



MID-AMERICA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 13, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT

H. David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Department, *Chair*
 Paul Dolak, Brenntag Mid-South, *Vice Chair*
 Steve Bean, KCMO Emergency Management
 Micheal Boos, Raymore Emergency Management
 Mike Latta, Kansas City EMS
 Bill Fiser, Alternate for Richard Carrizzo, Southern Platte Fire Protection District
 Donna Maize, Alternate for Richard (Smokey) Dyer, KCMO Fire Department
 Scott Enns, alternate for Ray County
 Kevin Fightmaster, Missouri Gas Energy
 John Greene, Independence Fire Department
 Clyde Hicks, Honeywell Corporation
 Betty Knight, Platte County Commissioner
 Jack Laptad for Greg Moerer, Bayer CropScience
 Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff's Department
 D.C. Rogers, Clay County Sheriff's Office
 Maureen Scott, DuPont Personal Protection
 John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department
 Mike Shelton, City of Riverside
 Stan Swaggart, Cass County Emergency Management
 Chuck Thacker, Grandview Fire Department
 David Williams, US EPA Region 7

GUESTS PRESENT

Les Boatright, KCPL
 Jason Bonney, CJCFPD
 Mike Booth, Kansas City Missouri Fire Department
 Roarke Holzschuh, MO DNR EER
 Dr. Bob Hull, Kansas Center for Safe & Prepared Schools
 Mike Jenkins, North Kansas City Fire Department
 Annette Lanfranca, Choctaw Kaul Distribution
 Matt May, Johnson County LEPC
 Tom Mayfield, Excelsior Springs School District
 Ken Roggenkamp, US Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration
 Mark Sherwood, Sni Valley Fire Protection District
 Bill Stewart, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning
 Ken Smith, Lake Winnebago Emergency Management
 Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
 Steve Wurtz, U.S. EPA, Region VII
 Mike White, Missouri Emergency Response Commission

EXCUSED

Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department
 Michael Williamson, Emergency Management Strategic Health Care Group
 Mike Klender, KCMO Water Service Department
 Lane Sekavec, Union Pacific Railroad
 Frank Tittone, Kansas City Fire Department

Chris Allen, Emergency Services, MARC
Lisa Elsas, Emergency Services, MARC
Erin Lynch, Emergency Services, MARC
Justin Sorg, Emergency Services, MARC

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dave Williams welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY – Mr. Fightmaster made a motion the minutes be approved, it was seconded by Deputy O’Neal and the motion was passed.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT & CEPF BUDGET & APPLICATION – Chair Williams reported that this committee needed to review the 2010 CEPF budget and vote on it today (copies were provided in the packets). The budget had not changed much from last year. Training and public outreach continue to be emphasized in the proposed budget. These are two important goals for the LEPC. Over the last few years, the LEPC has been able to leverage funds under the UASI program to help get the LEPC’s message out. A portion of the public outreach funds will support working with schools. Schools are becoming active in the LEPC and it is hoped that these funds can be used to assist schools with shelter-in-place and other hazmat related efforts. Ms. Lynch has reviewed the budget for MARC contractual support and indicated that the proposed level is adequate taking into account other available resources.

Ms. Lynch asked for formal approval on the CEPF budget. Once the budget is approved, the information packets including budget, work plan, summary of activities and agreements will be sent to the county commissioners and information will be due back by mid-June; in order to be able to submit the CEPF application by July 1. County emergency managers will be copied on the information and were asked to help with getting agreements through their various governmental structures.

Ms. Lynch noted that in the past several years, this LEPC had been very successful at leveraging HMEP funding for training and successful in securing an additional \$50,000 for training. In conversation with leadership, they believe that training is a high priority and that there should not be an assumption that HMEP funding will be available. This is why in this budget CEPF and training were shown.

Chief Fiser made a motion to accept the budget, it was seconded by Chief Thacker and the motion passed.

4. PRESENTATION: EXERCISE PERFECT STORM

Ms. Martin reported that Perfect Storm exercise occurred on April 7 and involved a variety of agencies and many jurisdictions. Three counties served as the primary locations – Platte, Mo, and Johnson and Wyandotte, Ks with direct support from Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the counties, 32 hospitals participated. The scenario was multiple tornado outbreaks that caused issues for participating counties and tied to the hospitals because of the influx of patients to their facilities. A video of the exercise was shown. She indicated that the video provided a sense of the various aspects of the exercise and that quite a bit had been learned in the planning of the exercise. There is a better understanding of the capabilities that exist in a jurisdiction on a day-to-day basis, as well as regional resources for larger events due to the effort to track requested resources.

Chief Fiser shared that Deputy O’Neal had worked with their Chief to challenge their organization. They did not know that they were playing until 30 minutes into the exercise. They worked in the Platte County EOC and he and Captain Johnson from Platte County set up a unified command. One week prior to this exercise, their area had high winds which blow down a 40 x 60 barn in the area where the exercise took place causing them to have a true debris field.

Lessons learned:

- ❖ Communications issues – they were using thumb drives on their computers and were unable to get out using them at their location. In a real disaster, they would have moved their command post. They were challenged by communications.
- ❖ Did not have enough resources.
- ❖ Realized that you get overwhelmed quickly and should have scribes to assist and to input items into WebEOC.

He noted that for them, it was really like a real event.

Chief Jenkins served as an evaluator of the hazmat response at Waldron. There is a railway that goes through Waldron. The hazmat team's top objects:

- 1) Respond to and mitigate a spill from a reported overturned gasoline truck. Because of the small area, they were not able to turn the truck over, but they did bring in a truck to do this. This truck was an MCDOT36 which is the standard gasoline truck. This one had several holes in it which made it easier because this is a prop used by the University and several others. This crew made a correct approach to the area of the tanker using proper gear. They used binoculars from a safe distance to see that the truck was actually there and what condition it was in. They used correct procedures for patching the leaks including some wood plugs and patching materials. Then, they worked to protect the environment; constructing some earth barriers and dams/ditches and protected a drain pipe nearby from liquid on the ground.
- 2) A simulated anhydrous railcar that was reported as derailed. To keep them from getting to wound up into this, it was positioned far enough to the east to keep it out of their minds. Because they were told that there was an anhydrous leak, they did go to some houses in the neighborhood looking for victims. They responded really well with one of the issues; they notified that one the addresses they were given did not exist. They did search the appropriate buildings and were told that this leak would be handled by another team. Overall their practices and procedures were correct and performed without incident.

Ms. Martin reported 340 individuals were involved at the 6 county sites and more at the hospitals. This also leveraged funds from different grant sources in the region. FEMA provided funding support directly through an exercise support program. Work is continuing with the Exercise Design Team on an after-action report. This work is expected to be completed by the end of July. She thanked Overland Park Fire Dept. for the video and for the quick turnaround. She also thanked the design team for all of their work.

Ms. Lynch noted that this was an example of being able to leverage a preparedness activity going on and using it as an opportunity to review and exercise components in the LEPC plan. Because of Chief Fiser, Chief Jenkins and others willingness to build on this exercise; exercise expectations of the LEPC were able to be addressed. Ms. Scott asked if the video would be available. Ms. Lynch stated it is currently being finalized and the version shown was an early version. Once it is finalized, there will be a decision about the dissemination of it. It is being seen as a tool to educate the public about the work of local agencies.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Public Outreach – Deputy O’Neal** reported that the television ads were running now and their committee would meet this afternoon on what they will do next.

b. **Training Committee Report**

1) **Training Demonstration by Mike White from the MERC - Online Training** – Mr. White reported that they have been working on an online training center for about a year. It has not been released publicly yet because updates are being done. These are online training courses that will have 1-2 hour programs. Because students might have to leave on a call, the system has been set up where you can stop and return at the point you stopped. Once a student has completed a course, they will receive a certificate. The certificates are set up on a time basis; so students will not be able to just take the test and get a certificate. They will have to go through the course. There is an anhydrous ammonia program, two versions of an emergency response guide program, an ethanol program, natural gas hazards, railroad emergency response, hazmat awareness and a pipeline program. If anyone has programs that might fit into this system; the MERC is open to other programs. Once launched, a program will be added once per month. When one is added, they will send out an email notification. He asked that everyone to look at the training center and if they had feedback to share it with the MERC.

They have also been working on creating a planning component in the Missouri Emergency Response Information System (MERIS) Workspace System. It should launch in the next 30 – 45 days. The planners developed an EPCRA compliant plan as a template. It is compliant with the federal standards but can also take in local data.

This LEPC's plan is more comprehensive because it is regional and detailed, but it will not be lost in this system. This system was built where you work in local data. The MERC will put all of the plan data for each county into this system and ask the counties to go into the system, review the information and then, update the information yearly.

A state challenge is getting the Tier II information into the responder's hand. Basically, the Tier II data for the entire state or planning areas will be inputted into this system; along with mapping that will do an overhead view when you get closer. Also in this system, where you have multiple company Tier IIs, you can export the whole group. There is a search system (knowledge board) which can pull information by county, name, address, chemical, and zip code that can be exported. They are going to create an online training system for LEPCs and responders and will contact the LEPCs so that they can identify who they want to have read/write access and who in the responders that they want to have access. Please contact the MERC if you have questions about the system. You can access this without going through the MERIS training system. Mr. Bean asked if you would be able to export all of the locations to a Goggle Earth or Goggle Map. Mr. White was not sure about this, but shared that the system did have a Geo locate. Mr. Bean shared that if it would be possible to export it as a GMZ file, you could bring this into Goggle Earth and see the flags and know something was there. Mr. White will check on this. Mr. White shared that this system did have the State GIS mapping layers. Mr. Holzschuh shared that Mr. White had showed the locations for that one company and he wanted to know if you could pull up information on not just individual facilities, but could you plot all of the sites into one map. Per Mr. White, you are not able to do this yet, but work is being done on this capability. Once the database is set up, you will be able to map items on the state GIS maps. The MERC is going to export their database in the mapping system and that will provide a layer and then, they say they will be able to put that hazmat facility data onto that information point on the map.

Ms. Lynch asked who will have access to this system and how the MERC is addressing public access to the plan? This is an issue the Mid America LEPC struggles with - how much information to map, at what level of detail and if that information then needs to be available to the public. Mr. White shared that they are giving access to this system only to the responders and LEPC community. As with most LEPCs, requests would need to come in writing and if there was information in this system someone was interested in, the MERC would suggested that the LEPCs handle this in the same system as they would with accessing a Tier II data. The public will not have access into this system. Ms. Lynch asked about when he says LEPC, there are industry partners and theoretically the media in LEPCs and the LEPC is looking for guidance from the State. This region has been very deliberate in their LEPC plan and has talked quite a bit about mapping, but in terms to where those maps are housed and who has access to them, there has been quite a bit of sensitivity. Mr. White shared that in this system, you would get a point map at this point and not a broad map that would identify all of the different facilities in one screen. He said that the MERC may need to develop some exact guidance for the LEPCs. The MERC's initial thought were that one or two individuals from a LEPC would be designated to have read/write access to update the plans and keep it that way. Then from there, responders is where they were looking at (leadership of hazmat teams) that would need the data out in the field; looking more at the response community than broader access. Ms. Lynch encouraged written guidance. An aspect of the LEPCs is understanding the risk in your community and having a plan and sharing information from the plan with the public. This LEPC wants to ensure that if there are safeguards that could be put in place; the LEPC is legally able to do so and consider this moving forward. This has really been a struggle since 2002. Mr. White will work with Ms. Warren and their EPCRA specialist and try to put some guidance out in the next 30 days before the new system is rolled out on how this should be handled. He asked those that needed to contact him to do so and for those that did not have his contact information, he asked them to contact Ms. Elsas or Ms. Lynch to get it.

There was a question about the Tier II tool (Google Earth) and if it was still available. Ms. Lynch shared that mapping of key data layers are available through EMSAM. In addition, county or city emergency service agencies can assess the State's password protected tier two information. This information has been provided.

TRAINING – Chief Maize reported:

- ❖ May 25 – 27 – Hazmat Seminar sponsored by The Bureau of Explosives (BOE) at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Registrations are for two members per hazmat team
- ❖ June 16 – 18 – Air Monitoring Course – Hosted at South Platte Fire Protection District. This is an 8 hour training offered 3 different dates. Registration is open.
- ❖ August 16 – 20 – HazMat Technician Course – to be hosted at the new training facility at Central Jackson County Fire Department.

- ❖ August 28, Handling LP Gas Emergencies will be hosted at Southern Platte Fire Protection District. Registration is open.
 - ❖ In April, there was a HazMat Awareness and Operations course to be held in Kearney, Missouri.
 - ❖ The Pipeline Association of Missouri has set the dates for their meetings. You can go to showmepipeline.com to see the dates/locations/times. The closest one is in Liberty, Mo.
- c. **Plan – Ms. Lynch** reported that the MERC is working with EPA and receiving a grant to review risk management plans. Yesterday, the LEPC received copies of letters being sent to facilities from the MERC regarding the initial review. Some of the facilities will be receiving onsite visits to help them in meeting the responsibilities under RMP. For those facilities that had questions about letters they received recently from the state, she offered to talk with them following this meeting.
6. **LEPC MERGER DISCUSSION – Chair Williams** shared that for the last year, there had been talk about merging the Mid America LEPC and the 3 Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth county LEPCs. They have met several times and had several discussions. A committee was formed of former LEPC chairs which also met several times to talk about the process and transition. He, Co-chair Dolak and Ms. Lynch also attended the Johnson County LEPC meeting which had attendees from Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties. He feels this is a really good thing for the region. The LEPC Committee is the last committee within the region that is not bi-state. This will give good bi-state representation for trainings on both sides and prevent training duplication for each side. This will also allow the training calendar to be set up for both sides.

Some of the issues discussed were:

- ❖ Starting phase: A proposed 2 year transition period of keeping things separate to see what really needs to be done. Appointing a transition committee to work on this and making sure answers and expectation are met.
- ❖ Membership – Each county would have a voting member and Industry and Schools would be able to come in as they desire.
- ❖ Once the transition has begun, either party (this LEPC or the Ks LEPCs) would be able to say this is not working. There has been some discussion on having a 60 day separation period.
- ❖ Ks did receive funding this year and hopefully, by getting involved in this LEPC funding sources will continue and Ks will be able to bring funds to this LEPC annually to help with meeting regional goals.

Chair Williams shared that he would like to have a discussion about the merger today and put the motion in writing for both sides to see prior to the next LEPC meeting. Then, bring the motion back to the next meeting for a vote. If the motion to merge passes, then, the Ks representatives will join the Mid America LEPC meeting starting in July. The support system (finances) will be kept separate for awhile. Co-chair Dolak shared that the Ks side is very excited about merging and he had shared with them that he wants them to stay very involved. Co-chair Dolak also expressed concerned about the staff workload and asked Erin to let him know how things progress. Chief Fiser noted that if anyone had questions or concerns to speak up. Their committee believed they had gotten all questions answered. So, let them know if they have not. Chair Williams thanked everyone for their work on this merger.

It was agreed that this motion would be put forth at the June meeting.

7. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REPORTING** – No reports received since the last meeting.
8. **HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES** – **Ms. Lynch** reported the RHSCC governance transition was in progress. It has three elements: 1) jurisdictional representation similar to the MARC Board, 2) regional emergency services committee leadership and 3) Nine at-large positions to help fill out the oversight needed for regional homeland security activities. The relevance to the LEPC is that there will be a position for this LEPC within the structure as there has been from the beginning. She asked those with questions to see her. Also, she noted that the next RHSCC meeting under the new structure would be August and that there would not be a July meeting.
9. **LEGISLATION** – **Chair Williams** – He shared that he had not heard anything on the Spill Bill. It is still alive.

10. KANSAS LEPC COMMENTS – Mr. May shared that they appreciate all of the support.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS – **Chair Williams** shared that he would be attending the UASI Conference representing LEPC and the region and helping with the training and exercise track. LEPC funds will be used to attend this conference.

Chief Thacker shared that they are beginning work on drafting ESF #4 & #9 which is search and rescue and firefighting for the Regional Coordination Guide and are looking for volunteers to be on these committees. Those interested were asked to give Mr. Sorg (816.701.8293) a call.

Ms. Scott shared that she had tried to reach out to most of the private industry. From a technical aspect and a hazmat response, there was a change in formulation on the film barrier and type KSL. If you have been using the white suits that have a shiny outer cover, there have been some formations changes because Dow who makes these suits has changed the formulation. Anything documented prior to March 1st in terms of challenge medicals, please recheck the formation data. There are some that had significant swings and some that had minor swings. Those with questions were asked to contact her (Maureen.scott@usa.dupont.com) and she would let them know the changes by email.

Mr. Bean reported that he had met with SEMA regarding a national table top exercise that will be next year in May with a tabletop in August or September in Warrensburg, Mo involving the New Madrid. It will include all aspects of response. This is important to the Governor and is voluntary. They are doing this in two steps with the tabletop & exercise. During the tabletop, they will discuss what assets each area has and work to incorporate them into the 4 day full-scale exercise in May. Jurisdictions will be able to decide which 4 hour block they can participate in. The national exercise will be the week of May 10, 2011. He shared that he would let everyone know when the tabletop would be and for them to start figuring out who their group would send; so they could contribute appropriately for play.

Mr. Stewart shared that late last week they had received an FBI roll call regarding acetone. In Virginia, there was a large quantity purchase. In our region, 120 gallons was purchased. This purchase was apparently made to make illicit drugs.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2010

Handouts:

May Agenda

March Summary

Financial Report

Proposed Budget

MEIS Calendar

Training & Exercise Notebook