

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hitchcock, Hayes, Perkins and Red Willow Counties

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Pat Gerdes at 11:14 a.m., following the LEPC meeting at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, NE.

All of the seven PET Region counties were represented. The following members were present:

Chase- EM Paul Kunnemann,

Dundy- EM Elaine Frasier

Hayes- EM Charlynn Hamilton

Perkins- Sheriff/EM Jim Brueggeman

Furnas- EM Roger Powell

Hitchcock- EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp

Red Willow- Sheriff/EM Gene Mahon, Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also present were Heidi Wheeler of the Southwest Nebraska Health Department; Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products/Southwest Ne. LEPC; Chief Ike Brown, McCook Police Department; Chief Larry Thoren, Hastings Police Department and CNRI (Central Nebraska Regional Interoperability).

Motion was made by Ike, seconded by Elaine to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion was made by Char to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Gene, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jim reported on grant activities:

2007 Grant: 84% complete. 9% invoiced, including repeaters for Gene. \$16,348.92 remains uncommitted. If anyone has a project they would like to use it for, they need to get it to Pat right away, so he can contact NEMA before the money is no longer available.

2008 Grant: 98% complete. \$77 was paid out for Char's room at the TEPW in North Platte.

2009 Grant: Over \$11,000 remains uncommitted. Members were reminded of the portion reserved for law enforcement use.

NCOR: Pat reported that serious issues have been identified. One is the use of VHF by the State Patrol, while most counties are using UHF. (Dundy County does use VHF). Another is the need

for training on the Paraclete System. Pat reports NEMA has taken over training, and will be bringing out 2 levels of training for dispatchers, emergency managers, etc. Sustainability has also caused concern. The group continues to move forward.

TICP: Pat and Kyle attended a two-day workshop for TICP and CASM. Our region's data has been entered into the new TICP template, and submitted to NEMA. Pat will distribute the list of all of our region's frequencies. The TICP indicates that they are all on file with emergency managers. Most regions were not able to get their TICP converted and submitted by NEMA's deadline.

New Business:

CNRI: Pat reported on the group's support of the PET Regions. IED money and training were mentioned. Larry Thoren then spoke to the group regarding the future of SWPETR's involvement with CNRI. He cited the work the group has done, and the voice the group provides for the counties. He acknowledged the concerns of SWPETR's counties regarding participation and the location of the meetings. He assured the group that meetings would be rotated more, should the Southwest Region choose to remain in the organization.

Public Policy Center: no new information. None were present from the Center.

At 12:28 Roger moved, seconded by Ike, to take a recess for lunch, as we were scheduled to be at the cafeteria at 12:30. Pat reconvened the meeting at 13:30.

Char reported on the TEPW in North Platte. She wanted to remind everyone of the proper procedure when we activate the regional hazmat team, so that the expense would be reimbursed by the state. Paul Jantzen (pjantzen@hotmail.com or 402-980-6747) with the Dept. of Health and Human Services would like to know when anyone we have an exercise, so he may possibly participate. The work plan for exercises is due in March. NIMS trainings were also discussed. We are required to take 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800.

Dick Christensen from SERC was present to attend the meeting. During the earlier LEPC meeting, he reminded everyone of the CSB videos available free for responders. These may be found at CSB.gov or safetyvideos.gov. They may be viewed at youtube.com/uscsb. He mentioned upcoming Transcaer railcar training in 2011.

Heidi updated the group on the special needs planning and registry. She said there are concerns about the gentleman working on the registry retiring. He would like to continue, but Heidi says she has questions about confidentiality/privacy of the registered individuals.

There were no other comments for the good of the group. Jim moved, seconded by Roger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 13:48. The next meeting will be March 9th in McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder