

## Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

August 17, 2010

Approved September 29, 2010

### Call to Order and Introductions:

The Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group (KLERWG) was called to order by Chairman Eric Pippin at 10:00 a.m. on August 17, 2010 in the Director's Conference Room of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson. Those in attendance:

Name	Home Agency	Representing
Kevin Cavanaugh	Johnson County Sheriff's Office	K.C. Metro H.S. Region
John Green	KLETC	Kansas Peace Officers Assn
Bill Chornyak	KSAG- Homeland Security Div	
Todd Ackerman	Marysville Police Dept.	Kansas Assn Chiefs of Police
Kris Kramer	Topeka Police Dept.	Northeast H.S. Region
Eric Pippin- Chairman	KHP- Troop T / Emer. Operations	CEPR
Jim Daily	Newton Police Dept.	South Central H.S. Region
Scott Davies	Mitchell EM / Beliot Police Dept.	North Central H.S. Region
Traci Rankin	Dodge City Police Dept.	Southwest H.S. Region
Toby Prine	KDEM NW Regional Coordinator	KDEM
Tony Weingartner	Kansas Bureau of Investigation	Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Cole Presley	Graham County Sheriff's Office	Northwest H.S. Region
Ed Pavay	KLETC	KLETC
Mark Damitio	KLETC	
Steve Culp	KS-CPOST	KS-CPOST
Mark Engholm- Secretary	KHP- Public & Govt. Affairs	

### Minutes:

Jim Daily moved that the minutes of the July 15, 2010 meeting be approved, seconded by Scott Davies. Minutes were approved.

### Old Business:

Members reported back to the working group on FEMA typed deployable resources that their regions / agencies have in place.

#### Kansas Highway Patrol- Eric Pippin

- Aircraft
  - 2- Type I Law Enforcement Patrol & Surveillance Helicopters (both currently in Topeka)
  - 5- Type II Fixed Wing Law Enforcement Observation Aircraft
    - 1 based in Hays (has a FLIR unit)
    - 1 in Saline (has a FLIR unit)
    - 3 in Topeka (no FLIR)
- Mobile Communications Unit- Type II

- Special Response Team- Type II
- In the midst of developing a Type II Mobile Field Force (MFF) Strike Team (55 members) that will be capable of operating in the warm zone around CBRN incidents and handling civil unrest / riots. Members are currently in training. Plan to develop a second Type II MFF Strike Team so that one can be deployed at full-strength and the other held in reserve.

#### Northwest HS Region- Cole Presley / Toby Prine

- 2- Type IV Tactical Teams
  - Russell County Sheriff
  - Hays Police Dept.
- Several mobile communications vehicles but none meet the FEMA Types- they were designed more for command than communications so they only have a single dispatch position.
- No bomb squad- coverage is provided by the state bomb unit.

Discussion followed as to whether we can create specialized state resource typing beyond and less than the FEMA typing. Toby responded that we were free to develop resource typing for intra-state resources- FEMA typing only applies to resources deployed out of state, though they are a good guideline when a national type exists for a specific resource.

Question was raised as to if we could develop specialized state law enforcement teams and if so, is their funding available. Toby responded that we could develop our own teams and resources and could fund their development from SHSGP funds.

#### South Central HS Region- Jim Daily

- 1- Type I Bomb Squad (Wichita Police)
- 1- Law Enforcement Helicopter (Unsure of type) (Wichita PD)
- 10- Tactical Teams in region- most are Type III
  - Trained together for a week under a regional project in 2008
- Region has a 2010 SHSGP project underway for a mobile police station trailer. It is being built by Unruh Fire in Sedgwick, KS and will be ADA compliant.

Chief Daily provided the group with an overview of the LEAD (Law Enforcement Assistance Deployment) program, which the SC region has been developing for the last 2 years.

Each law enforcement agency in the SC region was provided with a standard data sheet. The Chief / Sheriff provided the region with the number and type of resources they were willing to deploy, how long they would deploy them and how far they would be willing to deploy them. This data was entered into a database, organized by county and available on thumb-drive.

An 800 phone number for LEAD has been established to the Life Team dispatch center in Newton (same process used for the EMS MERGE group and Fire FORCE groups). When a call is received, the dispatcher gathers basic information and call-back numbers. They then alert an on-call LEAD Manager who contacts the agency requesting assistance, gets more detailed information on their needs and then begins to contact agencies to dispatch resources.

LEAD brochures and sample data sheets were provided to the working group (copies attached to the minutes).

Question was raised as to whether FEMA would recognize multi-jurisdictional teams. Yes- Illinois was given as an example in that they have created regional law enforcement tactical teams and mobile field force teams.

Chief Daily said that they would like to see the LEAD program adopted by other regions and implemented statewide. Each region would be responsible for gathering / maintaining their resource data from agencies in their areas. Calls for aid would be handled within a LEAD region whenever possible, with regions requesting assistance from other regions when necessary. Regions could develop specialized multi-jurisdictional teams, especially in rural areas where individual agencies don't have the equipment or personnel to form their own teams but still have a need for their services.

#### KSCPOST- Steve Culp

KSCPOST has a computer database of every certified law enforcement officer in the state. They plan to increase the database to include information about special skills and training officers may have. Said that they had been contacted recently to find an officer with unique language skills to assist with a major case and realized the need for a central database of this type. They are seeking funding to expand the database and Bill Chornyak asked to speak with Culp following the meeting.

The question was raised as to whether this database could be made available to agencies through the KCJIS portal. This would seem to solve the issue of security and accessibility for LE agencies and administrators. Agencies would be responsible for entering and updating information on their officers training and certifications. The group could recommend that LE grants and funding be tied to participation in the system (e.g. SHSGP, JAG, COPS, etc).

Weingartner said that with the new message switch and lines they should be able to incorporate this feature in the system. He will follow up with KBI and KCPOST to see what can be done.

#### North Central HS Region- Scott Davies

- 1- Type III Tactical Team (Salina PD)
- 1- Type III Public Safety Dive Team (Saline Sheriff)

The only two counties who responded to the request for information on their resources were Lincoln and Saline. Some of the data may not be correct, as was discovered in follow-up with Salina PD and Saline County Sheriff- who reported to have Mobile Field Forces in place, but do not.

Discussion followed that not every agency is going to have resources that can be typed. Also, resources need to be of a type to handle the threat / need in the area they serve- not every team needs to be, or can be, a Type I team.

Scott Davies said that he would go back and gather more information on the basic FEMA LE resources in the region for the next meeting.

#### Southwest HS Region- Traci Rankin

- 4- Type IV Tactical Teams

Region may be interested in developing multi-jurisdictional teams to address other needs.

#### Northeast HS Region- Kris Kramer / Todd Ackerman

- 3- Type III Bomb Squads
  - Topeka Police
  - Topeka Airport Authority
  - Riley County Police

The three bomb squads have been brought up to Type III standard through regional SHSGP funding for robots, modern X-Ray units and training.

They are still gathering information on other deployable law enforcement resources that the region has.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### **Old Business (Continued):**

#### KC Metro HS Region- Kevin Cavanaugh

The region has several bomb squads and numerous tactical teams. Dynamics are different in the metro due to the UASI and MARC.

Will report back with more detailed information in the future.

#### Southeast HS Region- No representative present

#### Kansas Bureau of Investigation- Tony Weingartner

- 1- Type II Tactical Team
- KBI organized and is training multi-jurisdictional tactical teams in the state

#### **New Business:**

Representatives were asked to return to their regions and finish gathering information on the basic FEMA typed law enforcement resources that they have in place already.

The group consensus was to move forward with implementing the LEAD program statewide with standardized training and response for deployable resources. KPOA/KSA/KACP List-serves could disseminate information on the program statewide. Jim Daily stated that he will have Oscar at the next meeting to provide more information on the program. Regional representatives were asked to go back to their regions to talk about the LEAD program and look at how we will be collecting data from agencies.

Discussion followed regarding FEMA typing standards. It was reiterated that these standards apply to interstate deployments, however they are a good guide for development of local resources. NIMS stresses common terminology and organization. Kansas can develop their own typing for intra-state resources that may not meet the FEMA standards or are a specialized resource we need / have that FEMA has not typed. Toby Prine stated that our priority needs to be on Kansas and our own response before we start looking at EMAC.

### **Final Notes and Adjournment**

The next meeting was set for September 29, 2010 at 10AM at KLETC. Director Pavey asked that attendees let him know prior to the meeting if they would be eating lunch at the training center (cost \$5).

Sheriff Presley moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Toby Prine and passed.