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Opening:

The Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 4, 2017. Trent McKinley welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order at 09:00 a.m. Introductions were made. The board unanimously approved the July minutes. Those present to the meeting included:

Attending:

Mike Baxter
Mathew Faulk
Larry Gray
Sonia Jordan
Stone Junod
Ken Keiter
Jeannette Klamm
Chris Lesser

Kristin Magette
Paul Marksbury
Trent McKinley
Kim Murphree
Greg Neis
Shannon Oury
Nicole Rials
Wayne Riley

Mike Russell
Lane Sekavec
Bud Waugh
Matt Golubski

Others Attending:

Jillian Rodrigue
Stephanie Schulz
Tyler Trigg

Presentation:

- Matt Golubski, Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross, introduced himself. He oversees the preparedness, response, and recovery for 19 counties in the northeastern quadrant of the state. Matt, an External Relations Supervisor, spent a week in Dallas after Hurricane Harvey (Category 4), affecting 13 million people, made landfall on August 25th. Matt brought back his experiences for us to learn from in the case of a disaster. Shelter, food, fuel, data collection, evacuations, and donations were discussed relating to the disaster.

Staff Updates:

ESF Meetings

- Connie and Jillian will be starting the ESF meetings the first of the year. ESF job aids and information are available to anyone would like a copy. EM and IT have established new ways to share information within the EOC as was brought up during the last exercise. This will be discussed during the ESF meetings.

August Flooding Update

- A damage assessment was completed following the August flood event. Though Douglas County reached its threshold, the State as a whole did not; therefore, we did not qualify for a Presidential Disaster Declaration or any funding.

HMEP Grant Update

- All HMEP grants have been submitted for close out, and EM is waiting for reimbursement from the state.

Plan Updates

- Mitigation – The State is in the process of rewriting the State Mitigation Plan, which is required every 5 years. This plan directly impacts the Regional Mitigation Plans. Jillian and Connie are attending planning meetings for the revision.
- COOP- Connie has been working on COOP plans with Douglas County Public Works, Douglas County Buildings and Grounds, Baldwin City and Emergency Communications. She will offer a short 10-15 minute presentation to explain the overview of COOP and the important components of a plan. She will be reaching out to the Sheriff's Office and Lawrence Police Department next.
- EMAP – We signed a contract with Jackie Miller for assistance with completing the steps for EMAP certification which was discussed at the July meeting. Please keep an eye out for emails as this process moves forward.
- Dam Plans– Connie has been reviewing the Dam/Watershed plans including the four Taury Creek Watershed Dam sites to ensure they are in line with state and federal guidelines.

DHS Exercise:

- On October 19th, several agencies and organizations will be participating in a functional exercise co-sponsored by DHS. This exercise has a heavy focus on public works and utilities.

Volunteer Updates:

- Amateur Radio Operators supported the Great Kaw Adventure Race, which gave the operators an overall picture of how they would assist with communications for a large geographical area.
- A full CERT class will be held on October 13-15th.
- Volunteers participated in the Humane Society Micro-chipping and Disaster and Preparedness Event. This was a great opportunity in the event of a disaster to collect animals and practice skills.
- Volunteers also assisted with accountability of participants of the Walk-tober event. Organizers were very pleased with the support the volunteers provided to the event.

Preparedness Campaigns:

- September was National Preparedness Month. Weekly radio interviews were held with KLWN. Kate attended the Haskell's Ready Campus Event as well as supplying preparedness information to local libraries.
- Tyler Trigg is an Intern working with EM. One of his projects is coordinating the Pursuit to Preparedness campaign. If anyone would like to donate any items, please let Tyler know.

Event Support:

- The MCV was activated for the Luke Bryan concert and also at the North Lawrence incident near Johnny's.
- Emergency Management continues to provide on scene support at KU football games.

Awards:

- The Douglas County LEPC was awarded the LEPC Region 7 Website Award at the LEPC/TERC Conference.
- The Topeka National Weather Service recognized Emergency Management as their Weather Ready Nation 2017 Ambassador of Excellence. "DCEM continues to stand out among our partners by their tireless efforts to promote weather preparedness and

awareness across the area through safety fairs, school functions, and professional severe weather symposiums each year. They are a force that multiplies in helping to make their communities more resilient and building a more WRN one community at a time.”

Information Sharing:

- Wayne Riley noted that on November 4th Lecompton will hold a Chili Feed at Station 1.
- November 11th is the Lawrence Veteran’s Day Parade. This will be the first since 1968.
- Kristin Magette, Eudora Public Schools, thanked Jillian for her presentation to Eudora Middle School on the eclipse and local history.
- Sonja Jordan, LDCHD, informed everyone that KDEM is offering a Mass Fatality TTX class in the spring, which will meet their grant requirements. Sonja would like a local team to participate in the exercise.
- Stone Junod, Westar Energy, traveled to Dallas, meeting with the Association of Hazardous Materials Planners and attended a TTX exercise involving a train derailment with a gas leak. Stone suggested that evacuations at a further distance from a disaster site should be discussed. Stone discussed enhancing their onsite plans, including referencing the recent Commodity Flow Study.
- Mike Baxter, WTFD, announced that they purchased a drone and they are in the preliminary stages working with the FAA. If anyone is interested or has experience with this, please contact Mike.
- Trent McKinley, LKPD, voiced that Gregory Burns, Jr. from Louisville, KY was sworn in as the new Lawrence Police Chief.
- Matt Golubski, ARC, mentioned that the Chapter is responsible for a recovery hub which is being staffed by approximately 20 volunteers to assist those affected by Hurricane Irma.

Close:

A motion was made by Trent McKinley to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mike Russell. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.