



DOUGLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2020

Chair Mike Russell welcomed members and called the Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Those present in the meeting included: Mike Russell – University of Kansas; Joe Baranski – Hallmark; Kay Johnson – Prosoco; Nicole Rials – Bert Nash Center; Trent McKinley – Lawrence Police Department.

Emergency Management staff present included: Jillian Rodrigue, Joshua Taylor

Minutes – Mike Russell

- Entertained a motion to receive the December 4, 2019, meeting minutes. Joe made the motion to accept and was seconded by Kay. All members voted in favor to approve.

Executive Committee Business – Mike Russell and Jillian Rodrigue

- TEPW Survey/Information: Showed LEPC Board new Survey (Survey Monkey) and received feedback on improvements to be made before being sent out to LEPC Board, and then on to community partners.
- Explanation of purpose, goals, and future use for data use/Exercise, to include building partner network.

Staff Updates – Jillian Rodrigue

- LEOP – Our goal is to have the ESF meetings scheduled and shared calendar with group. Described the 20 week ESF review/meetings/final postings for the EOP, to include process for said updates with new State requirements/attachments (GIS additional requirements).
- Noted the LEOP workshop.
- Noted the Stratford Water tower issues as related to our radio repeaters. Discussed possible solutions, new locations (tower), and new equipment.
- Noted the possible moves of sirens due to continued city developments and possible impacts/issues of coverage.
- Volunteers –
 - Skywarn training in full operations.
 - Duty Officers – Changes in Do's and new volunteers (8).
 - GIS has created rally points for spotters, and associated training for.
 - EX Training for Net Control Support/Field Net, due to rogue Tornado Warnings.
- EMEP Grant – Submitted for 2019!
- HMEP Grant – Submitted Grant request for Commodity Flow Study, Douglas County will take lead of the multi-County (Johnson/Osage) effort. Waiting on State approval for the HMEP grant, should know of approval in Fall 2020.
- Preparedness / Outreach / Event Support:
 - Wildland Task Force EX drill 22 Feb. 2020.
 - SVR WX Awareness Week 02-06 Mar. 2020 (Statewide Tornado Drill).
 - Leadership Lawrence visit and future option for outreach at Lunch/Learns.
 - Students came in for meetings for Cap Stone projects (KU / Military).
 - Mike Russell highlighted potential Civil Air Patrol connections.
 - Jillian Rodrigue noted meetings with KU professor (mitigation research), and possible meeting with another KU faculty member who was involved in studies

related to 28 May 2019 tornado incident. Possible interns and best practices conversations.

- Jillian Rodrigue noted meeting with new City Manager, who seems to be interested in our work.

Collaboration:

- Mike Russell highlighted potential Civil Air Patrol connections.
- Discussion of Virus event and future EX for said possible scenarios.
- Concern over City Airport as entry point for infectious disease.

Close

A motion was made by Mike to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe, and the meeting was adjourned.