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October 10, 2019

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the October 10th LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Pam Purdum, Tyson Foods
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, The Salvation Army
Drew Richabaugh, Hill's Pet Nutrition
Keith Senn, City Public Works
Jennifer Millbern, Flint Hills Community Health
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC-911
Dean Grant, City of Emporia
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds Counseling
Aaron Scheve, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber & CVB
Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS
David Whittington, Holiday Resort
Rolland Trahoon, Evergy
Jarrod Fell, Emergency Management
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice
Hayley Guion, Newman Regional Health
Tim Frevert, City of Emporia

Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court
Duke Vair, Hopkins Manufacturing
Shane Brunner, LCAT
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County Emergency Management
Dallas Sedgewick, Hopkins Manufacturing
Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Department
Brandee Schaefer, LCAT
Janice Arb, LCAT
Kerry Sull, City of Emporia
Lane Massey, City of Emporia
Victoria Smith, Court Trustee's Office
Trent McCown, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
Megan Tajchman, Fresenius Kidney Care
Chip Wood, Lyon County Highway Department
Adela Maynez, Hopkins Manufacturing

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

Motion to approve the July 11th minutes:

Chip Woods (Tim Frevert) 28-0

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion: To nominate Trent McCown as a new member of LEPC.

John Koelsch (Roxanne VanGundy)

Motion: To nominate Kevin Risley to LEPC as Vice Chair for 2020. Election of Mr. Risley will be at the January 9, 2020 meeting.

Jeff Cope (John Koelsch)

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.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Roxanne VanGundy, Director - Lyon County 911 Communications Center. A presentation was given on the rewards and challenges of a career as a 911 Communications Officer.

Coordinator Report:

The radio upgrade project proposal is anticipated to go before the Lyon County Commission for final approval on October 24, 2019. This upgrade will replace the old, outdated system that does not have adequate coverage and that we can no longer get replacement parts for. Jarrod will be reaching out to governmental partners at future meetings with details on the system and equipment details if the project is approved.

There were no hazardous materials spills or releases reported this quarter.

Lyon County hosted an Animal Disease Response training on October 8, 2019. This training was made possible in partnership with the Kansas Northeast Region Homeland Security Council and the National Agricultural Biosecurity Center located at Kansas State University.

There will be a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop following the January 9, 2020 LEPC meeting. If you are interested in helping plan exercises for our county, plan to attend that meeting.

Discipline Reports:

Court Trustee: None

Emporia Police Department: None

Public Works:

Introduction of Dean Grant as the new Public Works Director.

911 Communications:

Thank you to Evergy and Rolland Trahoon for the continued professional and timely assistance and support with the repair and restoration of power after weather events.

Flint Hills Community Health Center:

On Saturday, October 26, 2019 there will be a prescription drug take back event at Flint Hills Community Health. This is a good way to dispose of medications that are expired. Jarrod offered to program the public message boards to notify the public of this event.

There is an opening for an emergency manager at Flint Hills Community Health. They are looking for a person with experience in both emergency management and public health to fill this role.

Wildlife and Parks:

The budget has been hit hard by all the flooding this spring and summer. There have been 8 new officers hired. Currently they are gearing up for the fall hunting season.

Sheriff's Office:

The program "Dateline" will be airing a 2-hour episode on NBC tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. A Lyon County Deputy who worked a motor vehicle accident in our county was heavily involved in solving a death investigation in New York as a result of information collected in that accident.

Fresenius Kidney Care:

CMS is backing off some of the recent exercise and training requirements for this type of facility.

Hopkins Manufacturing: None

Lyon County Highway Department:

Chip Woods would like to thank the dispatch Center and local community partners for their support in all the weather events. He appreciates the good working relationships that have developed.

The Salvation Army: None

The City of Emporia: None

Fire/EMS: None

Lyon County District Court: None

Hand in Hand Hospice: None

L-Cat:

Shane Brunner- L-CAT Financial Coordinator reports that the Kansas Department of Transportation has made extra funds available outside of the usual grants they apply for to help finance projects on L-CAT vehicles. One of the requirements for receiving the funds is that there is support from the public. He is passing a document asking for your signature and the town and county that you live in to fulfill the requirement for these funds.

Newman Regional Health:

Newman's active shooter drill will be held at the end of October as well as a couple of security trainings. This will wrap up the training drills for the year.

Hill's Pet Nutrition: None

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness: None

Emporia Chamber & CVB- LEAA:

Kelly invited everyone to visitemporia.com to fill out a form to enter the Veterans Day Parade.

Evergy:

Rolland Trahoon reports that he has taken a new role and is now the Manager of the District Service Centers which includes Emporia & Eureka. He is in the process of hiring a new supervisor. He would like to express his thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Tyson:

Thank you to Victoria Smith for serving as the LEPC Chair and thank you to Kevin Risley for stepping up to serve as the LEPC Vice-Chair for 2020. Thank you to Evergy for the quick restoration of power and to the first responders in the last weather event.

Holiday Resort:

Emergency water resources were offered to the Fire Department from the pond located on the property should they be needed in the future.

The next LEPC Meeting:

January 9th, 2020
Lyon County Sheriff's Office
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Catherine

Catherine Ernst
LEPC Secretary