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January 9, 2020

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the January 9th LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Josh Ballanger, Flint Hills Community Health
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works
Tim Frevert, The City of Emporia
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manor
Andrew McHenry, Emporia State University
Pam Purdum, Tyson Foods
John Comer, Tyson Foods
Rolland Trahoon, Evergy
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC
Amanda Dreasher, Flint Hills Community Health
Jim Tilton, Emporia Police Department
Shane Brunner, LCAT
Victoria Smith, Court Trustee
Aaron Scheve, Kansas Parks and Wildlife
Emily Prouse, K-State Research & Extension
Jon Reed, Hometown Health Care
Renee Hively, Flint Hills Community Health
Ruth Wheeler, District Court
Sam Seeley, Lyon County Zoning
Jennifer Millbern, Flint Hills Community Health
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber and CBV

Matt Collins, Lyon County Road & Bridge
Dallas Sedgwick, Hopkins Manufacturing
Janice Arb, Lyon County LCAT
Jim Anderson, DaVita Emporia Dialysis
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County LEPC Secretary
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds
Hayley Guion, Newman Regional Health
Adela Maynez, Hopkins Manufacturing
Deb Thompson, The Salvation Army
Sanjuanna Le, Hills Pet Nutrition
Steve Harsha, KDEM
Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS
Jack Taylor, Emporia Fire and EMS
Steve "Doc" Graham, Lyon County COAD
Jim Anderson, Emporia Dialysis-DaVita
Christine Johnson, LCECC
Steve Samuelson, KDA
Paul Beadles, USD 253-Emporia
Brandee Orender, Lyon County State Bank
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas
David Whittington, Holiday Resort

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

Motion: To approve the October 10th minutes:

John Koelsch (Jim Tilton) 37-0

Andrew McHenry presented the LEPC Tier II reports for members review. The reports were then passed to all members. Tier II 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.

A copy of the 2019, LEPC By-laws were emailed to all members prior to this meeting for review. No amendments were proposed by members. The By-laws will remain unchanged for 2020. The By-laws will be emailed out yearly for members to review prior to the January 2021 meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Lyon County will be hosting a Multi- Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Kick Off meeting on March 5, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bowyer Building. The 2015 plan was circulated for members to review. All community partners are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the process. Homeland Security-Mitigation Grant Funds are tied to the Mitigation Plan and will be in affect for the next 5 years. Once the process is complete your ability to receive mitigation grant funding will be negatively impacted if you do not wish to participate and adopt the updated plan. Let Jarrod or Cathy know if you are interested in attending this event or would like more information

Membership Updates:

Motion: To elect Kevin Risley, Patrol Lieutenant, Emporia Police Department as LEPC Vice-Chair for 2020.

John Koelsch (Jim Tilton) 37-0

Motion: To elect new members to LEPC: None

Motion: To remove Jordan Hartman and Darrel Drake from LEPC due to non-attendance. Jordan and John are welcome rejoin LEPC when time allows them to attend the quarterly meetings.

Tim Frevert (Roxanne VanGundy) 37-0

Coordinator Report:

Quarterly hazardous materials and spills update: None

LEPC quarterly meetings for 2020 are scheduled for April 9, July 9 and October 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings, please notify Cathy and send a representative from your agency in your place.

An update was given on the Lyon County radio project. Jarrod appreciates the help from the Emporia Police Department and the Lyon County Highway Department for their assistance unloading equipment and storage. The projected time for the transition to the new system is in late June and will continue through August of 2020.

Several ICS-FEMA classes will be transitioning from on-line classes to classroom-based learning. We will send out training calendars to members as they become available.

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

Discipline Reports:

Sheriff's Office:

Today is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Sheriff Cope would like to offer his sincere thank you to everyone for their overwhelming show of support to the law enforcement community. He is grateful to the members of LEPC for their continued commitment and service to Lyon County.

The Sheriff's Office is hiring. There are several positions open for Detentions Officers and one position open for a Deputy.

Emporia Fire and EMS: None

Emporia Police Department: None

The City of Emporia Purchasing: None

Emporia Public Works: None

Hometown Health Care: None

Kansas Department of Agriculture:

Steve Samuelson addressed the group with information concerning the role of the Kansas Department of Agriculture in the event of a Foreign Animal Disease. On October 9, 2019, K.D.A. held a Foreign Animal Disease training in Lyon County to further K.D.A. in testing their logistics and resource allocation capability. It was a good partnership and training opportunity.

The importance of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan cycle was stressed, and an explanation of that process was presented to the group. It is vital that stakeholders participate and respond to a survey that will be sent out in March of 2020 and supply their feedback. Once the plan is written, the draft will go to FEMA for approval. Once approved, the plan will be sent back to the county to be adopted.

Lyon County Emergency Communication Center:

Several upgrades to technology will be implemented in the communication center this year. A mapping system upgrade will bring advancements in call location services, real-time weather and real-time traffic information. A language translation service upgraded will allow a call to be immediately transferred to text in the caller's language and then be translated back to the dispatcher. Video to 911 service will be a new tool that will be available to dispatchers and the advantages of that service will be explored in the next year. Introduction of Christine Johnson as the new Public Information Coordinator for LCECC to replace Hailey Clark.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

Steve Harsha expressed appreciation from KDEM to Jarrod and Cathy on the progressive, responsive and professional services they provide to Lyon County and the State of Kansas. Congratulations was also given for the successful completion of all the Emergency Management Performance Grant exercises and training requirements for 2019

L-Cat: None

Hopkins Manufacturing: None

DaVita Kidney Care: None

Tyson Foods: None

The Salvation Army: None

Kansas Gas:

Kansas Gas will be replacing steel services this year. There are 3 contractors in town working on the project. They have started work on the east side of town and will be working west. This project will last approximately one year.

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness: None

Fresenius Kidney Clinic: None

Presbyterian Manor: None

Emporia State University:

Emporia State University will be hosting the National Weather Service, Severe Weather Awareness "Spotter Talk" on March 23, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Memorial Union - Webb Hall. By changing the venue, we hope to get people interested in this event that traditionally have not attended.

Newman Regional Health: None

Flint Hills Community Health Center:

Jennifer Millbern updated the group on a Kansas Department of Health and Environment sponsored, Full Scale Exercise scheduled for April 15-17, 2020. Flint Hills Community Health would like to participate in the 2nd day of play on April 16 as a tabletop exercise. The exercise objective would be for response partners, health care providers and community leaders to work together through the scenario and answer questions regarding our response to a pandemic flu event and the process of how we would access Strategic National Stockpile supplies for Lyon County. An Extend of Play Agreement must be submitted to KDHE very soon. This document gives KDHE information on how Lyon County would like to participate as well as the number of people and agencies attending. If you are interested in participating in the exercise, please let Jennifer Millbern know as soon as possible. In 12 to 24 months Flint Hills Community Health would like to build on this exercise with a functional or full-scale, Point of Distribution/Dispensing Exercise. There is a Community Preparedness Committee meeting scheduled for next week on January 16, 2020 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Jennifer would like to do discuss the details of the KDHE exercise at that meeting.

USD #253-Emporia:

In the Spring of 2020, the district is planning to pilot a new bus attendance and tracking system. This system will allow better student safety, accountability and communication.

Road & Bridge/Highway Department:

Lyon County has purchased two portable stop lights that can be used to assist with road flagging. The signs can be programed and are a valuable resource to utilize in emergency events and flooding.

Emporia Chamber and CBV:

Emporia will be hosting the PDGA World Championships, August 29-Sept 4, 2021.

Lyon County Extension and Research: None

Hill's Pet Nutrition: None

CapStone Insurance/COAD: None

Holiday Resort: None

Evergy: None

Lyon County District Court: None

Kansas Parks and Wildlife:

Coffey County has hired a new Game Warden.

Court Trustee: None

Lyon County State Bank: None

The next LEPC Meeting:

April 09, 2020

Lyon County Sheriff's Office

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Catherine

Catherine Ernst

LEPC Secretary