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Opening:

The Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee met on January 2, 2019. Mike Russell thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order at 08:30 a.m. Introductions were made. The board unanimously approved the January 2 minutes. Those present in the meeting included:

Attending:

Porter Arneill
Joseph Baranski
Mike Baxter
Jane Blocher
Randy Brown
Keith Browning
Steve Devore
Russell Epperson

Andrew Foster
Kay Johnson
Stone Junod
Ken Keiter
Allen Kinsley
Gordon Leong
Trent McKinley
Bob Newton

Nicole Rials
H. Wayne Riley
Mike Russell
John Stipetich
Carol Von Cloedt
Bud Waugh

Others Attending:

Joe Hoelscher
Jillian Rodrigue
Connie Hutchins
Stephanie Schulz

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW): Connie Hutchins spoke about the purpose of this workshop, which coordinates training with our outside agencies and internal departments so plans of preparedness can be developed. The workshop is built upon past exercises. Connie also reviewed the training which had occurred in the past year.

Staff Updates:

- **Plan Updates:**

- **COOP:** EM is updating their plan, and if any agency needs assistance, please contact Connie.
- **LEOP:** The May deadline is extended now into 2020, due to the rewriting of standards.
- **Mitigation Plan:** EM submitted our department Mitigation plan before March 14th.

- **HMEP Grants:**

- 2019 HazMatIQ Tox-Medic© grant will take place this summer. This course is a specialized EMS training program designed to give medics the knowledge and confidence required to provide advanced life support care.

- 2019/2020 Application: Through direction of the Executive board, EM submitted to the state a few HazMat classes, which will be conducted in 2020.
- **HMGP – Wakarusa Township Fire Department Generator:** Black Hills determined that the gas line to this generator at the Wakarusa Fire Station was insufficient, and the deadline was not going to be met, so there is a 90 day extension.
- **Volunteer Groups:**
- CERT: Kate Dinneen delivered a miniCERT class to Bethel Estates, which is an Independent Living community. A Full CERT weekend class will be offered to the community, and the information will be posted on social media.
- ACT & Skywarn: Volunteers attended Radio training

Outreach:

- Joe Hoelscher with EM will be meeting with Keith Browning and Tonya ? with Planning at Douglas County Public Works to understand infrastructure as it relates to those that are vulnerable to flooding; what their actions are during flood events and what their expectations of Emergency Management is.
- Stephanie and Jillian visited Sunset Hill Elementary and Cordley Elementary School's to speak about severe weather safety and handed out emergency preparedness kits.
- Over 100 individuals attended the The Weather 101 presentation this year at the Lawrence Public Library.

Information Sharing:

- **Red Cross:** Jane Blocher mentioned the Nebraska Flooding. Now working a Level 5 operation in NE- have a few hundred volunteers from our region on the ground. The first 10 days on the event were focused on sheltering, feeding and disaster mental health services. The second phase is delivering emergency cleanup supplies to the affected areas, mobile feeding and damage assessment, and now the financial assistance is beginning. Over a million head of livestock perished.
- **Douglas County:** Bob Newton informed every one of the Safety Fair will be hosted by the LPD and DGCO Sheriff's office and multiple agencies in South Park on Saturday, August 10th from 9-12. The Fire Department will have trucks at the park, and refreshments will be available.
- **Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center:** Nicole Rials said they are working to plan another training for their EM Response team for behavioral health. The Health Center would like to hold training for this summer, and their Response team is looking for a clinician who has experience in working with people in crisis to become a part of the team if there is an activation.
- **Douglas County Public Works:** Keith Browning spoke about the declining condition of the rural county rock roads, due to the winter weather. There is a work session next week at the Commission meeting with the townships to speak about the budgeting issues and what the options are. Townships will try to keep their mill levies as low as they can, but this hasn't been sufficient this year. Route 458 & N1000 Rd-east of Route 1057 (or E1900Rd) is closed for about a month to get all the work done.
- **EPA:** Training opportunities through EPA or through their contractors for HazMat training.

- **Westar Energy:** Stone Junod informed us about the transition of Westar being renamed to Evergy in the fall. There is a new training center at the Lawrence Energy Center. Stone will try to coordinate a meeting to speak about how Westar cooperates with other utilities across the country to support them during disasters.
- **City of Lawrence:** Porter Arneill announced the 2 City Manager candidate's are presenting information and answering questions this Sunday at the Carnige starting at 1:30PM and everyone is welcome to attend. The City Commission will meet on Monday and possibly make a decision.
- **Fire & Med:** Mike Baxter: Wildland Taskforce group (exercise?) last night & allows them to rapidly deploy and takes a large burden off of local resources and Incident Command staff. activation drill- met all goals & objectives – 6 different agencies and 20 different personnel that assembled within an hour and ready for deployment within 2 hours from notification. The Annual Pancake Feed is April 27th at Wakarusa Station 1 starting at 7:00AM. Fifty percent goes to the Sertoma ???club and the other 50 percent goes into training for the station.
- **KU Emergency Management:** Andrew Foster has a few big events (Spring game) coming up and asking DGCO EM to help with the event. The Big 12 Tennis Tournament and the Kansas Relays will be at the Rock Chalk Park at the same time. The Commencement will occur after that.
- **Hallmark Cards:** Joseph Baranski spoke about completing their spring eback drills ??and take covers and ready for their cyber?
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- **Headquarters:** Steve Devore
- **Lawrence Memorial Hospital:** Carol VonCloedt
- **Midland Railway:**
- **ICL:** Gordon Leong

Close:

A motion was made by Trent McKinley to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by H. Wayne Riley. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.