



Northeast KEMA
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Call to Order and Introductions:

The Northeast KEMA meeting was called to order on August 18, 2009 at 10:08am. NE KEMA VP, Teri Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Attendees introduced themselves. Those attending included:

Kathy Allen- Shawnee County
Chad Blow- Shawnee County
Bill Brubaker- KDEM
Frank Coots- KDEM
Vickie Eckard- Franklin County
Barb Eylar- Atchison County

Rick Frevert- Lyon County
Laurie Harrison- Riley County
Melanie Lawrence- KHP
Chuck Magaha- Leavenworth County
Stephanie Nelson- Douglas County
Alexandria Norman- Douglas County

Gregory Overfors- KS National Guard
Anthony Prideaux- KHP
Alan Radcliffe- Franklin County
Teri Smith- Douglas County
Glenda Sunter- Lyon County

Minutes:

Alan Radcliffe motioned to approve the minutes from April 21, 2009. Barb Eylar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Old Business:

HMEP grant- Kathy Allen updated everyone she was unable to apply for a regional commodity flow survey on behalf of the county under advisement of Swapan Saha at KDEM. Unfortunately there is not enough money available to the State of Kansas that would allow such a large dispersal of funds for one project. If the NE region is still interested in applying for money to conduct the study, Swapan recommends applying on behalf of a few counties at a time, or have each county apply on their own. The EMs requested to KDEM to have Swapan put together an annual report consisting of the total HMEP funds available, all the requests they receive, and which projects they approve.

New Business:

KEMA Conference- Melanie Lawrence advised she wasn't sure why the conference information wasn't available online, but she will look into it. Additionally she added the conference will host 20min roundtables, as well as a pre-conference training offered through FEMA regarding liability issues in EM, please sign up on KS Train if interested. The 8th annual KEMA golf tournament will be that Tuesday, and will have sporting clays this year as well. Clays are \$21 and golf is \$20. There will also be a reception following the tournament at the "Sandtrap," food will be provided- email/call Melanie to sign up. Kathy Allen added the State Animal Response Team conference begins the Friday following the KEMA conference.

KEMA award nominations- Teri Smith requested a list of all KEMA award nominations from Cathy Hernandez. Nominees will be more apt to attend if they know they are nominated, and it gives everyone a chance to know they were nominated.

County Emergency Manager Updates:

Atchison County-

- Continuing educating residents on preparedness to organizations
- Working with budget cuts and a spending freeze

Douglas County-

- Resource typing finalized
- H1N1 co-presentation with local health department to county commission
- USD #348 (Baldwin City) was awarded a safe room grant, the newest room will be in their new performing arts building
- Applied for 2010 HMEP funding for a full-scale field exercise
- Working on updating website
- Fall CERT class begins September 8 and will be held in Lawrence
- Debris plan is still at FEMA
- LEPC won a regional award for planning/preparedness
- Hallmark Cards won an award for their exercise
- Received national citizen corps Collaborative Preparedness Planning Award honorable mention

Franklin County-

- Working on plans
- Finishing mitigation plan
- Local health department will have a drive-thru clinic for seasonal flu
- Trying to secure H1N1 vaccines for pig farm workers
- Having issues with staffing clinics
- Damage from last week's storm just shy of declaration- extensive damage to bridges/roads

Leavenworth County-

- KEMA conference- schedule has been given to Nick. There will be a silent auction to benefit the scholarship fund; each county will provide items to be auctioned off
- Metro area is combining LEPCs. MARC is helping with some logistic issues- grant funded collaboration
- Current flooding in Leavenworth Co.- an apartment complex is under water
- Working on getting everyone up on the 800 MHz system
- Mitigation plan is finally complete
- ADA compliant!!
- Hired a CERT coordinator, Pat Adkins. Wyandotte Co. will provide training
- Strong possibility exists that it is more than likely the remaining Guantanamo Bay detainees will be transferred to Ft. Leavenworth- ask Chuck for more details

Lyon County-

- Radio tower received weather damage and also caught fire- down for a week, working on getting the building reset
- Various festivals being held in September and October, will be doing public service events at them
- Working on accountability system
- Lyon Co. is losing their chapters of American Red Cross and Salvation Army, may have issues with sheltering
- Preparing for H1N1 clinics in October

Riley County-

- Tabletop exercise for active shooter

Shawnee County-

- Final leg of mitigation plan- finalizing public meetings
- Working on ESFs
- Weekend encampment with volunteer groups- good learning experience, sharing of information. Around 50 people attended on Saturday
- Dealing with budget cuts
- Working on special needs planning

Other Agency Updates:

Kansas Division of Emergency Management-

- Welcome to new staff
- Vigilant Guard cost around \$100,000.00
- Working on getting COOP/COG templates and information to counties, especially with staffing fears due to H1N1
 - Waiting on contract to be finalized
 - Training will be offered regionally for COOP, initially at KEMA conference
 - Release and passwords are tentatively scheduled for October-December
 - Trying to use money most effectively in regions
- Frank updated status on LEOP approvals- he has everyone's done except Nemaha and Jefferson which are still pending review
- Frank is missing Pottawatomie Co.'s ESF 10 from their LEOP

Kansas Highway Patrol-

- Working through Kansas and Michigan Guantanamo Bay issue
- Melanie is working hard on plans, especially H1N1
- Completing a spreadsheet for all grants- Teri will forward to the region
- Hosting a FAD tabletop exercise to test plan in Cowley County- current concerns for livestock and pigs, especially with H1N1

National Guard-

- No report

Final thoughts and Adjournment:

Kathy Allen posed the thought of using CERT in times of staffing crisis due to H1N1- Devan could lead the effort to coordinate that.

Alan Radcliffe moved to adjourn, Laurie Harrison seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38am.

Reminder- **no** regional KEMA meeting in September or October! The next NE KEMA meeting will be November 17, 2009 in Anderson County.