

January 17, 2024

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the January 11, 2024, LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Jesse Taylor, Emporia Fire and EMS
Jarrod 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
Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations
Ray Mattas, Emporia Police Department
Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Department
Ken Duft, Lyon County Commissioner
Doug Peck, Lyon County Commissioner
Aaron Scheve, KS Dept Wildlife & Parks
Jennifer Millbern, Emporia State University EM
Brad Riggs, City of Emporia, Water Department
Warren Menough, Hopkins Manufacturing
Jim Anderson, Davita

Christine Torrens, City of Emporia Public Relations
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.
Harlan Smith, Newman Regional Health
Jared Giffin, USD 253-Emporia
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC
Brandee Orender, Lyon County State Bank
Loretta Torres, Quest Services
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds
Greg Bolinger, Tyson
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas
Rachel Mitchell, PACE
Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court

1. LEPC Chair Jennifer Millbern called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.
2. Introductions/Roll Call
3. **Motion:** Approve the modified meeting agenda: A Scheve (K Risley) 33-0
4. **Motion:** Approve the October 12, 2023, minutes: K Risley (V Smith) 33-0
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. None
7. New Business:
 - a. Nominations for Vice Chair (amended to agenda)
 - i. A Scheve was nominated: R Wheeler (J Cope) 33-0
 - ii. A Scheve is new Vice Chair who will assume Chair duties for this year.
 - b. Everygy Hot Trailer Presentation- This was cancelled due to weather events.
 - c. ESF 10, ESF 11, and ESF 12 updates
 - i. No changes suggested.

- d. Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW)
 - i. Just completed this tabletop exercise. This is completed every year in January.
 - 1. We completed almost all items that were on the training calendar for last year.
 - ii. April Meeting will be a training exercise conducted at the Anderson Building.
 - 1. We had to change the date due to a conflict with Spring Training hosted by the Sheriff's office. This will be about a 4hr day.
 - 2. Proposed time of exercise was 10:00am to 2:00pm: K Mayer (H Smith) 33-0
 - iii. We went over and planned training events for the next 3 years. Our focus will be on Mass Fatality as our primary exercise this year. Hope to have this exercise in July.
 - 1. Requesting to host AWR class on mass fatality incidents.

- 8. Coordinator Report (Jarrod Fell)
 - a. Reception Center/FEMA Exercise
 - i. We completed this since our last meeting and FEMA has accepted our plan. The exercise went well. We are waiting on the final reports from FEMA before we can complete our AAR/IP for the exercise.
 - b. Will be working to update the county EOP. This will be mostly just contacts.
 - c. Cold weather is coming and the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and Emporia Police Department lobbies are being used as warming stations for anyone that is in need.
 - d. Bylaws will be reviewed for our July meeting. We need to get the membership changes completed so it's by agency and not by person.
 - e. Recovery plan will also be a focus for us to get completed by the end of this year. We will be working with the commission and identifying roles/responsibilities of those who are part of the plan. Once we have a final draft, we will have LEPC review this plan for us.
 - f. Radios have to be updated again this year to meet KCIJIS standards that we are required to follow requiring any criminal information must be encrypted. Once radios have been reprogrammed all law enforcement channels will be encrypted.
 - g. IPPW group, if you are wanting to attend this meeting next January let us know and we will get you added to the list.

- 9. Discipline Reports:
 - a. Emporia Fire and EMS:
 - i. Currently down 5 positions still. Have a few interviews to complete, right now crews are pushing through snow. Encourage everyone to check on elderly neighbors and see if they need anything to prevent them from falling. It's difficult getting equipment out right now in this winter storm. They are moving ahead with the new station and the expansion of station 2. They have been able to take tours of several stations from Texas and Kansas to get ideas of what they do or don't want in their new facility to fit their needs.
 - b. Emporia State University
 - i. ESU police are coordinating RAD training for women or individuals that identify as women. This will be for students and faculty but during summer. They are

hoping to open it up to community. They do have a training for men and elderly and are looking to expand if there's a need for it in the future.

- c. Newman Regional Health:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
- d. Emporia Public Works:
 - i. Coming out of a well-documented rough Fall. Distribution has been tough with the closing of the tower on 12th to complete those necessary improvements. The improvements are working as designed and everything is good since completed. It has helped to lower the number of breakages with it back in service. However, with extreme cold temperatures we may see some breaks.
- e. Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness:
 - i. They have totally moved into the Sauder family center as of Monday. All services will be open as of next Monday, the 15th. Work started on the old sorority house. Traditionally for new intakes, it would take 7-10 days, and now they will have same day access for intakes. Medical clinic scheduling timeline is down to 3-5 days. Working on updating website with new hours for public.
- f. PACE
 - i. All-inclusive care for the elderly. This is to keep them at home as long as possibly without utilizing nursing homes. They offer 11 different disciplines to provide care for patients at home. Their goal is to alleviate caregiver burnout. They do have a day center in the mall where the elderly can come for breakfast, lunch, activities and therapies.
- g. Home Town Healthcare
 - i. Back staffed and short a manager in Emporia. They will help with anyone identified needing assistance. Have a list and prioritized for rest of week due to weather.
- h. Hand in Hand Hospice:
 - i. They prioritized visits on Tuesday with the bad weather. Everything went well.
- i. CareArc:
 - i. Finishing up quarterly reports for PHEP region. Conducted an internal cyber exercise last December. They found areas where they need to bulk up on. Wyandotte and Johnson Counties are tracking cases of TB and Topeka is tracking Hepatitis A.
- j. DaVita:
 - i. It has been about a year since they became the only dialysis provider in town. Have been able to absorb all the patients at this point. Have end stage patients who need dialysis, but are short on nurses so they cannot take new patients at this time. They have wait listed patients. Need more staffing to help provide more services.
- k. Quest

- i. Currently short staffed; overall things are going well. Federal program isn't able to go to full capacity due to staffing. Have not done an exercise in Lyon County yet due to staffing. Want to send plan to Teams group for review.
- I. USD253
 - i. Continue to focus on project Adam and cardiac response. The school Director Of Nursing (DON) is training people in CPR/1st Aid. Becoming certified project ADAM is a district certification. They have travel AED's. EPD did some training and walk through at facilities. They are losing one of their security officers and will be opening that position.
- m. Lyon County Public Relations:
 - i. Like to welcome Bobby Hale, as one of our new PIO appointed by commission. They host PIO meetings and if anyone has someone who acts as PIO and would like to come to meetings get with Vici and she will get you information on meetings.
- n. Lyon County Commissioner(s):
 - i. Commissioner Duft wants to thank all the agencies that stayed open through cold and snow for all they did to keep things functioning.
 - ii. Commissioner Peck stated Road and Bridge crews are tired and getting a ton of work. He knows everyone is experiencing the same thing and wants to thank everyone and to keep up the good work.
- o. Lyon County Sheriff's Office
 - i. Sheriff Cope stated the boiler went down on Tuesday that heats the jail and they couldn't get the part until tomorrow. They did not have to move inmates and we do have a backup plan and put it in place. We are a warming station.
 - ii. Undersheriff Koelsch stated we are short 13 positions in the jail. We do take 18yr old's and our starting wage is good.
- p. City of Emporia Public Relations
 - i. Information is posted on "My Alerts". Everyone should download this app for notifications.
- q. Lyon County Emergency Communications Center:
 - i. 2023 got on a push to get AED's registered so if your facility has any on site let them know, KS EMS association is working with 911 counsel to purchase "pulse point" this shows AED locations. 2024 is focused on becoming ACE accredited center of excellence. Shooting for ACE in emergency medical. Ensures telecommunicators are meeting highest standard and trained appropriately. Wanting maps to help with a project of getting them uploaded into 911 system before Fall; if you have maps of your facility, please send them to dispatch to assist with this project, it helps them to point responders in the right direction on a call. Recently put out 2023 reports/stats. Have had 2 yrs where calls

stayed around the same each year. They see about a 15K less in calls due to education. Hiring for 4 positions; have 16 currently.

- r. Lyon County District Court:
 - i. District Court was hit with the ransomware attack. They have been using paper and recently started getting back to electronic cases. Working to get everything back up and running. We did not pay the ransom. They filed a COOP plan with the Supreme Court and will hear in February or March on what changes will need to be made to that.
- s. Lyon County Area Transportation (LCAT):
 - i. Launched new bus routes. Combined some old routes and took out stops that weren't getting riders. Just converted another on demand bus. Monitoring road conditions for in town, out of county trips to determine safety of traveling.
- t. Lyon County Highway Department:
 - i. Weather has consumed resources and energy. Doing what they can to make sure roads are open and safe as can be for travelers.
- u. Emporia Chamber and CVB:
 - i. May and June there will be lots of events. They have been adding a lot of new activities. Dynamic Disc open, World Champ (masters), Shrine bowl parade to name a few.
- v. Lyon County State Bank:
 - i. Nothing at this time.
- w. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks:
 - i. Avian influenza is in full swing, tracking 2 variations, 1 affecting dove population and the other is affecting normal poultry and water fowl. There has been a large turn over in upper management and they are waiting to hear on replacements. They have authorized to hire 6 more employees; and just hired 3 this Fall that are in training. It takes couple years before they are able to do it all by themselves.
- x. Emporia Police Department:
 - i. Still down a few officers. In process of hiring a couple.
- y. Kansas Gas
 - i. Currently adding to their staff. KS Gas has purchased Lebo's distribution center; and will take over as the operator in July. Mr. Jackson has taken the NE outside manager position and this will probably be his last meeting. Someone will fill his position at meetings until it is filled. Monitoring all of the rig settings/towns through all the cold weather.
- z. Hopkins
 - i. Sold to First Brands Group. Still making most same products.

10. The next LEPC Meeting:

a. July 17, 2024

i. Meeting at the Anderson Building, located at our Lyon County Fair Grounds.

11. 2024 Meeting Dates

a. April 4, 2024

b. July 17, 2024

c. October 10, 2024

12. There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:26 p.m

Respectfully,

Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County Emergency Management

LEPC Secretary