



Ford County LEPC  
Minutes  
16 November 2018



**Call meeting to order**

**Introductions** – Nikki Durler

**Read and approve minutes from last month** – Minutes were approved with some deletions for the last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** \$421.83 – Koch made a donation of \$500.00 to help with LEPC meetings, lunches and brochures.

**Committee Reports**

PIO – Nothing to report

Recruiting/Marketing – Nothing to report

Nomination-

**Old Business**

Trainings – Health Department had their full-scale exercise and was disappointed that more people did not show up. Learned some things that will help things run smoother.

Airport will be having their training Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. with lunch being provided.

Deb (Koch) - Had confined space training with PK present. Maintenance was cleaning smoke detectors and forgot to put the smoke alarms on test mode and caused the alarms to go off. Whole building had to be evacuated. No one knew how to silence the alarms and had Ford County Fire responded. Getting trained to learn how to silence the alarms soon.

Loren- Ford County EMS hosted Hazmat tech course- Regional/Hazmat is out of County Fire Station. People from Sedgwick, Dodge City Fire Department, and Colby attended. There were a few hiccups during the training but hopefully got it all sorted out now. It is comprised of both city and county firefighters. Training is 80 hours which is about 10 days long of training. Cargill also attended the training. The training is power point, ground sampling/testing and training.



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Rex- Cyber Security Class will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The first class is an awareness class which is a 4-hour class and the other class is a 12-hours long and is about how to implement cyber security. The class is limited to only about forty people. If we have a significant amount of people taking the class than we may be able to schedule another one later on. You must complete the 4-hour class before you can complete the 12-hour class. Classes will be held at the Ford County Training Center.

Jeff Mooradian- Officer Kolbach and I will be attending Field Force Operations which is a Riot Training in Alabama sometime in March at the Center of Domestic Preparedness. It is being put on by FEMA.

Training was complete in Salina for Search and Rescue Training. Had a good showing.

### **New Business**

Jeff Hutton- The National Weather Service is a government ran agency. It starts in the Department of Commerce than goes to NOAA then to the National Weather Service and then to the local services. There are seven NWS offices in the state. Weather observations are from Dodge City. The weather service for Dodge City serves 27 counties in Kansas. We send a balloon out twice a day here in Dodge City. The NWS forecasts are for public and aviation's. Our bread and butter is severe weather. We also do other activities. Just completed an exercise about Horse Thief Reservoir dam breaking and flooding Jetmore and Hanston. Jeff presented a power point about what he does and how the NWS can track the weather. Jeff reports that the weather is very random. Do not pay attention to the social media weather as 9 out of 10 times they are not correct. The NWS in Dodge City is a 24-hour 7 day a week operation. Dodge City NWS has 9 meteorologist and 3 advanced interns. We try to predict the weather to the best of our ability, but it can change from day to day. The weather is very random especially in the Plains. The Rocky Mountains influence the weather here in Kansas. Long range forecasts will usually fail. Meteorologists are not reporters. Follow the weather at [weather.gov.dodgecity/winter](http://weather.gov.dodgecity/winter) is experimental link right now.



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Loren- Speaks for Andrea Burns- Kansas 4H and Ford County Extension will be hosting Youth Emergency Preparedness training. She is needing adult volunteers to attend the Train the Trainers session. If interested, please email her. They will work on CPR and other things as well.

### **County Emergency Manager's Report-**

Cyber Security Classes

AWR136 Class will be held from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

MGT384 Class will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and January 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Other Business-** Elections: Nikki Durler was nominated for Secretary- All approved the motion.

Rob Boyd motioned that officers stay the same- All approved

**Motion to adjourn:** Sherriff Carr motioned Abbey second.

### **Next Meeting**

18 January 2019