

**SC Region KEMA Meeting
October 1, 2009
Wichita, KS**

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1. Call to Order

Brian Stone called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – August 2009

Jim moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. James Fair seconded. Minutes approved

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

a. KEMA Board Report (Brian Stone)

Brian reviewed the meeting minutes from the last KEMA Board meeting. He also thanked Lon Buller for running for KEMA president-elect. Lon was congratulated for being elected to that position.

a. Badging/Accountability System – Amy Miller led a discussion on the new regional accountability system and the use of county ID badges. Randy Duncan reported Sedgwick County will not be changing their county ID. Barton, Sumner, and Marion Counties will be utilizing two ID's, County & Regional.

Shelly Abbott discussed the IMT badging program and individuals responding to disasters. Shelly would like to see a consistency and consensus on regional badging when workers arrive. Jim Leftwich stated there is a credentialing system at the State level so if colors want to be added, that information should be taking through them. Bill Brubaker is on that committee. Concern was discussed with the regional badging system and other regional projects that there is no foresight/preplan put into place prior to the projects being rolled out. The South Central KEMA region will recommend on Oct 8th at the South Central Regional Homeland Security Council meeting that the following colors be added to the badging colors:

Public Works – Orange
Animal Rescue – Black
Communications - Brown

5. Report from Members

Lon Buller – Lon reported that he getting ready to host a NetEOP/Vulnerable Populations Registry class on October 14 in Newton. Harvey County will have a new County Administrator the first of the year. He also thanked the group for voting for him as President-Elect.

Mark Wagner – Pawnee County is working on their Mitigation Plan. Mark thanked the Red Cross for their support during a recent pipe bomb incident. He also noted that the Kansas Highway Patrol did not utilize the Sedgwick County Bomb Squad, rather, they flew in special people.

Greg Klein – Greg reported Rice County is finishing up some final details on their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Jim Leftwich – Jim reported there is a leadership group meeting every quarter with the Regional Council. John Cyr did a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal agent process. Jim also discussed water rescues and the potential availability of some boats available to purchase from the State. He will send out an e-mail with the information on the six boats. He also stated the Regional Council is beginning to look at projects for FY2010. There is belief

the funds for FY2011 will be drastically reduced if not completely gone. Therefore, the recommendation is to look at sustainability for previous regional projects.

Fred Simon – Fred reported that he is waiting on final approval for the Kingman County Hazard Mitigation Plan. In addition, he just finished the base map for 9-1-1.

James Fair – James reported Sumner County has finished up their EOC remodeling project. He is also still working on their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Shelly Abbott – Marion County has been doing open houses and tours for ideas on their new EOC/Dispatch/Jail facility. Shelly reported there are three counties, two of which are the SC Region, who are not Phase 2 Compliant for 9-1-1. In addition, baseline maps are not up to date with a lot of counties. She will be looking for a GIS Synchronization project for 2010 funds. Shelly also discussed watershed dams. A group discussion took place on the dams.

Chance Hayes – Chance discussed the 1” hail survey that recently came out and hoped everyone filled it out. The NWS is going to start attaching what they feel will be max wind and hail criteria below the coordinates on warnings issued. They will be continuing with the HWO Conference calls. They may start doing multi-media weather briefings; however, those will on be done on suspected significant event days. The local AMS will be sharing offices in the same facility that WeatherData will be occupying. Winterstorm watches and warning will be issued in a bulleted format instead of paragraph. Chance also led a discussion on NWSChat. He strongly encouraged EM’s not currently using to start. Contact him for a method to easily remember passwords since they have to be updated frequently. In addition, he discussed user names and confidentiality with his employees if a bad event was to happen. They are concerned from a liability standpoint so their usernames will remain the same. He also suggested local EM’s look at changing their user name to their 2 letter county identifier, followed by their radio number. Finally, the new version of Pidgin (pidgin.im) is working and recommended over Java.

Chance also reported that the local hospital, Boeing and Koke are working on COOP Plans. They are using amateur radio stations but have not required their uses to be licensed. He wanted us to be aware what is being done in case any of us deal with it in the future.

Randy Duncan – Randy reported that the Sedgwick County Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved and currently being adopted by the local jurisdictions. He discussed the July 8th hail storm and receiving a Federal Disaster Declaration. Rick is working on the Emergency Operations Plan update. John and Rick are working on their local EAS plan for HazCollect. This local plan will be submitted to KDEM and hopefully appended to the State’s plan. Cody is at a Homeland Security Exercise training class this week.

Darla Hesse – The American Red Cross participated in the McConnell AFB exercise and was involved in the patient tracking. She discussed the ARC's role during a large incident, such as a plane crash, would be opening Family Reception Centers.

Tim Newman – Tim reported Reno County's next CERT class will be held Oct. 16-18. They are currently prepping for H1N1 and working on the COOP Plan.

Jerry McNamar – Jerry reported Barber County will be receiving \$2,500 from the HMEP completion of NetEOP. He is currently in the middle of the Mitigation planning process. Barber County's badging system is up and running. His county is buying him a pickup and he thanked Shelly for her assistance. He also commented about his 2006 Environmental Health Training Program: the CDC is now offering the course in Aniston, AL. He has been invited to Atlanta next week to help the CDC develop the next level of courses.

Janet Spurgeon – Janet discussed changes in the AHPS page – the maps are below the hydrograph and all are going to Google maps.

John Crosby – John attended a child abduction team training in Seattle last week. A team is being formed for those types of events and will probably respond regionally. More information will become available.

Mark Stump – Mark reported he is working with KDEM on the Special Needs Registry. The registry will not be maintained locally, but by the United Way of the Plains. Access will be available locally. The program will be updated annually by contacting everybody on the registry. It is estimated that 29,000 people will qualify for the program. He also discussed a volunteer reception center to assist local agencies in larger events with numerous unaffiliated volunteers.

Rick Shellenbarger – Rick also discussed the Vulnerable Needs Registry and that Sedgwick County has a sharing issue with it. The Sheriff's Office and the Wichita Police Department have their own registries and the issue is if they will integrate with each other.

Steve Moody – Steve reported Stafford County is finalizing their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Their badging system is up and operational. He discussed an issue with a FIRE Grant and issued a warning to strictly follow the grant guidelines.

Amy Miller – Amy reported the issue of a regional radio guide came up following by the topic of who actually owns frequencies and therefore the

issue of who can give permissions to use the frequencies. There was a discussion over the Regional assets (teams) formed out of Homeland Security money, mutual aid and how long a team will remain at a scene. A regional project for digital conversion for the Marion County tower was discussed. The cost has not been determined yet and Jim Leftwich will try to get that. Amy state that Aaron Davis is no in charge of the ID Badging project.

DeAnn Konkel – DeAnn reported they participated in an exercise on 9/11 and tested the Code Red notifications. Some problems were identified and determined the need for an EOC/ICS Interface course. It will be held on Oct. 15 at the Sedgwick County EOC. Sedgwick County also participated in the McConnell AFB off-based exercise with the City of Haysville and had 96 victims. She mentioned the State has two exercise trailers to be used by locals. One is in Salina and the State will replenish supplies if used normally. She suggested we try to use it when we can. She also reported the Wichita Bomb Robot was used after the shooting of the Sedgwick County Deputy. Sedgwick County will be host training in the first part of April 2010 called Jail Evacuation Training and Implementation.

Brian Stone – Brian reported Cowley County is working on COOP Planning and the Mitigation Plan should be submitted to FEMA by the end of October.

6. Next Meeting

The next South Central KEMA meeting will be held December 10th in Cowley County at 9:30 am. Location to be announced.

7. Meeting Adjournment

Lon Buller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Crosby seconded. Meeting adjourned.