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Opening:

The Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 13, 2016. Tom Damewood welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, then called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Introductions were made. Teri Smith, Director, announced an opening for administrative secretary and the acceptance of applications. Corrections to the minutes Community Preparedness Awards were made to the third bullet point from “reprehensive” to “representative” and a motion by Chief H. Wayne Riley to approve the July minutes, seconded by Mike Russell and the board unanimously approved the July minutes. Those present to the meeting included:

Attending:

Tom Damewood
Mike Baxter
Tammy Bennett
Teresa Clouch
Shaun Coffey
Erica Dvorske
Bill Edwards
Mathew Faulk
Andrew Foster
Bill Winegar

Larry Gray
Jamison Honeycutt
Sonia Jordan
Stone Junod
Chris Keary
Ken Keiter
Jeanette Klamm
Kristin Maggette
Trent McKinley

Greg Neis
Bob Newton, Bob Nugent
Shannon Oury
H. Wayne Riley
Mike Russell
Jason Schuler
Bud Waugh

Others Attending:

David Hogg
Jillian Rodrigue
Teri Smith

Kenneth B Oshel
Kim Murphee

Presentation:

A presentation was given by EM-David Hogg and EM-Jillian Rodrigue on Emergency Preparedness in the event of an earthquake. David discussed seismic activity, Richter scale measurement, faults and the probability risk of an earthquake occurring in Douglas County and surrounding communities. Jillian discussed community preparedness in the event of an earthquake in or around the surrounding communities of Douglas County and what to do in the event of an earthquake. Jillian also discussed the importance of continuity of operations planning.

Staff Updates:

Briefs-

Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) tornado warnings were being broadcast over social media sites causing public confusion. KTA utilizes a private sector to provide weather warning and the message was shared over the social media sites to the public causing confusion with the local emergency management system. The goal is to strive to provide a consistent message to the public from all partners in order to save lives.

Hazmat IQ class, (generally for FD with additional training) and tabletop with FD and LE and Medical working group for “active shooter” exercise will be performed to walk through the plan in 2017.

EOC leadership exercise for Hazmat response training to review ESFs and roles and responsibilities and how the EOC functions. Look for an email from Teri Smith in regard to this exercise and who would be attending in 2017.

Teri Smith will be attending the International Association of Emergency Managers Conference Friday in Savannah, GA. If you have any issues or concerns, you can contact her by email and phone. You can also contact David and Jillian if you need any information.

Jillian Rodrigue will be attending an Advanced Leadership Course at the Emergency Management Institute and will be gone the first week in November.

David Hogg and Jillian Rodrigue attended the Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference in September and identified some networking information for the state.

Grants:

The Commodity Flow Study (CFS), a study indicating how hazardous material is moved throughout the community, as well as the Tier II Report, that is required by companies, is completed. Teri Smith will be sending out the final draft to the entities involved. A copy is available for viewing if so desired.

The 2016 Chemtrade Functional Exercise is completed and will be closed shortly. The final After Action Report (AAR) was released earlier in the week and copies are available upon request to Jillian Rodrigue or Teri Smith.

Community Updates:

September was National Preparedness month and a social media push was sent out as well as meeting with each council in the county; presenting to the Douglas County Commissioners as well as the councils of the City of Lawrence, City of Baldwin, City of Eudora and City of Lecompton with a proclamation to proclaim September as National Preparedness month and also an opportunity for EM to remind them what EM offers and how it can help during an emergency situation. EM provided them with materials for the citizens of their communities to reiterate the information.

A CERT class was held in September, at Fire Station #5 to identify ways to serve in the community and help neighbors. In attendance was 16 citizens from the community including the Humane society, Douglas County Vet Association and the churches here in Lawrence.

Tabletop exercise at the Public Works Dept. that included Douglas County, City of Lawrence, City of Baldwin, and City of Lecompton. Valuable feedback was received. The AAR is being completed to understand the valuable lessons learned. Bill Winegar discussed the highlights of the exercise.

Planning:

The Mass Fatality Plan with LDCFM and other health partners is close to being completed.

The Animal Response Plan with the Humane Society and other Veterinary facilities is close to completion.

A Comprehensive Recovery Plan for Douglas County needs to be updated. Looking at other communities who have suffered disasters and looking at what plans they had in place prior and how they have recovered is essential in the planning process, allows this to be done more effectively. Identifying challenges in community leader roles, housing, and other issues during the recovery phase and staying unique to our location is pertinent in the planning processes.

Jillian Rodrigue and David Hogg have been working with Clinton Township to look at a plan for Clinton, which has a lake on three sides. With the possibility of something happening, there is

only one road in and out and getting information to people in the event of something happening is key.

Orchard Lane Assisted Living in Baldwin, KS is a facility we have been in contact with in looking at their internal emergency operations plan and consideration of performing a mini CERT there sometime after the first of the year.

Volunteer Update:

ACT groups are going to be coming in November and performing the exercises between the EOC and LMH with a date TBD. Bud and another volunteer, Bill Roach, a radio operator, are going to the hospital to test the equipment. They also participate in Kansas City Heart which is the communication system shared among the hospitals. Kansas City Heart and LMH will be collaborating with the communications system.

Skywarn personnel have been training and will be ready for weather events.

Information Sharing:

Andrew Foster mentioned training for ICS 300 is upcoming November 2-3rd at Station #5 that Shaun, Chris, and Andrew will be teaching.

November 8th training at the EOC for CRMCS, this entails the badge system.

Maple Leaf Weekend is expecting big crowds since the weather is nice.

Chief Bill Edwards spoke of active shooter event exercises that are being performed in the Eudora schools alongside the county.

Sonia Jordan of Douglas County Health Department, which is nationally accredited, will be having a functional exercise on April 12th, on vulnerable populations. Volunteers are being recruited.

Chief Keiter shared Eudora's Great Kaw Adventure Race events and the challenge of being multi-jurisdictional in three different counties as well as the communication challenge. Next year they are anticipating using amateur radio groups to help with the event.

Tom Damewood spoke of the importance of communications in the hospital setting especially if the landlines are compromised.

David Hogg brought forth an issue of scheduling conflict between the Department Head meetings and the Douglas County emergency Management Board meeting. He will be sending out a poll in the next week or so to consider the option of having the Douglas County EM board meeting at another time and asks that everyone respond to the poll in an effort resolve the scheduling issue.

Close:

A motion was made by Bob Newton to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by H. Wayne Riley. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.