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January 11, 2018

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the January 11th LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Erin Starr, Lyon County Dept. of Aging
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works
Jennifer Skiles, Flint Hills Community Health
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manor
Carrie Boettcher, Emporia State University
David Whittington, Holiday Resort
Molly Milakovich, Newman Regional Health
Rolland Trahoon, Westar Energy
Bill Duggan, Lyon County 911 Communications
Tammy Vopat, Lyon County Clerk
Jim Tilton, Emporia Police Dept.
Chris Hoover, ESU Police
Justin Miser, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber & V.B.
Lesley Gilger, N.R.H., Hand in Hand Hospice
Megan Tajchman, Fresenius Kidney Care
Renee Hively, Flint Hills Community Health
Tom Andrews, USD 253-Emporia

Matt Collins, 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
Mike Argabright, USD 252-South Lyon County
Pam Purdum, Tyson Foods
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas Services
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, The Salvation Army
Deb Childears, Westar Energy
Gail Weakley, Advanced Eye Surg. Center
Brandon Beck, Emporia EMS
Ben Moore, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline
Steve "Doc" Graham, Lyon County COAD
Andrea Elwood, N.R.H., Hand in Hand Hospice
Deb Thompson, The Salvation Army
Adam Blake, The Emporia Gazette
Kelly Bolin, USD 253-Emporia
Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Dept.

LEPC Chair Erin Starr called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., followed by introductions of those present.

Motion: To approve the October 12th minutes:

John Koelsch (Kevin Risley) 26-0

Jarrod Fell presented the LEPC Tier II reports for members review. These reports are available to the public upon request and will be present at every quarterly meeting of the LEPC. To view Tier II reports, please contact Cathy Ernst at Lyon County Emergency Management, 425 Mechanic Street, Emporia Kansas 66801 620-341-3203.

New maps with the locations of all local facilities identified as Tier II Reporters will be emailed to LEPC members.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Yearly review of the Lyon County LEPC By-Laws. No changes were made.

Motion: To elect Victoria Reynolds as LEPC Vice Chair for 2018.

Jack Taylor (Chris Hoover) 26-0

Motion: To elect new members to LEPC:

Claude Williamson-Director of Environmental Services, Emporia Presbyterian Manor.

Tracy Tucker M.D.-Physician Director, Newman Regional Health Emergency Department.

Kelly Mayer-Public Relations Manager, Emporia Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Steve "Doc" Graham-Principal and General Agent, CapStone Insurance Solutions Inc./COAD.

Tom Andrews-USD 253, Building Security and Grounds Specialist.

Megan Tajchman-Fresenius Kidney Care, Mitigation Strategies Division.

Jim Tilton (John Koelsch) 26-0

Motion: To remove Deb Kuhlman from LEPC membership due to a job change.

Mike Argabright (Jim Tilton) 32-0

Guest Speakers:

Justin Miser, Transmission System Operator IV -Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc

Ben Moore, Heavy Equipment Operator-Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc

A pipeline safety presentation was given to the group with a Q & A session after. Southern Star does not use odor in their product. The emergency number for SSCGP is 1-800-324-9696 or call 911.

Coordinator Report:

Quarterly hazardous materials and spills update:

A Motor Vehicle accident on K-170, ½ mile west of road S. Oil leaked from a Semi involved in the accident for about a ½ mile.

Paradigm is doing emergency responder pipeline training this month on January 26th if anyone is interested.

Jarrod, John Koelsch and Jack Taylor are working together to host Traffic Incident Management Safety classes on January 29, 30 and 31. T.I.M.S. is the national standard training across the country for response to accident scenes to prevent injury to responders and to also mitigate additional crashes and injuries while the original accident is being worked. All responders in Lyon County will be given this training.

November 15, 2018 new CMS guidelines were put in place that require anyone who accepts Medicaid funding to participate in progressive, community based exercises and planning. Jarrod would like to assist community partners and host a table top exercise using a hazardous materials scenario. Ideally, this table top exercise will happen after organizations have created a EOP-plan, written policies, procedures and SOG's. Workshops should then be held to train and educate your staff on the plan. It is very important to educate people in your agency on any plan for it to be effective. Finally, you will exercise your plan internally. Once that is done you would be ready to participate in a community based exercise.

The Training and Exercise Planning Workshop will follow this meeting. All members are invited to attend.

ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700 classes will be offered in February 2018 to city, county and local government employees. We cannot issue a certificate as part of the class. Anyone taking the classes will need to go on-line and take the FEMA test once they have attended training. A FEMA-student identification number or SID will be required before you come to training and will be needed to test on-line. If anyone in the group is interested in attending this training or would like additional information let Jarrod or Cathy know.

The updated Wolf Creek Reception and Care Plan is being reviewed for the next 30 days by community partners. Once that review is complete we will collect signatures and start training. There will be a Wolf Creek reception center training on June 13, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Neosho Rapids Grade School. Anyone interested in participating please let Jarrod or Cathy know.

2018 LEPC meetings will be held on April 12, July 12 and October 11. Jarrod asked the group if they would like to have a 4-hour meeting October 11 to do a tabletop, discussion based exercise or if they would like to have the normal meeting time and schedule the exercise on a different day. The group liked the idea of an extended meeting on October 11. A planning team will be needed to build this exercise. If you need this exercise to fulfill your requirements you need to be part of the planning team so we have your input.

The Northeast Region of Homeland Security is involved in a grant funded project to host animal disease response training in Lyon County the summer of 2018. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

Lyon County participated in a Kansas Department of Agriculture, FAD-Foreign Animal Disease Exercise in December of 2017. Our Emergency Operations Center was activated in response to a simulated disease outbreak report at the David Traylor Zoo. Many community partners participated in this training.

The LEPC Conference will be held July 25 & 26 at the Topeka Ramada Downtown. Contact Cathy for more information if you are interested in attending.

Discipline Reports:

Department on Aging/L-Cat: None

Emporia State University Police: None

Public Works: None

Tyson Foods: None

The Salvation Army: None

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness:

Dr. Inderjeet Kaur is the new full time Medical Director. There will be an open house to introduce her in the near future. National speaker Dr. Tina Payne Bryson will be doing a presentation entitled "The Whole Brain Child". More information can be found on the Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness website and Facebook page for anyone interested in attending.

Newman Regional Health:

Dr. Douglas Tice will be joining the team as the new Orthopedic Surgeon. Construction progress continues the Emergency Room.

Fresenius Kidney Clinic: None

Emporia State University:

ESU students will start back for the spring semester next week on January 16, 2018. Martin Luther King activities on campus will start January 13th.

Flint Hills Community Health Center:

Introduction of Renee Hively as the newly appointed CEO of Flint Hills Community Health Center. LEPC members are invited attend Community Preparedness Committee meetings on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Flint Hills Community Health Center. FHCHC would like to host presentations at future CPC meeting to help everyone understand the new CMS guidelines. The next CPC meeting will focus on foreign animal disease response. If you would like to be on the CPC mailing list please let Jennifer know at jskiles@flinthillshealth.org. Jennifer encouraged anyone that is following the new guidelines to capture real incidents and put them down formally in an IP/After Action Improvement Plan. If you need a template, she is glad to share one.

Fire Department/EMS: None

Emporia Police Department:

EPD is hiring Law Enforcement Officers. The City of Emporia's employment policy has changed and now allows employees to live in adjacent counties.

Sheriff's Office:

The Sheriff's Office has positions available for Detentions Officers.

Advanced Eye Surgery Center: None

Road & Bridge: None

Hand in Hand Hospice: None

Presbyterian Manor: None

Emporia Convention and Visitors Bureau: None

Lyon County Clerk: None

CapStone Insurance/COAD: None

Kansas Gas Services:

Jeff Jackson explained the importance of calling in right away to report any smell of gas or if you see something out of place. The Village School evacuation showed the importance of Kansas Gas Services Employees communicating to people in the area when maintenance is being done or when they are working in the area. At Kansas Gas Services, safety is the number one priority. Kansas Gas has a “rotten egg” odor added to the product to help alert people to possible leaks.

Communications:

The 911 Communications Center has several positions open for Dispatchers. In November of 2017 Lyon County rolled out text to 911. There are now 80 of the 105 counties in Kansas who have this service. The GPS is not accurate at this point due text information going through a different pathway than phone service.

Holiday Resort:

David reported several water leaks in the facility recently that have caused residents to be moved from one area of the facility to another. It was requested that a subject matter expert on the new CMS requirements give presentations to help facilities to understand KDHE expectations.

USD-252 South Lyon County:

New additions to the buildings are starting in Neosho Rapids and Hartford.

USD-253 Emporia:

Tom Andrew gave a report on a recent evacuation event at Village School due to a possible gas leak. There was no leak but it was a good drill opportunity. Tom expressed his appreciation to Kansas Gas for inspecting the school and assisting in locating the source of the odor. Jennifer Skiles commented that she was very impressed with the school for the communications that they put out. The school district was very transparent and exercised good communication to the community.

Westar Energy:

Rolland Trahoon introduced Deb Childears, Electric Distribution Supervisor for Westar to the group. Rolland expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship Westar has with the community and L.E.O.

The next LEPC Meeting:

April 12, 2018
Lyon County Sheriff's Office
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Catherine

Catherine Ernst
LEPC Secretary