

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC April 19, 2016

The Grant County LEPC meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by Don Button with ten members present. The group welcomed Garin Mayer from Pioneer Communications, Debra Tucker with Central & Western Kansas Red Cross and Raul Montoya from Southern Star Gas Pipeline. Other members present were Sam Hayden, Nancy Lucas, James Lane, Don Button, Vivian Button, John Crosby, and Richard Everett.

Nancy Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes to the March meeting. John Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

Tier IIs from 111 locations have been received. We also received information from Tallgrass Energy Partners.

All of the Regional Exercises have been completed except the Lane & Scott combined exercise on April 21. All participants have increased their knowledge and ability to response to a chemical release.

Fire representatives and Emergency Managers from Haskell, Seward, Meade, Clark and Grant met on April 8th in Sublette to talk Fire Strategy after the recent fires in the state.

Ron Vagher and Don Button attended the ALiCE Training Institute's Active Shooter Response Training Instructor Course in Garden City.

The group looked over Emergency Support Function 2 Communications and 13 Public Safety and Security. We talked about some of the changes that need to be made to comply with the 2014 Kansas Planning Standards and some updates from the county.

Before the May meeting the group needs to look over ESF 6 Mass Care Housing and Human Services and 8 Public Health and Medical Services. The Health Department needs these updated before the end of their grant year the first of July. It was planned to look at ESF 4 Firefighting, 9 Search and Rescue and 10 Oil and Hazardous materials in June but it may have to be moved to July.

Some of the upcoming trainings are: **LEPC Tech Hazards Conference 2016 on July 20 and 21 in Manhattan**; PER 304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Training April 25 in Garden City; May 24 CRMCS (Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System) training in Dodge City; Emergency Operations Plan Workshop June 1-2 in Garden City; AWR 232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities Training on June 20 in Derby; G400 Advance Incident Management System in Colby May on 11-12 and MGT 439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness Training June 8-9 in Wichita.

Sam Hayden with USD 214 stated it was a busy time with the end of the school year coming soon. Hickok School will also be renovating their HVAC system. All of the busses got home safely during the storms last week.

James Lane with Senator Pat Roberts' office talked about the fires around the state and their office is available to assist counties if needed.

Richard Everett stated the county Mass Fatality SOG had been completed along with the CESSL (Chemical Event Shipping Supply Locations) Program guidance and the CHEMPACK guidance.

John Crosby stated they had been worried about fires but with the rain that has helped lower the risk. He stated most of their calls have been vehicle accidents.

Nancy Lucas stated the hospital is still in the transition phase. They have welcomed a new administrator. July 3rd the hospital workers will become associates of Centura Health. They are hoping to bring in more clinics and additional services and maybe more surgeries

Garin Mayer with Pioneer Communications stated they had completed the digital cable work for here. They hope to have Ulysses 100% done with the new fiber next month. They are working on improving the speed of the internet. He stated bandwidth is an issue.

Raul Montoya with Southern Star Pipeline talked about cleaning some lines and working with the fire department in May.

Debra Tucker the Central and Western Kansas Red Cross Disaster Program Manager introduced herself. She talked about the new area wide 24 hour Emergency dispatch system that is manned at all times and can dispatch a representative sooner. She stated they had 36 volunteers to help with the Barber county fire. Red Cross is always looking for volunteers.

The next regular meeting will be May 19 at 11:30am at Grant County Courthouse Basement training room.

Richard Everett made a motion to adjourn and John Crosby seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Button.

Meeting dates other items at same time: June 16, July 21 Fair is 16 to 23 LEPC Tech Conference 20-21, August 18, September 15 KEMA Conference 13 to 16, October 20 and November 17.