporting process regarding fuel storage and tank management programs at KDHE and report back to LEPC at the January meeting.

Tony Ohlman of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline gave a briefing about significant incidents today in the pipeline industry. Activists broke into pipeline valve yards chaining themselves to manuel safety valves and in some cases successfully shutting the valves off stopping the flow of product. A dangerous increase in pressure within the pipeline occurred and could have had catastrophic consequences. Southern Star is requesting that any suspicious activity around any pipeline be reported to law enforcement immediately.

Coordinator Report:

Hazardous materials and spills update:

08/10/2016- 6th Avenue and Prairie: Two propane trucks were involved in a traffic accident resulting in a loss of approximately 500 lbs. of propane. This was due to a valve breaking off of a tank that slid forward due to the accident. Emporia Fire responded, shutting off traffic and evacuating the area. They were able to take care of the incident without injuries.

07/13/2016-2054 Road 150: An anhydrous ammonia tank leak was reported. This is a private residence and they reported a leaky hose. The Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department had evacuation of the immediate area and the release dissipated without incident.

06/20/2016-6th Avenue and Prairie: Tyson Foods had an anhydrous ammonia leak of 89 pounds in cold storage in a pipeline located in a work room. They valved off the leak, the room was evacuated and repairs were done.

We have completed updates for ESF 4-Fire Fighting, ESF 8-Public Health, ESF 9-Search & Rescue and ESF 10-Hazardous Materials. All updates are posted on Kansas Planner when complete and approved. Jennifer Skiles is still working on the Mass Fatalities, Biological Incident Annex attachments for ESF 8. The Points of Distribution/Mass Vaccination plans must also be updated this year as part of her grant. Updates will be approved through the CPC group. FHCHC did a drive-through flu vaccination on September 30. Emergency Management did an accountability exercise with all 10 people that were there working. The PODS (Points of Distribution) Procedures were used and worked well. We will be using PODS for the drive-through Drug Take Back on October 22, 2016.

FHCHC owns an electronic message board that needs new batteries. The cost was divided 3 ways between EPD, Lyon County and FHCHC. The sign will be left out continually in different locations to display public health & safety messages and upcoming events. If anyone has a message they would like to put out, let Jarrod know. We will be getting a second message board in Lyon County with Homeland Security dollars soon. The sign is one-sided and can be set up to use 8 characters per line and 3 lines per page. Using several pages is not recommended since there is a brief time people will be able to read it as they pass by.

Jarrod would like to recognize on October 12, 2016, Newman Regional Health, Life Team and Emporia Fire Department participated in a Wolf Creek Radiological Injury Training drill. Everyone did a great job. There will be a FEMA-graded exercise next year. Emergency Management will be glad to participate or assist.

Cathy Ernst will be helping to organize semi-annual Public Information Officers' meetings. If you have a PIO interested in participating, let Cathy know and she will add them to the email list. Tammy Vopat requested the meetings start sometime after the election on November 8.

The planning team for LyCo TTX 2016- HMEP grant funded exercise got together with the contractor, The Blue Cell, last month. A Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness tabletop exercise will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2016 from 0800-1600hrs at the Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds. Copies of the goals of the discussion-based exercise were given and also read to LEPC. After the exercise the contractor will develop an after-action review and an improvement plan. It will be provided to LEPC at a future meeting. Anyone wanting to observe or participate please let Jarrod know. KDEM is offering a COOP 101 workshop in Topeka October 25, 2016 from 0900 to 1500. This is a great class to take before the exercise.

Lyon County needs people to be trained on CRMCS-Rapid Tag Accountability Software. This system is used to credential people in an incident. You do not have to be a county employee to be credentialed. There are training opportunities on December 14 and 15 in Coffey County that correlate with a regional full scale and mass shelter training exercise called Wicked Winter. If any agency is interested in participating you can register on Kansas Train or contact Jarrod if you need assistance. Anyone who may need an ID or have an expired ID can contact Emergency Management for assistance in getting up to date.

Lyon County will not be receiving public assistance on any of the flood events this year. FEMA did not accept our request. The Governor appealed the decision and it was again denied.

Discipline Reports:

Flint Hill Community Health Center:

The Drive-Through Flu Clinic was a success; 300 community members were given vaccinations. They are now moving to site visits to deliver flu vaccinations to employees at agencies and companies.

FHCHC is participating in the CRMCS training and Wicked Winter Exercise and encouraged everyone's participation.

Newman Regional Health:

The City Commission formally approved the Emergency Room addition and the Hospital had their first planning meeting. They hope to break ground sometime in the spring of 2017. Numbers are up 7% annually of people coming in for help and it appears the numbers are only going to get bigger. There is an average of 40+ visits a day to the ER.

Fire Department:

The commission approved the purchase of an additional ambulance and the hiring of 6 people next year for staffing the ambulance. There is a continued increase for the need of ambulance services in Lyon County. At the City Commission meeting the Commission looked favorably upon a proposal to relax our residency requirement to allow employees to live not only in Lyon County but in adjacent counties that touch Lyon County. This will help cast a wider net to find qualified employees. Chief Taylor is hopeful of receiving formal approval of the residency requirement next week at the action meeting.

Jack Taylor and Brandon Beck will attend a Traffic Incident Management training course next week. Training the Trainer is a class that is team taught by members of law, fire and EMS to help train emergency responders to bring a standard response mentality to the scene of an incident so that everyone is working together for a common goal. Two common problems out on the road are; who is in charge and who does what. This training will help to address those issues.

Sheriff's Office: None

Road & Bridge: None

Tyson Foods:

Louis Villalobos is the new plant manager at Tyson; Mr. Villalobos would like to broaden the vision of what Tyson does within the community. Some examples of projects he is interested in are to provide food boxes for the food pantry, health fairs and to once again host police and fire awareness days. His goal is to spend more time in the community doing things for the community. He is also open to cooperative programs.

The Salvation Army:

The KVOE food drive is this Thursday, October 20. Christmas distribution is November 1 to 17. Please register at www.registertoring.com to be a bell ringer 2 hours or more for the holidays. October 21 is Commodity Day. Emporia match day is coming up November 14 at the Flint Hills Mall. There is a free movie day and a Diversity and Inclusion program coming to the Granada Theater in the future. Please bring dry goods and canned food items to donate to the food pantry.

The Salvation Army always needs volunteers. They also need someone to work and drive for the food pantry on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. For more information call Susan at 342-3093.

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness:

A big thank you to all of our partners for their continued support. We have a great group of collaborators trying to solve the needs of our community.

Communications: None

Public Works: None

Emporia State University:

This weekend is ESU Homecoming. There will be activities all week and through the weekend. Next week is Fall Break marking the halfway point in the semester. ESU is the home of the newest outdoor warning system for the City of Emporia. The City installed a siren on top of the towers complex. ESU is appreciative to the City for the siren. It increases the ability to respond to severe weather on and around campus.

Westar Energy:

Westar did not have to go to the East Coast to assist with power restoration due to storms since only a narrow strip was affected. Power outage is big news these days and power companies take it serious to get things up and running quickly. They make every effort to restore power so communication and many other vital services are restored. Westar appreciates all the support of the local their local community partners.

Department on Aging/L-Cat:

The Retired Senior Volunteer program will be participating in match day. The Department on Aging started a food box program strictly for seniors in Emporia. The goal is to reach 140 boxes ordered and delivered. We are getting ready to help people with drug plan comparison from October 15 through December 7.

The next LEPC Meeting:

January 12, 2017
Lyon County Sheriff's Office
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Catherine

Catherine Ernst
LEPC Secretary