

July 13, 2023

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the July 13, 2023, LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS	Jesse Taylor, Emporia Fire and EMS
Jarrold Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management	Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office	Shane Brunner, Lyon County LCAT
Chip Woods, Lyon County Highway Dept	Jennifer Millbern, Lyon County Public Health
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber and CVB	Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County EM, LEPC Sec.
Andrea Elwood, Hand In Hand Hospice	Harlan Smith, Newman Regional Health
Rolland Trahoon, Evergy	Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations
Jared Giffin, USD 253-Emporia	Jim Anderson, Davita
Christine Torrens, City of Emporia Public Relations	Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Department
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff	Aaron Wilkins, Bunge
Ken Duft, Lyon County Commissioner	Paul Beadles, USD 253-Emporia
Aaron Scheve, KS Dept Wildlife & Parks	Renee Hively, CareArc
Greg Bolinger, Tyson	

1. LEPC Chair Kevin Risley called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.
2. Introductions/Roll Call
3. **Motion:** Approve the meeting agenda for today's meeting: Renee Shively (Vici Smith) 25-0
4. **Motion:** Approve the April 13, 2023, minutes: Aaron Scheve (Keith Senn) 25-0

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.

5. Old Business:
  - a. None
6. New Business:
  - a. ESF 4, ESF 5, and ESF 6 updates
    - i. No changes suggested.
    - ii. ESF 6 might impact Recovery plan that we will be creating.
    - iii. Jenn Millbern- Made formatting changes, they have references to documents that are not inside the annex. Need to add documents OR remove that from the document.
    - iv. If anyone has forms, they would utilize we can upload them to KS Planner just let J. Fell know.
  - b. Discuss October meeting date/presentation (Change from Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)
    - i. Rolland was not for sure that the 10<sup>th</sup> would work or not. Maybe schedule for January.
7. Coordinator Report (Jarrod Fell)
  - a. Oil Spill

- i. There was an oil spill reported last Sunday and roughly 50 gallons was released into a stagnant water pond. KDHE was notified and is currently performing the mitigation and remediation to get it cleaned up. This spill did NOT affect our water supply.
  - b. FEMA Exercise
    - i. Dates have changed. Originally, we planned this for October 19<sup>th</sup> but FEMA needed to reschedule this exercise. Our new dates for this event will be November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. November 29<sup>th</sup> will be the training with all volunteers and November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the FEMA graded exercise. If we are unable to staff this Reception Center, we will need to notify Coffey County; currently we staff this through MOUs with other agencies. So far, we have been fortunate to have enough volunteers.
  - c. G300-Intermediate Incident Command System Course
    - i. We hosted this course at the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. Emergency Management Director Fell sends out a training list monthly. If you would like to be on that recipient list, please let him know and you will get added.
  - d. Microsoft Teams
    - i. We are working to get this going for our virtual EOC. Once we have this completed, we will host training sessions on how to use it.
  - e. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
    - i. We have to have our EOP updated by the end of next year for our EMPG Grant we get from KDEM. This is currently on a 2-year rotation to be updated.
  - f. Recovery Plan
    - i. In the process of putting together a Recovery Plan for Lyon County. This will be required by the State of Kansas. This will entail mostly filling in boxes so we know "who/what" to fill roles. Our current target date to have the final plan ready for review by the state is October 2024.
  - g. Unbound Gravel
    - i. This even was a great success without any major incidents.
- 8. Discipline Reports:
  - a. Emporia Fire and EMS:
    - i. Currently have 3 applicants going through the hiring process and this will help with staffing. HazMat team was requested for the white powder incidents. They responded to South Central Kansas to assist with 4 letters and 2 locally. Fire station projects are continuing looking for a construction manager. Proposals are due soon for review.
  - b. Newman Regional Health:
    - i. Participated in a table top exercise with the Healthcare Coalition. They have a Wolf Creek FEMA drill in September at the hospital.
  - c. Emporia Public Works:
    - i. Nothing currently.
  - d. DaVita:
    - i. They are currently fully staffed at the clinic and are now starting to call local patients they had to send out to other facilities. Currently they have patients spread across the state.

- e. USD #253-Emporia:
  - i. They are working on security, construction and tackling the technology issues at all of the schools. Along with making sure cameras and other security works. They have finally received the security cameras that were back ordered from a grant received in 2020. They are hosting a job fair Monday at the mall. They have already had 3-4 administrative meetings to get the year started.
- f. Hand in Hand Hospice:
  - i. They are currently looking for PT and FT RN's. Leslie will be attending the next meeting.
- g. CareArc:
  - i. They have completed their 2022 audit and it was a good audit. Will be submitting their SAC grant by August 24<sup>th</sup>, this is the biggest grant they get. Having a ribbon cutting for the new medical wing and are closer to having dental construction/remodel completed. They are hoping to have the Dental Clinic open by September and will have double the capacity. One of the new Dentist's will work four 10-hour shifts allowing them dental services Monday thru Friday. KDHE is asking them to revise and then exercise their pandemic/disease plans. May be seeking some input from partners. Not sure what the exercise will entail but is on the horizon.
- h. Tyson:
  - i. Nothing currently.
- i. Bungee:
  - i. Currently on a plant shut down for maintenance. They are working on improvement and will fire back up around 2 weeks from now.
- j. Lyon County Public Relations:
  - i. Attended the G300 class hosted by Lyon County and the class was amazing. She really enjoyed it.
- k. Lyon County Commissioner:
  - i. Nothing current.
- l. Lyon County Area Transportation (LCAT):
  - i. They have made a price change to services starting July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year to \$2 per ride. 50-cents per mile for out-of-town transportation. Currently undergoing evaluations to their fixed route systems as they may be able to cut out a lot of dead stops. This will help them save and is cost efficient way to get services to the community. Vehicle ordered in 2021 will be here soon. Selected to do addition reporting from the NTD.
- m. Lyon County Highway Department:
  - i. Still waiting on 2 dump trucks from 2 years ago that have not arrived.
- n. Evergy:
  - i. Crews have been working storms while also transitioning in the new facility. Guys have been working since June 30<sup>th</sup> on storm repairs. They are in need of crews right now.
- o. Lyon County Sheriff's Office:
  - i. They are still in need of Detention Officer's. There is a Drone program in progress. Some employees are certified and some still studying. Then everyone will have to do

skills testing to show proficiency on the Drone. We have a new website coming after a year and half of progress. Headcount is down to 75 in the jail. We are about 10 Detention Officer's short and 2 Deputies on the road. Recently we purchased Justice, a Labradoodle, Golden Retriever mix. The excess heat creates challenges with domestic and people; mental health is still an issue. We are housing 5 that are on a wait list to go to a mental health facility to be evaluated (Larned). KDADS is suppose to pay per day for those we are housing until they are accepted to the facility but we have not yet been paid.

- p. Emporia Chamber and CVB:
    - 1. Made it through the Glass Blown Open, Dynamic Disc Open and Unbound Gravel bike race. Thanks to everyone for the help that was provided. Halfway to Nowhere Music Festival will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> downtown and it is the 4<sup>th</sup> year this even has taken place.
  - q. City of Emporia Public Relations:
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - r. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
    - i. They are still down roughly 45% in manpower in this part of the state. The 2024 budget has planned to hire 11-12 field officers to fill that void. Have had an uptick in damage control permits issued; up to 4 mostly in the south part of the county. They have gotten a lot of calls about blue-green algae; if you see ponds with a blue/green essence stay out of them. Operation Dry Water last weekend went well and had no accidents. Feral hog reports have pretty much stopped; people could harvest them if they were land owners. A decrease in Avian Influenza as well but anticipate it coming back up in cooler months.
  - s. Emporia Police Department:
    - i. Thanks Lyon County Sheriff's Office for your assistance with the barricaded subject; it ended well for all involved. They are only down 4 officers right now but have testing for 3 applicants next week. They have hired 1 or 2 Animal Control positions.
9. The next LEPC Meeting:
- a. October 12, 2023
  - b. 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
10. There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Vici Smith (Jeff Cope) 25-0

Respectfully,  
Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County Emergency Management  
LEPC Secretary