

July 17, 2024

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the July 17, 2024, LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Jarrold Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Bobby Hale, Lyon County Highway Dept
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber and CVB
Lesley Gilger, Hand In Hand Hospice
Harlan Smith, Newman Regional Health
Jared Giffin, USD 253-Emporia
Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Department
Brandee Orender, Lyon County State Bank
Jennifer Millbern, Emporia State University EM
Rolland Trahoon, Everygy

Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works
Jon Reed, Home Town Healthcare
Shane Brunner, Lyon County LCAT
Dennis Appelgarth, Lyon County Public Health
Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County EM, LEPC Sec.
Andrea Elwood, Hand In Hand Hospice
Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC
Jeff McClure, Hostess
Ken Duft, Lyon County Commissioner
Michael Ribordy, Kansas Gas Services
Rachel Mitchell, PACE MCC

1. LEPC Chair Jennifer Millbern called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. Introductions/Roll Call
3. **Motion:** Approve the modified meeting agenda: J Cope (K Risley) 24-0
 - a. Added presentation by Southern Star to meeting agenda. Presentation was about 20 minutes in length.
4. **Motion:** Approve the January 11, 2024, minutes: J Reed (V Smith) 24-0
5. 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. April 11, 2024-HazMat Tabletop Exercise Review
 - i. Identified 3 areas for improvement in through the exercise.
 1. Operation Coordination- We need to identify predetermined locations for incidents- formalized operational plans.
 2. Public Information Warning- Having forms with criteria so all information gets reported to dispatch for IPAWS messages.
 3. Environmental health safety and response- Recovery plan will meet community needs.
7. New Business:
 - a. By Law Updates, requested a vote to approve changes made. K Mayer (M Ribordy)
 - i. No oppose 24-0
 - b. Recovery Plan Review

- i. Biggest thing is going to virtual EOC using Microsoft Teams with our ESF partners.
 - ii. On the agenda for Lyon County Commissioner's meeting to discuss an MOU with United Way for donation management during an incident.
 - c. Everygy HOT Trailer presentation will be at October meeting.
 - i. Anderson Building for demonstration.
- 8. Coordinator Report (Jarrod Fell)
 - a. Law Enforcement radios are now encrypted. Will no longer be on any scanner's due to KCJIS standards we are required to meet.
 - b. June 8, 2024- There was an oil battery that caught fire. Possibly a lightning strike. Everything was contained.
 - c. May 21, 2024- Tyson had an ammonia release. Release was minimal and remediated within 24 hours. Didn't require evacuations or outside assistance.
 - d. July 29, 2024 we are having a Violent Assailant Tabletop Exercise with ESU and local responders. This will focus on recovery after incident occurs to find GAPS in our plans for mass fatality/casualty event.
 - i. 2nd part of the exercise later will be working with Newman Regional hospital on response and mass surge.
 - e. September 5, 2024- There will be a American Red Cross sheltering class at Anderson building.
 - f. October 29, 2024 and October 30, 2024- We are hosting AWR167- Sport and Special Event Risk Management course. This will fill up quickly so if you are interested quickly get enrolled.
 - g. KS planning standards are changing and we are seeing a lot more pointed questions as to community's capabilities to meet community needs. Currently, we are identifying large gaps that we need to work on.
- 9. Discipline Reports:
 - a. Emporia Police Department:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
 - b. CareArc:
 - i. Just attended training for NEMBA training. Working on fire drills currently. CPC meeting is tomorrow.
 - c. Newman
 - i. Several dept in survey window for accreditation, so preparing for those. Just had their state fire marshal inspection. Deployed their decon tent for training. Coming up they have a Wolf Creek exercise in September.
 - d. Emporia Public Works:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
 - e. United Way
 - i. Nothing at this time.
 - f. Hand in Hand Hospice:

- i. Just had a certification survey. They sent an individual specifically to inspect their emergency preparedness program so they actually have two surveyors on site. Currently working on plan improvements.
- g. Home Town Healthcare
 - i. Fully staffed and taking on new patients.
- h. Lyon County Commissioner(s):
 - i. Nothing at this time.
- i. USD253
 - i. Lots of construction still going on at various schools. Roof replacements, parking lots, carpet is being replacement. They have a security position available. New teacher training started today. Two of their School Resource Officers attended training specifically for them in Kansas City and got a lot out of it. Their school EOP goes to the school board for approval next week.
- j. Hostess
 - i. Smucker's has recently bought hostess. TBD what changes will occur. New equipment coming next year.
- k. Lyon County Public Relations:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
- l. Lyon County Highway Department:
 - i. Completing seasonal road maintenance projects. They are closer to being fully staffed.
- m. Lyon County State Bank:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
- n. PACE
 - i. waiting on CMS audit that was supposed to happen at beginning of year
- o. Lyon County Sheriff's Office
 - i. Battle of the Badges blood drive is July 31st – August 2nd. Come out and donate to a good cause. Will be held at 12th Avenues Baptist Church.
- p. Lyon County Area Transportation (LCAT):
 - i. Hot days are rough on the vehicles so lots of repairs. A vehicle went down that needed new engine but luckily it was under warranty. Camera people are on site and moving LCAT from closed system to a live feed that will be monitored in the office. They will offer Wifi to riders on that same system.
- q. Evergy
 - i. Their guys are on the road quite a bit with all the storms across the country. Have sent groups to Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City and Houston.
- r. Emporia Chamber and CVB:
 - i. All of their biggest events have concluded. They will still have some events coming up on the schedule through the next couple months.
- s. Kansas Gas

- i. They currently have a heavy contractor presence in Emporia while they are replacing gas lines throughout town. They will also be conducting yearly leak surveys so you will see them in/out of back yards around town.
 - t. Lyon County Emergency Communications Center:
 - i. They currently have 5 in training and just released 1 out of training with another close to being done. Still have some open positions. Working on messaging source with sister counties via a chatapp to assist with transferring calls between them and which will help lessen communication gaps when coordinating calls county to county. Filling out a grant application for transcription services for 911 calls to backup telecommunicators; with transcription it will create a rolling text of the call as they are taking them. If they get the grant, it will be a ¾ match on cost.
 - u. Emporia State University
 - i. Butcher building has been demolished and they have started construction of new nursing education center. Beware there are a lot of trucks on campus moving dirt and heavy traffic.
 - ii. They will be hosting G0402- ICS for Senior/Administrative Officials course on October 15, 2024 in the Memorial Union- Kanza Room.
10. The next LEPC Meeting:
- a. October 10, 2024
 - i. Meeting at the Anderson Building, located at our Lyon County Fair Grounds.
11. 2025 Meeting Dates
- a. January 9, 2025
 - i. Selection of new Vice-Chairperson
 - b. April 10, 2025
 - c. July 10, 2025
 - d. October 9, 2025
12. There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully,
Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County Emergency Management
LEPC Secretary