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April 11, 2019

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

Kelly Bolin, USD 253, Emporia Public Schools  
Chuck Samples, KVOE  
Drew Richabaugh, Hill's Pet Nutrition  
Keith Senn, City Public Works  
Jennifer Millbern, Flint Hills Community Health  
Roxanne VanGundy, Lyon County Communications  
Andrew McHenry, Emporia State University  
Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court  
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Trent McCown, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks  
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber & CVB  
Jim Tilton, Emporia Police Department  
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas  
Jeff Grabbe, Westar  
Doc Graham, Lyon County COAD  
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Hayley Guion, Newman Regional Health  
Adela Maynez, Hopkins Manufacturing  
Sam Seeley, Lyon County  
Ryann Brooks, The Emporia Gazette  
Rachel Petry, Southern Power

Chip Woods, Lyon County Highway Department  
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manor  
Brandy Shaefer, Lyon County LCAT  
Pam Purdum, Tyson Fresh Meats  
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County Emergency Management  
David Whittington, Holiday Resort  
Jim Anderson, DaVita Dialysis Emporia  
Eric O'Neil, Southern Power  
Chris Hoover, ESU Police Department  
Sanjuanna Lee, Hills Pet Nutrition  
Kerry Sull, City of Emporia  
Paul Beadles, USD 253 Emporia Public Schools  
Jim Brull, Lyon County Highway Department  
Christina Dains, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Megan Tajchman, Fresenius Kidney Care  
Jennifer Ramsey, Candlewood Suites Emporia  
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, Salvation Army  
Martin Macias, RES America  
Justin Barr, RES America

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

**Motion** to approve the January 10th minutes:

Jim Tilton (Keith Senn) 29-0

Old Business:

On February 28, 2019 a team of LEPC members attended a Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Hazardous Materials Regional TTX in Topeka.

New Business:

A Public Information Officer/Joint Information Center training will be held at the Bowyer Building on May 13, 14 and 15. Register on Kansas Train to attend.

There is a Kansas Public Information Conference scheduled for May 30-31 in Wichita. Victoria Smith and Cathy Ernst have details on this event if you are interested in attending.

The Region 7 LEPC Conference will be held on August 8-10, 2019 in Omaha Nebraska. Email Cathy Ernst for details if you are interested in attending.

Andrew McHenry 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.

**Motion** to elect new members to LEPC:

Jim Anderson, DaVita Kidney Care

Jim Tilton (Claude Williamson) 29-0

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Hailey Clark, Lyon County Emergency Communication Center Administrative Assistant and Administrator of the Everbridge Mass Communication Software.

A presentation was given on the Everbridge Mass Notification System. Members were instructed on ways to access the link and sign up. Contact Hailey Clark at 620-341-3399 if you would like more information.

Introduction of Guest Speakers:

Eric O'Neal, Representative-Southern Power

Rachel Petry, Asset Manager-Southern Power

Justin Barr, Oversight Manager of Construction, Renewable Energy Systems Americas

Martin Macias, Site Safety Manager, Renewable Energy Systems Americas

Rachel Petry gave a detailed presentation about the Southern Power/Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Reading Wind Farm. There was an open question and answer session after the presentation. Construction is scheduled to begin on this project May 8, 2019. There is a job fair scheduled for May 13, 2019 at the Clarion Inn from 8:00am -3:00pm.

Coordinator Report:

No reported hazardous spills this quarter. A Public Information Officers meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2019 from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. in the Sheriff's Office meeting room. Lyon County Emergency Management will be hosting a Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Wolf Creek Ingestion Pathway Functional Exercise in the Lyon County Emergency Operation Center on April 25 from 9:00am to 11:00am. This exercise is a standalone exercise based on a functional exercise rehearsal that is being played out in Coffey County on April 25-26, 2019.

Discipline Reports:

Wildlife and Parks: None

Presbyterian Manor: None

Holiday Resort: None

Emporia Police Department:

The La Grind gravel bike race will be held May 3-5 in Lyon County/Emporia. The H.O.T.T. Cinco De Mayo Block Party will be May 4-5 in Emporia.

Sheriff's Office:

There is an after-action meeting scheduled for tomorrow to review the response on an incident that was originally called in as an active shooter on April 3, 2019. The incident went well and was resolved quickly due to many favorable circumstances and the quick action of all responders.

Emporia State University Police Department: None

Fresenius Kidney Care: None

Emporia State University Emergency Management: None

Hopkins Manufacturing: None

Candlewood Suites: None

Lyon County Highway Department:

The Prairie Street overpass between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South Avenue will be closed for approximately 3 months for bridge deck repairs and resurfacing. News releases and public notification will be done well before the project starts this spring.

The Salvation Army:

The National Letter Carrier Food Drive is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May every year. This year the food drive falls on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Suzanne or The Salvation Army at 620-342-3093 if you can donate a few hours to help with this event.

The City of Emporia: None

Flint Hills Community Health Center:

FHCHC will be hosting "Walk with a Doc" at C of E Park on April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. this event will focus on allergies.

At our last Community Planning Committee meeting the group discussed a program called "Stop the Bleed". This National Campaign is designed to educate bystanders on how to provide first aid to actively bleeding wounds. We hope to bring this life saving training to a LEPC meeting in the future.

USD 253- Emporia Public Schools

Kelly Bolin expressed her gratitude for receiving timely notifications from the Lyon County Communication Center about the April 3, 2019 incident.

The school district is searching for a new High School Principal and Board Clerk.

Paul Beadles, Director of IT Operations will be attending future LEPC meetings in Tom Andrews place.

Communications:

Roxanne VanGundy gave a brief overview of a recent 911 call that was originally called into the Communications Center as an active shooter. This incident as it turned out was not an active shooter and was resolved quickly. It was fortunate that this happened at shift change when additional staff were available to take calls and assist with notifications. Because of this event, some good conversations have been started about contingency plans for future incidents like this that may happen in the future.

Public Works:

A sewer project will be starting downtown this spring. Most of the work will be done in alleys but a few times there will be streets that will be closed or closed to one lane for a day.

Emporia State University: None

Hand in Hand Hospice:

An active shooter TTX exercise is scheduled for April 18, 2019.

L-Cat: None

Newman Regional Health: None

Hill's Pet Nutrition: None

Lyon County COAD: None

Tyson Fresh Meats: None

Emporia Chamber & CVB- LEAA: None

Westar Energy; None

Lyon County District Court: None

Kansas Gas Services: None

Zoning /Floodplain: None

The next LEPC Meeting:

July 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

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