



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**July 12, 2016**

10:00 a.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 10:04 a.m.

### 2. Introduction of Members

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

Members Present: Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS  
Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS  
Phil Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste, Manager  
Don Halbower, American Red Cross  
Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Department  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital

Guests Present: Jerry McNamar, Barber County Emergency Management  
Stuart Johnson, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline  
Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College  
Cole Reif, Eagle Radio

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the April 12, 2016 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the April 12, 2016 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from April 12, 2016.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Don Halbower

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

#### **4. Anderson Creek Fire**

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, introduced Jerry McNamar, Barber County Emergency Manager. Miller said that McNamar agreed to talk to the committee about the Anderson Creek Fire in Barber County in March 2016. McNamar told the committee that he was here to tell them the unvarnished truth about the event. The fire was started by a truck in Anderson Creek, Oklahoma and spread into Barber County, Kansas due to unseasonably high temperatures and 50 mph winds. The fire burned from March 22-28, 2016. The fire was the largest wildland fire in Kansas history and to date is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest wildland fire in the United States. The Anderson Creek Fire is the largest private property fire in the United States. The top ten largest wildland fires have all been on Federal property.

Interesting facts that McNamar provided:

- 1) 2,387,000 gallons of water were utilized during the fire.
- 2) 190 Kansas and Oklahoma VOLUNTEER fire departments responded.
- 3) 397,000 total acres were burned in Oklahoma and Kansas.
- 4) 258,363 pasture acres were burned in Barber County, Kansas.
- 5) 24,219 cultivated acres were burned in Barber County, Kansas.
- 6) Approximately 16,000 acres per hour were burned in Barber County during the fire.

Unified Command, within the Incident Command System, was utilized to coordinate and direct the response to the fire. He did comment that "good" rural fire training is currently very limited. McNamar emphasized that more Incident Command System training needs to be offered to volunteer fire departments.

McNamar discussed the difference of applying for federal aid for a wildland fire as opposed to other disaster events. Although the Federal Emergency Management Agency reviews all federal disaster declaration requests, there are different criteria that must be met for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) as opposed to a Major Disaster Declaration, i.e. floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes. McNamar discussed the importance of working with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management when applying for a FMAG.

After a review of the After Action Report that was compiled by Barber County, McNamar added that Barber County is being sued due to the fire response. Barber County is insured through KCAMP (Kansas County Association Multiline Pool) and that KCAMP could be paying out \$500,000 as a result of the lawsuit.

#### **5. Annual Review of Emergency Support Function (ESF 10) Oil and Hazardous Materials**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, reminded the members that the Barton County LEPC should review the ESF 10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials portion of the Barton County Emergency Operations Plan at least once every calendar year. The ESF was emailed to members prior to the meeting for their review. Members did not have any suggestions to make for changes/updates at this time. Miller then asked Stuart Johnson, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline representative, if he had any comments to make at this time in regards to hazardous materials emergency planning. Johnson told members that Southern Star had a 20 inch diameter pipeline that is located in the Barton County and transports natural gas that does not have an

odor. Johnson reminded the members that the pipeline participates in the 811 System which can be used in the reverse – after an event occurs emergency response agencies can contact 811 to mark any buried utilities for disaster response.

It was suggested that the 811 System be referenced in the ESF 10 function as a resource.

## **6. Training Opportunities**

Chairman Miller asked members if there were any training opportunities that anyone wanted to announce. There were no announcements by any of the members.

## **7. Reports from Members**

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had any reports. There were no reports offered by any of the members present.

## **8. Other Business and Public Comments**

Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College (BCC), introduced himself and described the Active Shooter Training that he was involved with at BCC. He also promoted more Incident Command System training be made available to all emergency responders, volunteers or paid.

## **9. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC**

The next meeting date has been suggested for October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Great Bend, Kansas.

## **10. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the July 12, 2016 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Chris Komarek

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Approved: October 4, 2016  
Amy Miller