



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 17, 2025

AGENDA

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the April 17, 2025 LEPC meeting. Those Attending were:

Jarrold Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management
Aaron Scheve, KSDWP, LEPC Chair
Kyle Lewis, American Red Cross
Harlan Smith, Newman Regional Helath
Jared Giffin, USD 253
Christine Torrens, City of Emporia
Jeff Ruffin & Mylie Hadden, Salvation Army
Bobby Hale, Lyon County Highway Department
Jesse Taylor, Emporia Fire Department
Mark Detter, City of Emporia
Jon Reed, Home Town Health Care
Keith Senn, City of Emporia
Brian Rees, K-State Research & Extension
Traci Hale, Lyon County Sheriff's Office

Doug Peck, Lyon County Commission
Shane Brunner & Misty Norton, LCAT
Lesley Gilger, Hand In Hand Hospice
Dennis Applegarth, Lyon County Public Health
Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations
Jennifer Tremblay, Davita Dialysis
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Dominick Vortherms, Emporia Police Department
Amie Jones, Lyon County Clerk
Jennifer Millbern, Emporia State University EM
Brandee Orender, Lyon County State Bank
Vincent Breedlove, Bunge
Hanna Crowl, SOS

1. Call Meeting to Order at 12:07pm
2. Introductions/Roll Call
3. **Motion:** Approve the Agenda: B. Orender (Jared Giffin) 27-0
4. **Motion:** Approval of January 9, 2025 Minutes: Jon Reed (Jarrod Fell) 27-0
 - a. amend – Amanda Cunningham was not present at the last meeting. She needs to be removed.
5. Member opportunity to review all Lyon County Tier II reports received within the last 3 years.
 - a. Tier II reports are available to the public upon request and will be present at every in-person quarterly meeting of the LEPC. To view Tier II reports, please contact Nichole Schlesener at Lyon County Emergency Management, 425 Mechanic Street, Emporia Kansas 66801, (620) 341-3203.
6. Old Business
 - a. LEPC Membership Review
 - Vote to add: Midland Care Connection, Inc to LEPC Membership lists: Dennis Applegarth (Vincent Breedlove) 27-0

❖ Requested by Rachel Mitchell at last meeting upon review of members.

7. New Business

- a. ESF1-Transportation, ESF2-Communications, ESF3-Public Works and Engineering
- b. Bunge Presentation, Vince Breedlove

8. Coordinator Report (Jarrod Fell)

- a. Preparedness Fair Information 10-1 on 4/19
- b. Regional mitigation hazard
- c. KISS 5-8, 4/17
- d. La Grind, Unbound in the future

9. Discipline Reports

- a. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
 - We have had a large increase in deer tags being issued.
- b. Lyon County State Bank
 - We have had a huge increase in cyber security awareness. Make sure you aren't giving information out to people you don't know.
- c. Emporia Fire Department
 - We have been busy with fires. The new station is coming along, they are getting a lot done. Also, watch for bicyclists with the upcoming events happening in the next coming months
- d. Emporia Police Department
 - We have several events coming up. There is the GBO disc golf event, HOTT festival, Unbound. We will be very busy.
- e. American Red Cross
 - We hired Carol Arnold; she will be managing the Northeast part of the state. On a national scale, we never not have an operation going on. We are moving back to different model of how to get volunteers and moving to start work with local volunteers.
- f. Newman Regional Health
 - We are working on new policies and plans. We have a Workplace Violence training and Tornado Drill in March. We had a regional mass casualty exercise a few weeks ago. With measles cases rising, there is a plan and we are collaborating with CareArc
- g. CareArc
 - We have been busy. The Co-Op plan is complete. Melissa Smith has resigned. We had a scare with cybersecurity. Will have more follow up on that. We are fairly certain no information went out, but they tried to come in. Update on measles cases with 30 in the state, closest is Kiowa County.
- h. Emporia State University
 - In reference to the measles outbreak, we believe cases are severely underreported due to people not seeking healthcare, so numbers might be doubled if not tripled. We will be having our first overnight event at PAROC with the Eagle Scouts, so you will see several teens in the area. April 25 there is an NRA training. It's an active assailant training for school staff and law enforcement. On May 2, we will be hosting the MIAA National Track Meet for the weekend. May 10 is graduation.
- i. Salvation Army
 - On the national level, we are still volunteering for fires. The headquarters in KC is still training for that. Locally, the pantry is busy.
- j. Hand in Hand Hospice
 - We are moving to Crosswinds building next month.
- k. Davita
 - We are treating 39 patients on dialysis right now.
- l. Lyon County Highway Department
 - We are getting ready to shift to 10-hour days to be more efficient.
- m. Lyon County District Court
 - Also dealing with cyber security awareness.

- n. City of Emporia
 - We are moving to encrypted forms for online requests. Street construction started. We have new software to be able to text and email residents to alert people of city events, hoping for that in 2026.
- o. K-State Research & Extension
 - We have had lots of fires, several bicyclists. There are several anhydrous ammonia tanks spraying, so be aware. The Spring Livestock show first week in May
- p. SOS
 - We are having a safety tour in May. April 24 is Take Back the Night. Susan Fowler will speak at 6 and there will be a book signing
- q. Lyon County Clerk
 - If there is a candidate filing for election, you have until June 2 to file.
- r. City of Emporia
 - Prairie St water line will be opening. 12th & Prairie will be closed next. The next public meeting we will be discussing Fire Station 2 and a prelim design for that
- s. LCAT
 - We are looking at services we offer and looking at ways we can adapt the community;
- t. Home Town Healthcare
 - We are expanding our nursing staff. We are the highest rated rural agency
- u. Emporia Public Schools
 - Graduation is May 18. Bond construction ending with William Allen White wrapping up. We are hiring for next year.
- v. Lyon County Sheriff's Office
 - We have been busy assisting in events
- w. Emporia Area Chamber
 - GBO is coming up April 25-27
- x. Roxanne VanGundy – They no longer hiring, we have lots of new trainees; Telecommunicator Week is this week. We have a new ADT alarm text messaging system that started today

10. 2025 Meeting Dates

- a. July 10, 2025
- b. October 9, 2025

11. There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully,
Traci Hale, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Administrative Assistant