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October 6, 2015

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the October 6th LEPC meeting. Those in attendance were:

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| Brandon Beck, EMS | Chip Woods, Lyon County Road & Bridge |
| Jack Taylor, Emporia Fire Department | Jon Vopata, Emporia State University |
| John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office | Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court |
| Keith Senn, City Public Works | Tim Frevert, City of Emporia |
| Jennifer Skiles, Flint Hills Community Health | Amanda Cunningham, Mental Health Center |
| Ron Buckridge, Lyon County Communications | Cathy Ernst, LEPC Secretary |
| Carrie Boettcher, Emporia State University | Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office |
| Suzanne Worthen-Miller, Salvation Army | Frank Abart, City Public Works |
| Jeff Welshans, EM Regional Coordinator- NE Region | |

Sheriff Jeff Cope introduced Cathy Ernst as the new Emergency Management Administrative Assistant. Rick Frevert is absent due to health issues. If anyone would like to send a card the address is: 1049 Sunrise, Emporia, KS 66801.

LEPC Chair Carrie Boettcher called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., followed by introductions of those present. There were 16 voting and 1 non-voting member present. Jeff Welshans the Emergency Management Regional Coordinator for the NE Region was present to give the Coordinator report for Rick Frevert.

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| Motion to elect 3 voting members to LEPC: Cathy Ernst, Frank Abart and Bill Duggan | Amanda Cunningham (Jennifer Skiles) | 16-0 |
| Motion to nominate Amanda Cunningham as the LEPC Vice Chair at the January 5 th meeting: Jeff Cope (Jack Taylor) | | 16-0 |
| Motion to approve the April 7 th minutes: | Chip Woods (Jack Taylor) | 16-0 |

Old Business: None

New Business:

Cathy Ernst is the new Administrative Assistant for Emergency Management.
Frank Abart is the New Director of Public Works for the City of Emporia.

Coordinator Report:

This summer there were flooding incidents and wind but nothing devastating. Most of the damage was in rural areas affecting Road and Bridge.

The State is developing opportunities for training using 14 identical scenarios that can be adjusted to accommodate the needs of the county that is participating.

The Southeast and Northeast regions are working together to plan a full scale regional training exercise in the spring of 2016. The date has not been determined but possibly will be at the end of March. Coffey County may be participating with their Homeland Security grant funded shelter trailer.

Cathy Ernst, Carrie Boettcher and Jack Taylor attended the KEMA Conference last month.

Keynote speakers and topics were: Guy Corriveau "The Preparedness Super Highway" and Frank Patterson "West, Texas Fertilizer Plant Disaster Response and Recovery".

The use of a PIO-Public Information Officer and the importance of this position were stressed.

Discipline Reports:

Sheriff's Office:

The Sheriff's Office assisted with an ESU protest march last month.

There may be another protest march the 27th of October.

The North Lyon County Bond issue will finish up this week.

Road & Bridge:

This summer Osage City requested the use of dump trucks to help with clean up after a storm.

Westar Energy: None

Health Department:

Ashley Schmidt has resigned. At this time there is not a Public Health Nurse. This has prompted a change in the flow of the clinic. Bear with them while they work through changes and make transitions.

The Health Department has received an emergency supplemental grant for Ebola preparedness.

Mental Health Center:

Everyone is continuing to do more with less and thanks to everyone for their support. Lyon County is ahead of other counties. We have our meetings and also have good training opportunities. What we are finding is that mental health is not well known by people in our community and we are trying to change that. We are getting good feedback about mental health services.

Tyson Meats: None

Communications: None

Fire Department/EMS:

This is fire prevention week.

There will be a grain engulfment class on October 22nd.

Public Works:

Frank Abart is the new Director.

There is a free KSMAP tabletop exercise on Oct. 20th. Let Mr. Abart know if you would like more information.

Salvation Army:

"Walk for Hunger" just finished up at ESU. The food will be distributed to food pantries in the area. This group is planning another food drive in April of 2016. Salvation Army needs Bell ringers for the holiday season. John Koelsch volunteered the Sheriff's Office for the bell ringer challenge to defend the reigning championship title.

ESU:

On campus interviews will be conducted October 6th and 7th for the New President. There is a Community forum scheduled for 4:15 with a reception to follow in the rotunda on both days.

ESUs goal is to have a new president in place January 1, 2016.

Homecoming starts the week of October 21st. There will be a lot of events on campus.

Updating the hazardous materials/chemical spills emergency planning documents and will soon be conducting drills with the Fire Department.

The next LEPC Meeting:

January 5th 2016

Lyon County Sheriff's Office

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn:

Jeff Cope (John Koelsch)

16-0

Respectfully,

Catherine

Catherine Ernst

LEPC Secretary