

MINUTES
HARVEY COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Newton Fire/EMS Station 3
2520 S. Kansas, Newton, KS 67114
June, 10th 2015
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mark Willis, Rachel Corn, Lon Buller, Skip Cowan, Keene Hargrove, T Walton, Jennifer Burns, Jason Reynolds, Pam Kvas, Christy Million, Don Gruver, John Green, Gina Bell, Jim Leftwich

1. Chair Mark Willis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Chair Mark Willis asked for a motion to approve April 15th, 2015 minutes. T Walton made the motion to approve the minutes, Pam Kvas seconded, and the motion for approval was carried.
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Two Fire/EMS Personnel from Sedgwick County Regional Hazmat Response Team brought Hazmat 34 for the LEPC to tour; they also spoke with the LEPC beforehand. Regional money paid for the Hazmat Truck therefore Sedgwick County is required to respond to all 19 counties in the Regional Response for Hazmat incidents. Sedgwick County does however respond outside of that parameter if requested. It was mentioned that Harvey County has Hazmat material that goes through the County by many different means. Harvey County has Fire personnel trained to at least an awareness level. Newton Fire/EMS can do low level decontamination and have the capability to heat the water to prevent hypothermia. BNSF mentioned that the railroad has two trailers at the Newton roundhouse that respond to Hazmat material incidents. Sedgwick County has 12 Fire/EMS personnel trained at the Technician level but still have limited capabilities when it comes to large Hazmat incidents. The main propose of the Regional Hazmat Response Team is to Isolate, Manage, Evacuate and Secure a Hazmat scene. This team is not fully equipped to manage a large incident from the beginning to the end. Homeland Security does provide some money for training and materials but having the Response Team it will take on going training and equipment costs. Jim Leftwich advised Homeland Security money is shrinking and more counties have to rely on other counties for Hazmat Response. The Hazmat Station in Sedgwick County is Station 34 in Haysville, and a partner station by WSU. Each station has 5 firefighters that are also Hazmat Technicians. They have equipment and training to handle radiological materials as well. They advised there are about 5-10 Regional Hazmat Responses a year, most are low key. They also work with the Fire Marshal.
 - b. Jim Leftwich advised last week there was a state wide Disaster Declaration made for South Central Kansas. Lon Buller said Emergency Management will be reaching out to all eligible entities within Harvey County and encourage everyone to report damages so we can met the thresh hold for the state.
 - c. Mark Willis thanked Lon Buller for all his years of service and dedication to the LEPC as this was his last meeting. Lon is retiring and his last day is June 19th, 2015.
5. Next meeting will be August 12, 2015 @ 9:00am
6. Chair Mark Willis called the meeting adjourned.