

**Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group
Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center
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Call to Order

Eric Sauer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Welcome and Roll Call

Membership Attendance: Todd Ackerman – KACP, Daryl Reece – KC Metro, Toby Prine – KDEM, Eric Sauer – KHP, Ed Pavey – KLETC, Darin Beck – KPOA, KSA & NC Region – Chuck Dunn, NE Region – John Koelsch, NW Region – Andy Van De Wege, SC Region – Robert McClarty, and SW Region – Courtney Leslie

Guest Attendance: Edna Cordner – KHP, Melanie Lawrence – KHP, and Ron Gould - KLETC

Review of May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Pavey moved for approval and Koelsch seconded with all approving.

Chairperson's Comments/Reports

Update on Kansas Highway Patrol's Mobile Field Force (MFF)

After the Republican National Convention the Colonel had tasked Captains Eric Sauer and Dek Kruger for the research and creation of a Mobile Field Force. We have visited several states and made many calls for research. During the research phase we have observed training sessions, handled and used equipment – everything we could to come up with for a plausible, affordable, and appropriate plan for the KHP. A plan was presented to the Colonels and the Command Staff, and it was approved. We are now in the process of ordering equipment. Our plan is modeled after what the states of Ohio and Louisiana are doing. We went back to Louisiana to observe training and already made equipment changed. This will be an ongoing process with equipment not being available, and what works for one jurisdiction may not work for another.

If you think about crowd control from 20 years ago to what is occurring today there has been a lot of changes. KHP has had the basic Field Force operations course through FEMA for free. This provides a standard for teams across the state and even country, and provides a great base line. We had to supply the facility and people – they even supply the equipment, however, we opted to use the equipment that we have now – helmets –which will not be what the same as what the equipment will be for the MFF.

KHP will not train other agencies now; perhaps in the future that may be an option. Our force will be based on the FEMA training – which is basic so when deployed you understand what others is doing, though we will have a few different aspects based on our state needs.

All Troopers get very basic crowd control in the academy. This is still basic but is a refresher and a basis for the MFF. We will be sponsoring a FEMA course for commanders in October which will be mandatory for KHP Captains and Senior Staff – Field Force Command. LT Gritman and maybe LT Cordner will attend. Things covered: Command Post staff, Civil laws, what to expect and plan for, crowd dispersal warning guidelines, etc. Hopefully we will have equipment in by the end of the year and will have quarterly training that will last a day or day and a half. Hopefully be prepared for deployment by at the end of the summer 2018 or beginning of fall 2018. However, we will not respond until ready outside of what we already do.

This team will also be available to respond to natural disasters based on SEOC deployment guidelines. Many teams across the country already do this. We are still working on policy, and will have narrow and focused missions.

Sauer recommends other agencies takes the FEMA training. It is free and does a great job with the current environment. They bring everything most equipment needed. They have experienced trainers. FEMA is after consistency across the country - same style and tactics. All teams do the basics, but will tweak and change to suit their agency along with the political and environmental climates.

Once this is up and running and we are deployable we will have a presentation to give and get that out for all to see at the major conferences in Kansas.

KLETC sponsoring the FEMA courses would be beneficial to send individuals to the training, and to come back to your department and run people through formations. Formations are something that are easy to forget when you don't regularly practice them.

KCMO has a deployable resource with about 60 individuals in Kansas and about 100 in Missouri. They are using the FEMA model.

KLETC would be willing to bring in FEMA and do this if there is an interest. It is an active course.

We will not be doing any presentations until we are complete in our training. All sorts of things to overcome when starting a large project like this. We are pretty confident we can meet the autumn 2018 deadline.

Homeland Security Grant Mentions

One region had submitted projects for a drug task force for FY17 funds. Have talked to them about the issues with using Homeland Security Funds for drug task forces, and also places to go for funding. Current administration is relieving restrictions on controlled equipment.

COOP was mentioned in the FY17 guidance. It is a plan with a call tree and off site operations keeping your agency running on a skeleton program. KDEM has access where you can do COOP

planning for free. Big push for COOP there was a push after Katrina and will probably be a push after Harvey. It is a federal requirement, and can see it being pushed down to the state and local levels. COOP is currently a suggestion for state and local but don't be surprised if it turns into a requirement. KDEM is going through a renewal of the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) and they have to have other supporting agencies have their COOPs up to date. One major issue is de-confliction of relocation. With COOP one quickly finds out what basic services are important.

Membership Reports/Updates

Gould, Beck and Pavey have been working with KHP Captain Jimmie Atkinson on finding new software program for everything an academy does. They have an RFP and bids out. KLETC and KHP will have same modules operating separately and other modules that apply to each academy. Three bids are in and they are getting ready to review them – joint award with KHP and KLETC. One of the nice things about the program is if you were to teach a class – video, handouts, etc. on record forever.

Homeland Security Grant Update

The Homeland Security Grant has a requirement that 25% of the funds must go to law enforcement. In Kansas 33% of the funds go to law enforcement. As SAA the Patrol is looking to have more transparency, and with the KLERWG already established and makes sense to have this group review the proposed law enforcement projects.

The plan is for the KLERG to review projects submitted by the Regional Council and state if you support or do not recommend the project. If there is a “no” recommendation, please be very specific on why. The project will then go back to the Region to have them make the final decision on whether to support the project or not. Even if we do not recommend the project the decision to support the project is with the region. However, they are supposed to give our recommendations serious consideration.

This is not a function of the KLERWG based on the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) charter, and it is not a requirement of the State Advisory Committee (SAC). There will be a basic list we look at to ensure it meets grant guidance. Giving our opinion with the experience in the room. There are many ways we can do this. The idea is to prevent duplication of things that are being worked on outside of the grant. We can be involved in the State Preparedness Report activity. The tactical medical kits was heard, put on the table, and pushed out statewide. Appreciate you doing this and will make it as painless as possible.

More of a matter of record along with checks and balances. Process will not be implemented until FY19 and currently playing catch-up. Next time we meeting will be reviewing projects.

Training is a separate animal. Additional information will be coming out shortly. They will be going through their own pre-approval process.

All potential and contingency projects will be reviewed since we do not know what funding will be.

We have been using un-used funds for a civil unrest trailer. Have not had any projects for civil unrest equipment.

Controlled equipment has been a challenge – covers anything associated with the controlled equipment is considered controlled equipment – ballistic shields stored in an armored vehicle is now controlled equipment The President has issued an executive order eliminating the controlled equipment controls, but we have only received a press release at this time. Hopefully this upcoming change will make it easier. This is a change in the attitudes with the administration.

This group will help with determining if this is going to be an asset for the region and/or the entire state and help to eliminate self- interest – is this a regional asset or will this be a equipping our department.

We had received a slight increase funding with FY17.

Is there a list of the deployable assets for this process and something we can get for the Sheriffs and Chiefs associations? The backbone is there, but needs to have the locals input it in the system. Jurisdictions are making IDs and not imputing their equipping and typing it.

We can help you with what was grant purchased. McClarty stated as a SC Representative he would like to know what is already owned – grant and otherwise. What you are doing is what we want to happen. Each county has their own administrative rights – given to the emergency manager. Didn't want the state to be making decisions to the counties for access.

Seems like we waste time with trying to find what is available. It is a wonderful system if everyone cooperates. Entering and access to the system. Perfect to what we are designed to do.

CRMCS Enhancement Suggestions

The software vendor has grown into a large company and Kansas does not have the pull that we once had. This would be an enhancement to have a user log-in rather than just an administrative or enterer log-in.

This group should be going back to the region and encourage people to enhance the system. Looks like we should have Bryan come and talk to this group again.

Some people think that is this only for Homeland Security information to be entered and not their own. HLS equipment has to be deployable.

People are not looking at it as a Mutual Aid tool, but just as a tracking tool for Homeland Security. We should be able to have access to those items purchased with homeland security funding. As a representative for the Chiefs association I would like to have access to deployable resources in the SC Region to be able to call up a neighboring jurisdiction and say – I need this can I borrow it.

The challenge is if CRMCS is going to be effective we need to come up with a best practice idea. What is the best way to track law enforcement equipment? Encouraging law enforcement across the state to input and type their equipment. This is what we have and how to expect this to be used. If each working group can do this – we want this to happen and this is what needs to happen for this to be successful.

New Business

None

Announcements

Next meeting is planned to be a teleconference. The chairmanship is up for election. Would like everyone to participate.

Adjournment

Van Der Wege motioned and McClarty seconded. All approved.