

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee
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April 26, 2018 Don Button called the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:32 AM at the Grant County Courthouse with 8 members present. Those present were Richard Everett, Toni Irvin, Jill Robinson, Paul Fort, Don Button Vivian Button, Christy Wooley for Compass Behavioral Health and a new member Dale Gannett from GE Buffalo Dunes Wind Farm.

Paul Fort made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 22, 2018 LEPC Meeting and Toni Irvin seconded.

Communications/Mail

We received Tier II information from Merit and Linn Energy and pipeline info from Southern Star and Oneok.

One spill report for the county and it was Salt Water/Brine.

The attendees from the January 30 - Mass Fatality table top Exercise in Garden City met on April 2nd after receiving the After Action Report on March 19 and completed the Improvement Plan. Some of the Improvement Plan items are: meet with missing partners to let them know how important they are to the exercise process, Update the Family Assistance Center locations and who will run these facilities and what the needs are; Find out more about the Behavioral Health Policies, set up a workshop to help partners understand their parts in the Mass Fatality Incident Pan; develop a checklist for dispatch for major events; Update the Communications Matrix and share with partners; develop an Incident Action Plan class to help people become familiar with the forms and what needs to be completed; set up a Public Information Class and train more people to assist when events happen; develop, review or update scripted messages; have a tabletop exercise with partners on the county Mass Fatality Plan; set up a G386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response class; update the Mass Fatality Incident Plan and include hospice and Behavioral Health; Emergency Medical Service become familiar with their Mass Casualty totes and update as needed; and develop process for EMS Liaison with hospital and how partners can assist at hospital during event.

Vivian asked if the hospital and EMS were any closer to getting Paul Fort designated a Deputy Coroner. They are still working on the process. Paul says it will make the response more efficient.

Discussion was held about the Baca/Stanton/Morton County fire and the Kearny County Fire. Even with the one-half inch rain we received we still have a lot of fuel that can burn. Don talked about John Crosby requesting maps of the surrounding counties with the roads marked so they can get to locations easier. He also requested maps of Grant County to have to give out when we have mutual aid come to assist us. Paul said EMS has a policy to send an ambulance with all fire deployments.

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Dale Gannett from GE Buffalo Dunes wind farm came to talk about his facility and he is required to have 4 exercises a year, one per quarter. He would like to involve the first responders from Grant County in one of their exercise in this year. Paul Fort said EMS would like to be involved. Don will work with Dale and the other responders to decide on a date and how involved they want to get and maybe invite the Haskell county responders as well. They have lots of safety protocols in place.

Paul Fort talked about the new Auto Pulse that EMS and the Hospital are getting. The Auto Pulse fits around the patient's chest and does compressions. It is said to have an 80% better recovery rate. He also talked about EMS and Fire having high Angle and Confined space training. The Hospital Auxiliary helped to get the Auto Pulse for EMS and the hospital.

The Grant County Fair vendor booths set up will be July 16-17 with booths open to the public on 18-19-20. Some of the events will start earlier in the month.

2018 Tech Hazards LEPC conference Capital Plaza Hotel Topeka July 25-27 The Capital Plaza Hotel has been changed to Ramada Hotel and Convention Center 420 SE 6th Ave, Topeka, KS.

Some of the upcoming training from KDEM are: Incident Command System (ICS) G400, June 11-12 Colby, Arkansas City -Sept 25-26, and Wichita – June 19-20; and G 300 Intermediate ICS May 22-23 Colby and Arkansas City Sept 18-19.

Richard Everett said the Hamm Radio class has been changed to Dodge City but they do not have a date yet. The committee needs to review Emergency Support Function 6 and 8 before the next LEPC meeting and make recommendation if changes are needed.

The next regular meeting will be May 24, 2018 at 9:30am at Grant County Courthouse basement training room.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24am. Toni Irvin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.