



**MID-AMERICA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**September 9, 2010**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

H. David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Department, *Chair*  
 Paul Dolak, Brenntag Mid-South, *Vice Chair*  
 Bill Fiser, Alternate for Richard Carrizzo, Southern Platte Fire Protection District  
 Bob Evans, Emergency Management Wyandotte County  
 Donna Maize, Alternate for Richard (Smokey) Dyer, KCMO Fire Department  
 Matt May, Johnson County Emergency Management  
 Kevin Fightmaster, Missouri Gas Energy  
 Clyde Hicks, Honeywell Corporation  
 Bob Hull, KS Center for Safe & Prepared Schools  
 Jack Laptad, Alternate for Greg Moerer, Bayer CropScience  
 Lane Sekavec, Union Pacific Railroad  
 John Spencer, Lee's Summit Fire Department  
 Frank Tittone, Kansas City Fire Department  
 Mike Van Aken, South Metro Fire Protection District  
 Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital  
 Paulette LeMatteo, Alternate for Michael Williams, Emergency Management Strategic Health

**GUESTS PRESENT**

John Breckenridge, KCP&L  
 James Brown, Wal-Mart Distribution  
 Mike Booth, Kansas City Missouri Fire Department  
 Michael Burnett, Johnson County Environment  
 Maria Butkovich, Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Co.  
 Craig Duke, KCKFD  
 Jakes Fink, Two River Hospital  
 Jared Helston, Exxon Mobil  
 Marcia Hobbs, KCP&L  
 Phil Klein, Wal-Mart Distribution  
 Mike Klender, KCMO Water  
 Mike Latta, KCFD  
 Tim Lynch, Overland Park Police Department/Emergency Management  
 Michael McMenus, KCP&L – Hawthorn  
 George Moody, EPA  
 David Nelson, Platte County  
 Tim Richards, Olathe Fire Department  
 Ken Roggenkamp, US Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration  
 John Ruddy, Fort Osage School District  
 Maureen Scott, DuPont Personal Protection  
 Mike Simms, General Mills  
 Bill Stewart, Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning  
 Steve Wurtz, U.S. EPA, Region VII

**EXCUSED**

Les Boatright, KCP & L  
 Michael Curry, Jackson County Emergency Management  
 Mike O'Neal, Platte County Sheriff's Department  
 Mark Owen, Platte County Sheriff's Department  
 Stan Swaggart, Cass County Emergency Management

**MARC STAFF****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 that the minutes be approved, it was seconded by Chief Tittone and the motion was passed.**3. FINANCIAL REPORT & CEPF APPLICATION STATUS** – Mr. Sorg reported that in the handouts on this month's financial report, it showed the Training HMEP funds with a little over \$32,900 dollars remaining. These funds are scheduled to be spent by the end of the grant period, September 30, 2010. The LEPC will be applying for \$5,000 in HMEP planning funds. The application deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. The LEPC Plans Subcommittee will propose projects for this funding. The Kansas Counties are also in the process of applying for their HMEP funds. Mr. May shared that Kansas put together an application with both metropolitan counties and outlying counties so they could apply simultaneously. The Kansas application has been submitted and once they receive notification of the funding amount, they will go out for a formal RFP for a commodity flow survey. In their funding request the Kansas-side counties implied that there was a possibility that Missouri might do a study in the future as well, but no commitment. . The commitment was only for the seven Kansas counties.**4. PRESENTATION: Chemical and Hazardous Materials Risks in Wyandotte County** – Bob Evans, Wyandotte County Emergency Management Director and Assistant Chief Craig Duke, KCK Fire Department. – Chair Williams reported that they have asked Wyandotte, one of the newest counties to the LEPC, to do a presentation about their hazards and some general information about the county. Mr. Evans opened by sharing they appreciated this opportunity to talk about Wyandotte County and to share some information. Wyandotte County and Kansas City changed their governance structures about 12 years ago to form the Wyandotte County Unified Government under a single commission. The commission also represents Bonner Springs and Edwardsville at the county level. Both cities retain their full city functionality; including their emergency response departments. All of these cities have fire and police departments and emergency management services (EMS) with Edwardsville contracting their (EMS) services with the Kansas City, KS fire department. There is actually a contract for most services directly to Bonner Springs for most services with the county. Mr. Evans then described transportation and other elements in the county that contribute to hazardous materials risks. There is around 111 miles within three rail corridors, 2 major yards and a hump yard, and major industries in the lower bottom that are mostly protected by levees. The County's mitigation plan shows there are approximately 1,500 hazmat rail shipments per day. The industry inside the levee does cause its own challenges that could complicate a response. The population is about 157,000 with 50% east of I-635. There are several highways (around 45 miles) and numerous pipelines (approximately 260 miles) that run through the area with the pipeline primarily servicing the Fairfax area tank farms. There are two river systems that are complicated by several things. The Missouri River is a challenge to port operations. The Kansas River offers different challenges because it is divided into two segments. Getting in and out and working along the river has its own challenges. The rail area has a hump line switching facility that is almost entirely a separate component in the rail yard in terms of risks and hazards. A variety of heavy truck centers and traffic also affect this area. Along west I-435 is a growing population area that includes fifteen major entertainment venues that bring in a large number of people that could be vulnerable to a major hazardous materials incident. There are 110 Tier II reporting sites and 10 Risk Management Plan (RMP) plants and 40 Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) sites in the county. The County's LEPC Plan is contained in their ESF #10 County Emergency Operations Plan.

Chief Duke discussed the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department Response Team capabilities and noted that they are a part of the regional hazmat teams. They have 30 hazmat technicians between two hazmat stations which are strategically located for the most effective response There are two decon teams that are from other parts of the city which have been specifically trained to backup the hazmat teams. These teams are well trained, having trained with the regional teams and been involved in real life incidents. The teams participated in an exercise using Area RAEs held at the Kansas City, Kansas Speedway with other metro teams. Their decon teams have participated in specific trainings for them and did a mass contamination and

decontamination training a few years ago. Recently, they received some new equipment consisting of items such as the radiation portal. This equipment was included in a recent exercise. Chief Duke reiterated that hazardous material incidents have occurred that affected both sides of the state line; training with and working with KCMO and other regional partners to respond and assist has been an invaluable.

Chair Williams noted that the reason for this presentation was because of the three Kansas county LEPCs becoming a part of this LEPC a few months ago. Each county has been asked to do a presentation on their county. He stated that because of the hazmat issues, there really is not a state line, but unity because of the work that is done together.

Vice chair Dolak asked anyone that would like to do a presentation to contact them since one of their objectives for the past several years has been to try to do presentations of interest to everyone, including industry.

## 5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**a. Public Outreach** – support for Safety City – Chair Williams shared that at last month's meeting there was discussion on Safety City. The Safety City made a request for \$500.00 in funding from the LEPC. A similar request has been granted for the past several years along with providing the LEPC trailer and staffing for the event. A motion was made to provide the requested funding for Safety City by Chief Fiser and seconded by Chief Spencer. The motion passed.

**b. Training Committee Report – Chief Maize**

The committee met earlier and went over some of the feedback forms that they received from courses that were held recently. On the recent hazmat courses, they received positive feedback from the 18 attendees which include industry representatives.

September 8 - 10 – Awareness Operations Course at the EPA

November 15 - 17 – Street Smart Safety - Working on getting out the flyer for this training.

Chief Maize discussed the HMEP training funds, stating that approximately \$2,500 would be remaining after the grant close of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee was looking at requesting an extension to use the balance of \$2,500<sup>h</sup>. If the extension is granted, these funds will be used for representative's pre-registration to the HazMat Conference in October.

They are also working on prioritizing their list of approved courses for the next HMEP grant application.

There was a question if the HazMat IQ class would be offered again next year and Chief Maize noted that the committee is working on plans to do this. Training & Exercise will be having a planning workshop and this training will probably be added at that time. It was offered twice this year, but there will probably be only one class next year.

Chair Williams asked Industry to let them know what training might be good for them and they would share this information with Chief Maize or Chief Fiser and an attempt would be made to bring this training to the region. Last year, there were some CDs that were purchased for Industry to use for internal trainings; so that they would not have to send representatives offsite to trainings.

**c. Plans** – Chair Williams reported that there was a need to get the Plans Subcommittee back together to recommend use of HMEP planning funds, protocol for contingency plans received and the Missouri template. Those previously on the committee were: Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Dolak, Captain Owen, Captain Rogers, Chief Tittone, Mr. Fightmaster, Mr. Sekavec and Ms. Lynch. He asked for anyone that was on the committee and did not want to serve now to let him know and for anyone else that would like to join the committee to contact him, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Sorg or Ms. Allen. He also noted that the region had been receiving plans and there was a need to set up a system to review these plans. There will be an attempt to get the first meeting set the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. He shared that if anyone in Industry was interested in serving on this committee, this was a good way to learn more about the LEPC and their support would be appreciated in these activities.

**6. REPORT ON 2010 HAZMAT SYMPOSIUM** – People who attended were invited to share information relevant to the LEPC

Chair Williams attended the Spill Bill session which was a good session. The concerns over the ramifications of the proposed Spill Bill continue to be a big issue within the LEPCs and fire service. The Missouri fire chiefs are meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how this can be approached with industry and resolved where it works for everyone.

Chief Tittone shared that Ms. Lynch, Chair Williams and Vice-chair Dolak did a really good job on their presentation about the LEPC.

Vice-chair Dolak shared that he thought that the session on the workplace was really good and good information was shared. Mr. Klender also enjoyed the conference and agreed that the information shared about the workplace was really good and the potential liability session was also really good.

Vice-chair Dolak shared that those in this meeting truly make a difference and this symposium showed that. Mr. Sorg contacted the MERC to see when the presentations would be available and we are waiting to receive an answer.

- 7. MEMBERSHIP** - review membership for submission to MERC – Chair Williams shared that this has been under review since the Kansas LEPCs have joined this meeting. Since quite a few of the key individuals were at the earthquake tabletop exercise this was tabled until the October meeting.
- 8. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REPORTING** – No report
- 9. HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES** - Chair Williams' shared that Mr. Rich Noll, Assistant City Manager and Co-chair of the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee had passed away this month. He noted that Mr. Noll was a good man that really worked hard for the city government and for our region and would truly be missed for all of the GREAT work he had done.
- 10. LEGISLATION – Chair Williams** - As mentioned earlier, the Fire Chiefs are discussing the spill bill and attempting to address this issue before the next legislative session.
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**
- Appointment of a Transition Committee – Chair Williams shared that with Ks joining this LEPC, there are some items that they handle differently and for this reason, a transition committee was being appointed to understand how each one does business and how this can be merged. When it was voted upon to bring Ks into this committee, it was agreed to have a two-year transition period. Those on this committee now are Chair Williams, Vice-chair Dolak, and Ms. Lynch. Chief Fiser and Mr. Fightmaster have been asked to represent the Mo side and Mr. Evan, Mr. May and Mr. Magaha to represent the Ks side and they are looking at the possibility of having hazmat and industry representatives from the Ks side. Anyone interested in participating on this committee were asked to contact Chair Williams, Vice-chair Dolak or Ms. Lynch. At the beginning, this committee will probably meet on a regular basis, but once established, probably quarterly.

Mr. Sekavec shared that in the spring or summer there is plans to have a Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response multi-state anhydrous-ammonia tours. There has been ethanol tours done in the last few years and there was an interest expressed in having anhydrous-ammonia tours. This is covering a broader geographic area than ours and the closest stop now appears to be Olathe, Ks. There was some discussion on a Mo stop which would be in conjunction with the Mo Fire School. For more information, you can go to [transcare.org](http://transcare.org) and look at the schedule and times. Those with questions were asked to contact him.

Mr. Laptad asked if anyone else was aware of the Chlorine Institute Emergency Preparedness Issue Team where teams around the country were broken up into sections with Ks & Mo in section 12. He also shared that Section 12 was scheduled to have a Chlorep meeting next week in Wichita. Mr. Sekavec did know about this meeting. There was some discussion and Mr. Sekavec agreed to send this information to the MARC staff to share if it should be shared. Mr. Laptad believed this meeting was to talk about the resources that were within the states that are on this team and if someone could go and bring back information from this meeting that would be good. Mr. Sekavec is going to try to attend.

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Mr. Booth shared that there was a need to know when the ICL meetings occurred. Mr. Sekavec shared that those meetings were held in Lawrence, Ks and are more segmented to plant activities and do respond to other incidents, but are not as broad reaching as they used to be.

Chair Williams asked Mr. Sekavec if he would consider on doing a short presentation on the Section 12 meeting should he be able to attend.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No comments

**13. NEXT MEETING:** October 14, 2010

**Handouts:**

*September Agenda*

*August Summary*

*Financial Report*

*LEPC Membership List*

*MEIS Calendar*