



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

April 21, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Barton County Courthouse
Conference Room
Great Bend, KS 67530

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Amy Miller at 1:36 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members

Chairman Miller asked that all of those individuals present introduce themselves and to describe their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Present:

- Kenton Doze, Hoisington Police Chief
- Don Halbower, American Red Cross
- Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
- Doug Hubbard, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
- Chris Komarek, City of Ellinwood, Fire Chief
- Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Jane Schepmann, RN, Clara Barton Hospital
- Ron Seidel, Kansas Gas Service
- Mark Witt, Barton County Solid Waste, Manager

Guests Present:

- Pam Stiles, Barton County Health Department
- Jim Leftwich, KDEM, South Central Regional Coordinator
- Mike Loreg, EMFusion, LLC
- Karen Van Brimmer, Hoisington City Council Member

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the January 27, 2014 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the January 27, 2014, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from January 27, 2014.

Motion: Mark Witt

Second: Mary Hoisington

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Regional Commodity Flow Study

Mike Loreg, EMFusion, LLC, provided an overview and update on the South Central Kansas Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study. Loreg reviewed why it was important to participate in the Commodity Flow Study. Loreg stated that it is important for responders to know what types of hazardous materials may be transported throughout the county and within the cities in the event of an accident or disaster. In addition, the information captured can be utilized by many agencies to apply for other grants. Barton County's soft match, utilizing time spent on the project rather than cash, is \$1,960.20. Information that will be provided in the study includes what hazardous materials are transported by rail, pipeline, and highway through Barton County. Such information can help agencies prepare for an emergency response through pre-planning, training and exercises. Loreg commented that Barton County has provided the information requested by EMFusion and traffic counts will be conducted in the near future.

5. Exercise Report

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, informed the members that she had attended the South Central Regional FAD Seminar and Quarantine Management Tabletop Exercise on March 5, 2014, in Wichita. Emergency managers from throughout the South Central Homeland Security Region were in attendance at the exercise. Miller explained that the exercise objectives were to orient participants to a variety of web resources that would be valuable for planning and response to a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak; demonstrate the use of a template to setup and manage a control area in their county; and demonstrate the ability to order additional resources using the proper forms and methodology. The Improvement Plan for Barton County recommends updating maps of Barton County to indicate paved and unpaved roads, and the locations of feed yards. Also to be included in a layer of the maps is the weight limits on bridges throughout Barton County. In addition, another objective is to hold training for Public Works, Law Enforcement and Public Health on traffic control measures and the effects of a FAD incident on humans. Miller also said that Barton County and Pawnee County would look at partnering to repeat this quarantine exercise with their first responders.

A seminar for elected officials was held on March 17, 2014, to review elected officials roles and responsibilities in the recently updated Barton County Emergency Operations Plan. Miller reported that Jim Leftwich, South Central Regional Coordinator, Kansas Division of Emergency Management, was the presented for the session.

6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2014

Amy Miller, Barton County emergency Management Director, reported that over 190 individuals attended the two presentations of "Storm Fury on the Plains" that was presented by the National Weather Service, Wichita Office, on March 4, 2014. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2014,

which was March 3 through March 7, provided an opportunity for schools and businesses to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill on March 4. In addition, Miller provide severe weather safety tips during the week on KVGB-AM radio.

7. Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chairman Miller informed the members that on April 25, 2014, 1:00-4:00 p.m., there would be a Kickoff meeting for a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Barber, Barton, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt and Stafford counties. She informed members that school districts, municipalities, the county, and certain non-profits had been invited to the Kickoff meeting. The regional planning process will include an update of the information in the current Barton County Hazard Mitigation Plan and combine it into a regional plan. Miller said that she would report back to the membership at the next LEPC meeting concerning the progress on the plan.

8. Training Opportunities

Chairman Miller told members that there was an ICS 300 class in Larned for April 29 and 30, 2014, if anyone needed that training. No other members had any reports of training.

9. Reports from Members

Jane Schepmann asked the members if anyone else had attended the Active Shooter training recently in Hays. No members reported attending the training. Members discussed the various responses to an Active Shooter situation. Members agreed that a response to an Active Shooter situation needs to be tailored to the needs of the agency and should included working with all emergency response partners.

Don Halbower reported that Linda and Leonard Bunselmeyer were now available to assist with the local response of the American Red Cross.

Sarah Krom informed members that there will be an increased number of 12 person buses traveling the roads throughout Barton County due in part to an increase in medical transportation both within and without the county. In addition, in the event of an accident, responders should expect passengers in these buses to have medical oxygen, mobility impairments and other disabilities.

10. Other Business and Public Comments

Chairman Miller told members that the Barton County Board of County Commissioners approved the Barton County Emergency Operations (EOP) on January 27, 2014. Miller brought the EOP before the LEPC on October 14, 2014, for a formal review. Members were provided with the password to review the on-line EOP. As a result of that formal review and the approval of the EOP by the Barton County Board of County Commissioners, she is seeking an official approval and direction to sign an LEPC approval of the EOP. The signed approval will become part of the Barton County EOP.

Action: To approve the Barton County EOP and direct the chairman to sign the official plan approval form.

Motion: Mark Witt

Second: Kenton Doze

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Mark Witt provided information on a weather radar app for Android phones, PYKL3 Radar, to members. The project combines the NOAA weather radar with storm spotter radar and pushes it out to subscribers in a timely manner. The app also provides storm tracking and customizable radar information.

11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date has been set for July 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Room 101, Great Bend, Kansas.

12. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the April 21, 2014, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Kenton Doze

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Approved: 07-21-2014
Amy J. Miller