



DOUGLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD

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October 2, 2019

Chair Mike Russell welcomed members and called the Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on October 2, 2019.

Mike introduced the new Emergency Management Director, Robert Bieniecki. Robert, who previously worked for Emergency Management, stated how excited he was to join the team and lead the department forward.

Those present in the meeting included:

Attending:

Paul Baker
Joseph Baranski
Keith Browning
Derek Bland
Chris Croucher
Rob Culley

Andrew Foster
Kay Johnson
Amy Lurken
Gordon Leong
Cary Mans
Bob Newton
Mike Pattrick

Mike Russell
Lane Sekavec
Stephanie Schulz
John Stipetich
Bud Waugh

Others attending: Laura Hartman.

Emergency Management staff present: Robert Bieniecki, Jillian Rodrigue.

Minutes – Mike Russell

- Entertained a motion to receive the July 3, 2019, minutes. Gordon Leong made the motion which was seconded by Bud Waugh. All members voted in favor to approve.

Presentation:

- Gary Tolle from Southern Star provided a very informative presentation on mitigating damage to lines, response protocols, and how to identify a leak by sight smell and sound. Encouraged all to be sure to call 811 before you dig. While pipelines are one of the safest ways to transport natural gas, hitting a high pressure gas line is dangerous and could be deadly.

Plans – Jillian Rodrigue

LEOP

- Completed all initial ESF meetings; new standards have been released, plan is due Aug 2020, expect another round of meetings; Staff will be attending an upcoming LEOP Workshop

Mitigation

- Plan approved by FEMA and has been promulgated by the County Commission. Each participating entity needs to promulgate/approve the plan.

Grants - Jillian

- HMEP – Applications for 2021 will be coming out soon. Share any training or exercise ideas you have.
- EMPG – Received all monies for 2018. Submitted application for 2019. The Tornado

response will be counted as one of the EMPG exercise requirements.

- HMGP – County is considering Flood Buyouts; applied for portion of the Siren replacement project.

Volunteer Groups - Jillian

- CERT Class – Oct 11th – 13th; assisted with damage assessments & follow up call for LRTC; accountability support for KU Games; completed County Road Training; upgraded the CERT Trailer; all are invited to the Volunteer Recognition on Oct 23rd 5:30PM

Preparedness Campaigns – Jillian

- Conducted outreach for National Preparedness Month
- Participated in several community fairs, presentations and other outreach events; more already on the calendar

Event/Incident Support – Jillian

- MCV deployed to support operations during the drowning below Clinton Dam; continue to support KU Football games

Tornado and Flood Disasters Update - Jillian

- Met the County and State threshold for the April 28th – July 12th Disaster Declaration. Several heavy rain events including July 31st – Aug 1st. Applicant briefing was completed.
- August 1st: Another round of flooding including water rescues, damage assessments with volunteer agencies, several sent to the Long Term Recovery Committee.
- KDEM requested preliminary damage assessment numbers (July 13th to current). Met the County threshold, but awaiting word about the statewide numbers and next steps, if any.
- LTRC: Anyone still needing help has been sent to specific agencies or moved to case management to assist with unmet needs.

Information Sharing:

- Amy (Heartland)- Updating emergency preparedness plans
- Keith (County Public Works) – Tornado C&D total of 1464 tons; woody debris 10,249 cubic yards; mulch haul 6,336 cubic yards. Total for C&D haul– \$186,000.
- Paul (LMH) - HICS training and IAP course completed with all senior leaders
- Andrew (KU EM) – Thankful for CERT support during football games
- Rob (Baldwin Public Works) – Very volatile spring and summer with many flooding issues
- Mike (Baldwin PD) – Invited everyone to attend the Maple Leaf Festival on the 19th

Close:

A motion was made by Bob Newton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.