

MINUTES  
HARVEY COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
EOC Room  
120 E. 7th Street  
Newton Kansas 67114  
August 10th 2022@ 9:00 am

Present: Mike Anderson, Gloria Arellano, Dalton Black, Russell Buller, Skip Cowan, Jamie Dehler, Craig Dunlavy, Bryan Ellis, Brody Flavin, Jim Bethards, Daniel Galley, Sam Jack, Daniel Keane, Lona Kelly, Jim Leftwich, Doug Lloyd, Michelle Lowery, Kyle McCaskey, Jim Meier, Brian Palmer, Molly Redinger, Karen Rothe, Angie Tatro, Larry Alexander, Diana Waddell-Gilbert, Kyle Fiedler

Zoom: Cory Lehman, Ryan Magill, Steve Roberson, Emily Trask, DeLane Unruh,

Brody Flavin (LEPC Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 901am.

Brody Flavin asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting, Jim Leftwich brought forth the motion which was seconded by Larry Alexander.

Brody Flavin asked for a motion to approve the June 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes. Skip Cowan made the motion and was seconded by Brian Palmer. **Minutes approved.**

Old Business:

Bryan Ellis advised the group that ESF topics will be put on hold for the time being while until we can re address them and decide what levels they are designated. This way we can take the time to look at what each ESF details and who would be considered into those groups, just so we can tweak them and get them more defined. There were no questions brought forth and that concluded the topic of old business.

New Business:

**Industry Spotlights:**

**Molly Redinger with Harvey County Emergency Management** joined the meeting to discuss the many aspects of 9-1-1 Dispatch and presented a PowerPoint. - Molly has been with Harvey County 9-1-1 for 15 years, and advised they currently have employed 18 full time employee, 2 par time 1 full time CSR who is shared with Emergency Management which gives an accumulation of 200 years' experience between all of them. Molly also shared that the 9-1-1 is currently working with a 1.6 billion budget and is considered one of the 10 busiest PSAP in Kansas. The communication center also has a mobile operation center with the following capabilities:

- Mobile operations center
- 2 dual head radios
- 3 remote base
- Radios including Ham
- Battery Chargers
- Computer Network
- Drone Monitoring
- CAD/MDT laptops.

In the bus there is also a CSG / Verizon Command Post  
2 to 3 lines phone common call in number Wi-Fi access point 260 seed dials.

Incident tactical dispatchers who would be with the mobile unit are TERT ERT Comms Squad  
COML/COMT/INCM.

Bryan Ellis asked about whether it is easier for text or voice calls into the dispatch center?

Molly explained that there are current capabilities also for text messages to be received for 9-1-1 calls and that a program being used called Repaid Deploy guides the dispatchers with a mapping process. Molly further explained that dispatchers look at about 8 monitors a day, it is really robust and able to keep up with breadcrumbs from any call. Other tasks besides 911 that are performed from the communication center is setting off tornado warnings for our county and by city. Entry in NCIC for stolen guns, wanted person, vehicles, and we maintain and keep those records.

Molly also explained that the decision to set off the tornado alarms can be made if there is a creditable call in from a trained spotter than dispatchers can make the decision to set off those warning. They can be determined by law enforcement, Emergency Management, Trained spotters, or any weather related service who issues the warning.

### **Table Top Exercise:**

**Mike Anderson Director of Emergency Management** brought forth a preparedness training table top exercise.

Scenario:

Aviation Incident - Cessna Denali with 8 people from Denver to Branson (million dollar plane 5 ) engine trouble and diverting to newton 15 min eta

Bryan Ellis gets the call and while he is on the phone with the dispatcher, another person is calling Brian Palmer and giving them all the information so he can call their controller with them also calling Wichita airport to give all the value information along with how much pounds of fuel is on the plane.

Brian Palmer will then confirm the amount of fuel on board, the number of souls and let 911 know the information. Cory Lehman

Cory Lehman advised they will send a medic, unit, chief operator and then a truck for fire.

5 minutes later dispatch receives calls that the plane has crashed in a field. In the Northwest part of the county. Between Spring Lake and NW 72<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Palmer then advised that because of charter any airplane that crashes within the airport area they will respond due to information they can provide. Only if dispatch contacts them, that way they can assist. At this point they will presume that this is the plane that was in route to the airport but once confirmed they will divert the resources that is needed.

2 minutes later social media advised that Nick Sabin is on board and that it is his plane that has gone down. Bryan Ellis advised that it will now become a media frenzy, so Kyle McCaskey will need to be notified and media staging will need to be set up. Possibly at the airport since that is not where the plane is located currently.

With this scenario Mike Anderson asked what mission areas are now set up ?

Kyle McCaskey advised PIO

Brian Palmer added that Highway Patrol controlling agency for accident FTA NCSB Road and Bridge

Mike Anderson advised Emergency Management Volunteer Management Chaplains ( if requested ) asked by Larry Alexander asked who would call them and ask for them to be on scene? Mike advised it would be the EOC more than likely.

Russell Buller advised that the Coroner's office would need to be activated as well as outside hospitals and trauma one units.

Bryan Ellis asked what would happen if this had been a military aircraft. Brian Palmer explained that this is a whole different beast because you have now included 14 layers of government agency but that local law enforcement will be released for sure within a few hours DOT will take over immediately.

Mike Anderson ended the table top exercise with the history behind such a incident and that it was based off the death of Knute Rockne who actually died in a plane crash here in Kansas his memorial is near Mattfield Green this was a public outcry and President Hoover addressed the nation. This actually changed commercial aviation forever, implementing many safety measures that are still in place today.

**Future LEPC Meeting** Bryan Ellis discusses the next meeting in October and that we are finally getting our LEPC list updated and that please check the list in the back to make sure you are current. Will go ahead and continue the zoom meetings for a little bit due to the COVID uptick we will continue. Meeting notices will continue as they are so email invites will be sent out prior to the October meeting.

Also In that meeting we will be going over the current IPPW plans and looking to see if we need to update any of those items and what needs to be completed, as a process we will need to identify why it wasn't completed and how we can fix these issues and then try to start planning

for the next three year process on these issues. Example table top issues to a functional exercises on some of the points. We are also going to talk about the possibility for ICS course for first responders we can look over that too. Advised that the 300 class is coming up in September and then we can look at the possibility of doing a 400 class next year in Harvey County.

Brody Flavin asked for a motion to adjourn the August 10th 2022 meeting, Skip Cowan made the motion and it was seconded by Brian Palmer. **Meeting adjourned at 9:58am**

Next Meeting date October 12th, 2022 at the EOC located at 120 E. 7<sup>th</sup>, Newton, KS 67114