



## DOUGLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD

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January 08, 2020

Chair Mike Russell welcomed members and called the Douglas County Emergency Management Board/Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on January 08, 2020.

Mike thanked KU EM for the meeting space/hosting of the event, then proceeded to introductions of all those present at meeting.

Those present in the meeting included:

**Attending:**

Mike Russell  
Bud Waugh  
Ken Keiter  
Tony Foster  
Russell Epperson  
Mike Pattrick  
Ross Harris  
Kevin Oneslager

John Stipetich  
Bob Newton  
Kay Johnson  
Laurie White  
Chris Lessa  
Joseph Baranski  
Trent McKinley  
Gordon Leong  
Keith Browning

Chris Keary  
Chris Lesser  
Daniel Smith  
Andrew Foster  
Sonia Jordan

Others attending: None

Emergency Management staff present: Robert Bieniecki, Jillian Rodrigue, Joshua Taylor.

**Minutes** – Mike Russell

- Entertained a motion to receive the October 02, 2019, minutes. Bob Newton made the motion which was seconded by Kay Johnson. All members voted in favor to approve.

**Presentation** – Jillian Rodrigue

- Jillian provided a presentation of the LEOP plan and why it has been created to begin with. Looking into training/exercises building partnerships to reduce redundancy and expand strategic goals of all agencies/parties.

**Plans** – Jillian Rodrigue

- Training/Exercise Plan for next 3 years from LEOP Countywide that builds (improvement plan) and includes all LEPC members.
- Training/Exercise plan how it connects to State Grants (EMPG/HMEP).
- How the May 28, 2019 incident provided Lessons Learned/After Action that will be integrated into EOP and Training/Exercises.
- Surveys (Survey Monkey) request for input on all Training/Exercises, which will be highlighted in ESF workshops.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan will be re-worked/re-developed as we (LEPC) move forward.

### **Staff Session** – Mike Russell (Intro)/Robert Bieniecki/Jillian Rodrigue

- Strategic Plan: (Jillian Rodrigue) New standards, new template, and new deadline (June). Input of ESF data and schedule process. To include new GIS requirements & involvement in meetings.
- Workshops: (Robert Bieniecki) Hosting workshop that State is offering for the NE Region (part of new group EOP). Continued opportunities for Members and requests to get certain training moved closer to our Region.
- Continuation of Strategic Plan: (Robert Bieniecki) Covering the focus areas and direction outlined in handout provided to all members. Continued review of information in handout, to include: Alt EOC with end date (Wakarusa Township), Commodity Flow Study, County EM plans (staff/building), community outreach with focused effort/events, Training/Exercise Plan, new grant opportunities, EM Internal Infrastructure (People/equipment/process/DO changes).

### **Annual Report** - Jillian Rodrigue

- Short form (paper copy) provided to members, but now there is a story map (GIS) available online for every Severe Weather incident with much more information and interactive capabilities. The link will be sent to members once available and feedback is wanted.

### **Grants** – Mike Russell/Robert Bieniecki

- EMPG: (Robert Bieniecki) Discussed letter indicating Grant funding/amount.
- HMPG: (Robert Bieniecki) Used for training previously and more this year (2020), with following to 2021 application process, lending to the Commodities Flow Study.

### **Volunteer** – Jillian Rodrigue

- Volunteer recognition from May 28, 2019 weather event, on Facebook Live. It was a highlight of over 2000 hours of work. Awards were given (listed names) and noted the importance of these volunteers. Discussed start of training (Skywarn) for the up-coming season and all other areas (ACT, etc.). Noted the new rally points for spotters as part of new training and all additional training.

### **Community Outreach/Preparedness/Training** - Jillian Rodrigue

- Discussed weather awareness/preparedness at Fair Grounds (fix address) with WX Service, with second class in Eudora. Continued with Severe Weather Symposium (hosting) and the focus on May 28, 2019 tornado(s).
- March (02-06) is SVR WX awareness week, Alarms (03 Mar) will be sounded. Notices will be sent via Everbridge, but spread the information, especially if you are participating. Let us know how it goes!
- Hosting Community Response team training (April) at the Fair Grounds. This will be a condensed weekend version of the course, opportunity for organizations to request training (tailored mini-cert). Noted status of current volunteers (15 new / 40 total) and the required standards.
- Wildland fire training/involvement and update (no news) on FEMA reimbursement and the 3<sup>rd</sup> disaster currently being worked at this time, the money is still there but will take time.
- Development of new EOC SITREP, need feedback (survey) from partners to continue to develop process.

**Information Sharing:** - Mike Russell (Intro)

- Joseph Baranski (Hallmark Cards)- Updating emergency preparedness drills.
- Sonia Jordan (Health Department) – Statewide EX April 02, 2020 for pandemic Influenza (to include State/County/City/Hospitals).
- Andrew Foster (KU EM) – Year plan to get all buildings online with BOLD and recovery EX planning/training.
- Daniel Smith (United Way) – Thankful for CERT support during football game at Methodist Church, winter EM shelter.
- Gordon Leong (ICL) – Training with LDCFM and talked about what was on site, HAZ Situations, and specifics about units/procedures.
- Kevin Onslager (ARRL) – Trustee for DGCO Repeater, issues which have been corrected, still watching, trimmed down tail for solution.
- ACT: Monday night net, on the air. Sunday Nights DCARC on the Air; both repeaters are on the same tower. ARES group is looking for partner's in the event auxiliary comm. needed.
- Keith Browning (DCPW) – Pursue pre-event disaster contracts for debris cleanup.
- Ross Harris (EVERGY) – Set up Fairgrounds as staging area for support post incident.

**Close:**

A motion was made by Bob Newton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.