



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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April 7, 2021

Chair Kay Johnson welcomed members and called the Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on January 6, 2021.

Those present in the meeting included:

Kay Johnson

Dennis Leslie

Teri Axman

Shane Munsch

Cary Mans

Tony Foster

Marlin Bates

Chris LaMar

Mike Russell

Trent McKinley

Gary Goombi

Mike Pattrick

KJ Abel Ruch

Josh Carson

Wayne Riley

Sarah Wickham

Mike Pattrick

Bud Waugh

Mike Baxter

Jasmin Moore

Bob Newton

Matthew Faulk

Ken Keiter

Emergency Management staff included:

Robert Bieniecki

Josh Taylor

Jillian Rodrigue

Jenni Blake

Others attending: None

Common Acronyms:

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Minutes – Kay Johnson

- Mike Russell made the motion to receive the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes and was second by Bob Newton. All members voted in favor to approve.

Presentation – EM Staff – Covid-19 update; IPPW

- Overview given of County's response to pandemic and current phases of vaccinations.
- Douglas County is leading the state for vaccinations.
- Explanation of IPPW and why so important.
- Josh will be sending information via Everbridge
- Josh is available to work directly with your agency to determine training / exercise needs. JTaylor@douglascountyks.org
- ** Request of severe weather training **
- ** Request to consider integrating equity into response / training events **

Staff Updates – Robert Bieniecki, Jillian Rodrigue

- STRATEGIC PLAN – EM staff will adjust original time frame due to shift that was made for COVID-19.
- HMEP –
 - 2020 - was approved for HazMat Training –delayed due to COVID. LDCFM will be conducting this training in May 2021.
 - 2021 – HazMat Commodity Flow Study team (consisting of participants from Osage County, Jefferson County and Douglas County) meeting every couple weeks. Tetra-Tech awardee of RFP. Gathering data from 25 sites. Tetra-Tech will give update to Full Board at July 7 meeting. Study will be completed in August. Received \$90,000 for grant but study will only use part of that funding. Considerations for HazMat/Transportation training exercise with remaining funding amount.
 - 2022 – submitted application to conduct full scale exercise – not expecting response until later in year. LMH will be involved in this exercise if approved.
- Jillian accepted award from Public Health on behalf of Emergency Management. Healthier Together Leadership Award.
- EM working with ECC for new radios – ECC leading project.
- EM presenting overview of functions to Board of County Commission in work study session today at 4pm.
- Completed Leadership Lawrence presentation which included exercise.
- EM assisted fire at Babcock Place – KU EM and Parks and Rec assisted with logistics.
- KU Call Center – COVID Hotline manned 7 days a week.

Volunteer Updates – Jillian Rodrigue

- No Severe Weather Symposium held this year due to COVID. NWS conducted online weather spotter / severe weather training in its place.
- Radio Etiquette training conducted in February.

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- Volunteers have been vaccinated.
 - ACT continues to do training.
 - Creating training schedule quarterly based on CDC guidelines and recommendations.
 - Conducted severe weather presentations to partners via Zoom. If interested, please contact EM Staff.
 - EOC activations due to ESF 4 grass fires. Assisted with logistic support.
 - Volunteers continuing to be requested for mass vaccination support events.
 - Providing resource support for UC.

Information Sharing –

- Teri Axman – LMH – Conducted analysis to see what top threats are at LMH. Severe weather and workplace violence/active shooter incidents are top two threats. Will send Josh list of training.
- Mike Baxter – Consolidated Fire District #1 – In process of working with DGCO IT for updating computer system. In March ran total of 80 grass fires. 63 were run in the first 14 days of March and most were significant in size (ranging from 40-50 acres). Last year total fire season only had 43 grass fires. Conditions are worse this year than any year since 2013.
- Mike Russell – KU – Campus has had numerous inspections from various State entities within the past couple of months. Research has been gaining momentum in Labs.
- KJ Abel Ruch – United Way – Sent out request yesterday for Volunteers. Uptick in Volunteer interest as more are getting vaccinated.
- Tony Foster – DGCO Emergency Communications – Federal Government has dedicated 988 as mental health and suicide awareness hotline to take effect in October. Any area that has prefixes of 988 in dialing plan will need to switch to a 10 digit dialing system. Starting April 24, will start accepting 10 digit dialing. October 24th will be stop date and 10 digit dialing will be mandatory.
- Sarah Wickam – Red Cross – Offices still closed due to COVID. Moving forward with programs on virtual platform unless natural disaster / fire request in person support. Youth / adult programs available – can provide education to businesses. Contact Sarah for more info: sarah.wickham@redcross.org
- Matthew Faulk – Bert Nash – Homeless outreach sheltered 370 people throughout winter. Mental Health services are full. Crisis Center construction should be completed by next February and fully functioning by April or May 2022.
- H. Wayne Riley – City of Lecompton - Last meeting – replacement announced.

Close:

A motion was made by Marlin Bates to adjourn the meeting. H. Wayne Riley second the motion, and the meeting adjourned.

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