

January 12, 2023

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the January 12, 2023, LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS	Roxy Vangundy, LCECC
Jesse Taylor, Emporia Fire and EMS	Jarrold Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management
Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works	John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office
David Whittington, Holiday Resort	Greg Bolinger, Tyson
Shane Brunner, Lyon County LCAT	Dennis Baysinger, Lyon County Highway Dept
Joni Siess, Lyon County LCAT	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
Brandy Orender, Lyon County State Bank	Rolland Trahoon, Evergy
Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations	Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas
Jared Giffin, USD 253-Emporia	Jim Anderson, Davita
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice	Ruth Wheeler, Lyon County District Court
Christine Johnson, City of Emporia Public Relations	Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Department
Jon Reed, Hometown Health Care	Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds
Danny Broyles, Lyon County Sheriff's Office	

1. LEPC Chair Kevin Risley called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. Introductions/Roll Call
3. **Motion:** Approve the meeting agenda for today's meeting: Roxy Vangundy (Jennifer Milbern) 29-0
4. **Motion:** Approve the October 10, 2022, minutes: Vici Smith (Ruth Wheeler) 29-0

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. By-Law Review
    - i. No one wanted any changes at this time.
  - b. ESF13 Law Enforcement, ESF14 Long Term Recovery, and ESF15 Emergency Public Information
    - i. No one had any changes at this time.
  - c. Approve New Members
    - i. Jarrold Fell was going to research membership changes for next meeting.
    - ii. Add Jesse Taylor to EMS Director
  - d. Removal of Inactive/Retired Members

- i. Hayley Guion and Harold Blitz with Newman.
  - e. Future Presentation Discussion
    - i. If anyone wants to give a short presentation to LEPC contact Jarrod and/or Nichole to get that scheduled.
    - ii. Trying to reach out to the railroad and see if they want to come.
- 7. Coordinator Report (Jarrod Fell)
  - a. Tomorrow is IPPW. Set a tentative training schedule for the next 3 years.
    - i. This counts as one of our exercises that helps us qualify for our EMPG grant.
  - b. We will be doing two other exercises.
    - i. FEMA graded exercise for our Reception Center.
      - 1. Will have a run through before the real graded exercise in March, hopefully during Spring Break. This will only take one day.
      - 2. Graded exercise will be in the Summer, July. Will take place at Hartford High School and will be two days.
    - ii. Recovery Exercise in Topeka on April 25, 2023.
      - 1. We are sending a team to participate and help give us an idea of how to build our plan.
      - 2. Will do an AAR upon return.
  - c. We have hosted two ICS classes here and have one more on January 25, 2023, 6pm to 8pm.
    - i. If you would like to attend let Jarrod Fell know.
  - d. Working on redoing the EOC job aides and structuring.
    - i. Transitioning to doing remote work; to keep stakeholders out doing their jobs during an incident but still having the 1-2 required in person meetings. Keeps them from having to sit in the EOC.
    - ii. Building Microsoft Teams for each ESF to assist with communication within our partners.
    - iii. Coming up with job aides; wanting to get more partners familiar with our EOC.
- 8. Discipline Reports:
  - a. Emporia Chamber and CVB:
    - i. Have a PT position open currently. Have a lot of events happening throughout the year. 3 big ones this year.
      - 1. 2 huge disc golf tournaments.
        - a. One is April 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> which will be mostly amateurs.
        - b. One is June 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> which will be pros.
      - 2. The Unbound Gravel bike race is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Lyon County Area Transportation (LCAT):
    - i. Looking for drivers. Just signed service agreements to get fixed route services on google maps. Looking at software that mass texts when they close for weather or other incidents.
  - c. Lyon Country District Court:
    - i. Have new management in the court. New judges have started their positions.
  - d. Emporia Public Works:
    - i. Nothing currently.

- e. Newman Regional Health:
  - i. Had active shooter drill in Dec went well. They have new radios on order. Had some evacuation chairs delivered in case of emergency to assist with getting patients out quicker.
- f. USD #253-Emporia:
  - i. Has openings as well. Will be hosting Saturday CDL class for those who want to drive a bus even just for activities. Construction is continuing. Logan is wrapped up. Middle school and village are in full force with construction. Riverside and Timmerman will start this summer.
- g. Holiday Resort:
  - i. Nothing to report at this time.
- h. Emporia Fire and EMS:
  - i. Still short staffed; down 7 people which is a little over half shift. Promotions are lining up. Jesse Taylor is the new Deputy Chief/EMS Service Director.
- i. Lyon County Public Relations:
  - i. Has a PIO group that meets quarterly. If anyone would like to come, 2/7/23 is the next meeting being hosted by Newman. They are giving a tour of the facility. Reach out if you would like information on meetings.
- j. City of Emporia Public Relations:
  - i. CodeRed is going well with notifying the public. Nothing else at this time.
- k. Evergy:
  - i. Had outages in the northern county; got restored as quickly as possible. Acts of domestic terrorism are a concern against utility sub stations.
- l. Lyon County Highway Department:
  - i. Looking forward to Spring; Nothing at this time.
- m. Lyon County Sheriff's Office:
  - i. Short about 14 positions in the Detention Center. Have a couple of Deputy positions open. We have a Crosswinds liaison now to assist with keeping people who have mental illnesses out of the jail and instead getting help they need. Up to around \$22/hr. for a Detention Officer; good medical benefits and great retirement. Only need to be 18 years old to work in the jail. Hard time trying to get vehicles ordered; just ordered 6 vehicles plus what we have been trying to get over last 2years. So, we will now have 12 vehicles showing up at once.
- n. CareArc:
  - i. Construction is still ongoing. Upstairs will be done in the Spring; Dental will be done sometime in August. Disease front- MPox outbreak is really starting to wind down in US. KS is seeing a handful of cases but on tail end of this due to vax efforts. EBOLA Sudan outbreak- has been officially declared "over". Few travelers that are in observation. Avian Influenza- US seeing large outbreak in this. More states that do not have it are now experiencing it. If you see more than 5 dead birds in one area, contact KDWP to test them. Trying to prevent them from transmitting them to backyard birds. Still in respiratory illness season, RSV spike has come down. Increase in influenza at end of Dec; some indication that it's decreasing. Good match to the

vax. See an increase on COVID cases throughout the country due to new variant. Research shows the bi-valent vax is working well against this strain.

- o. Hometown Health:
    - i. Things are going well, picking up right now with people being sick and having lots of falls. The biggest problem right now is elderly people overdosing; have them reach out for help getting those meds sorted. Have resources to assist with keeping people from falling as well. Have a FT opening for LPN.
  - p. Hand in Hand Hospice:
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - q. Tyson:
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - r. Lyon County State Bank:
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - s. Crosswinds Counseling:
    - i. Got a couple building projects going on right now. They do have staff openings. They currently cannot take any new intakes due to staffing and continuing care for those they already have.
  - t. Kansas Gas:
    - i. Doesn't really have anything at this time. The last big cold snap put pressure on the system, but they didn't have any problems keeping things running.
  - u. DaVita:
    - i. They are now the only dialysis company in Emporia. They have PCT openings that they are trying to fill along with a couple of nurse openings. They have doubled in size due to the other facility closing but they were able to absorb most of their patients.
  - v. Emporia Police Department:
    - i. Still short positions; filled ACO position. Have 7 new officers in varying stages of training. Above that we have 4 open positions. Nothing critical or serious.
  - w. Lyon County Emergency Communications Center (LCECC):
    - i. Looking to add 3 more positions; need someone who is tech savvy if you know of anyone looking for a job. Text to/from 911 and video to 911 is available. Also, can drop pictures to them. Beefing up active shooter protocols and creating more robust protocols for responding. Reaching out to people who are non-verbal or have children who are non-verbal to coordinate test calling and see how they can assist them when they call 911. Dinovox program. Trying to make it so everyone has the same experience.
9. The next LEPC Meeting:
- a. April 13, 2023
  - b. 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
10. There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:11 p.m. Jennifer Millbern (Roxy Vangundy)
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Respectfully,  
Nichole Schlesener, Lyon County Emergency Management  
LEPC Secretary