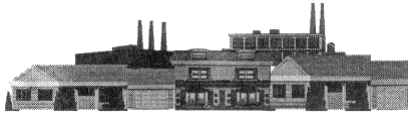


KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



Managing our Risk Together

General Committee Meeting

May 25, 2016
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
South Charleston, WV

C.W. Sigman, Chair called the KPEPC General Membership Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Keith Hobbs moved that the minutes of the March 30, 2016, meeting be approved; Seth Staker seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Attendees introduced themselves and gave the name of their company / organization.

Program: Launch of the New KC Ready App

Presenter: Dale Petry, Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Dale Petry reported on the new KC Ready app that was introduced in April 2016. The app is free and is available on both the Apple App Store and on Google Play for Android phones. In today's world, there is an app for everything, but this app is going to help people get prepared for emergencies, during emergencies, and find resources they need.

Dale stated that during past emergencies like the derecho and the water emergency, there were thousands of emergency calls to Metro 911. Although all calls are important, there were many critical calls that did not get through, due to the volume of calls being made. During the derecho, nobody could talk to anyone. People needed to know where the shelters were opening and the only communication was through social media. The KC Ready app will provide information for shelter locations, water distribution points, live traffic reports, weather information, updates from utilities etc. Dale stated that the KC Ready app is not just for emergencies, it can be used on a daily basis for weather and traffic information.

Dale Petry stated that this app will provide information to help people prepare for an emergency. There is traffic information, weather updates / storm warnings, public health updates, terrorism etc. This information will help the public to prepare an emergency kit, make an emergency plan for their family, assign meeting places, conduct family fire drills - how to prepare your family for 72 hours until help can arrive.

Dale Petry demonstrated the KC Ready app to the membership. Dale reiterated how the app will help our residents prepare for an emergencies. During an emergency, app users will be alerted to official county notifications and critical information. In addition to disaster resources, the app also connects users daily with a live traffic map, automatic notifications and local resources.

Additionally, Dale stated that there is a program from Metro 911 of Kanawha County, **Swift 911**. **Swift 911** is a public emergency notification system designed to make phone calls and send text messages during emergency situations. Metro 911 has access to publicly listed residential phone numbers, but not unlisted numbers or cell phones. Dale encouraged the members to visit www.metro911.org to sign up to receive information during emergencies such as shelter-in-place instructions, evacuations, weather-related crises and more.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Chair

C.W. Sigman

C.W. Sigman reported that the West Virginia State Emergency Response Commission (WV SERC) has approved the 2016 HMEP Grant. This grant will be used to finance a drill at the Chemours site. This drill will be held in September and will involve training / seminar, tabletop exercise, full-scale exercise and will allow testing of off-site communications as well.

C.W. Sigman reported that Part I: Capability Targets and Resources Needs, of the Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment process (THIRA) was discussed at the March 30, 2016 meeting. This section was completed and submitted.

Vice Chair:

Krista Farley

No Report.

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Janet Briscoe

Janet Briscoe provided the members with the April 30th Financial Report. Janet explained the budget details and provided balances to all KPEPC accounts. Janet reported that \$53,219 has been received in contributions through May 25, 2016; \$19,395 remains unpaid. Contribution second-request letters will be sent out in June.

KPEPC Committees / Committee Chairs

Business, Membership & Community Outreach
Communication Systems Committee
Drill Planning, Exercise & Training
Finance Committee
Hazard Assessment, Planning & Mutual Resources
Plan Implementation & Evaluation

Faith Borden
John Dearnell; Nanci Keenan
Chris Gautier
Janet Briscoe
Keith Vititoe
Tim McDaniel

Business, Membership & Community Outreach

Faith Borden

Not present. C.W. Sigman reported that Faith Borden will be relocating from the National Weather Service in Charleston to their location in Nashville, Tennessee.

C.W. stated that the National Weather Service (Faith Borden) had hosted an Integrated Warning System Team meeting April 7, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The meeting focused on fostering communications in the I-64 corridor, focusing on Kanawha and Putnam Counties and was well attended and a big success. The National Weather Service wants to become more integrated with

the community. Faith also hosted a Sky-Watch/Storm Spotter Class, Saturday April 23rd at Bridge Valley Community Technical School. Doug Harlow of Channel 8 news taught the class.

Communication Systems Committee

John Dearnell
Nanci Keenan

John Dearnell reported that his committee is working on coordinating a meeting to address the radio communication problem. We plan to have involvement from all the key players (emergency responders, hospitals, fixed facilities, schools etc.). John stated that he had talked with Dave Erwin and they are looking at using Region 7 Tac Channel 4 on the SORN system for communication with the hospitals and industry in the event of an emergency.

Drill Planning, Exercise & Training

Chris Gautier

Chris Gautier reported that Chemours held an EPA drill, March 29th, starting at 9:00 a.m. The drill scenario involved a small amount of caustic being spilled out of a railcar. Off-site communications were tested as well. A large Chemours drill is being planned for September and will involve training/seminar, tabletop, followed by a full-scale exercise.

Hazard Assessment & Planning/Mutual Resources

Keith Vititoe

Keith Vititoe reported that he attended the recent Kanawha Valley Water Systems Source Water Protection Planning meeting February 24th. The committee continues to work on emergency response regarding a local water emergency for the purpose of updating Hazard Annex B12 – Public Water Emergency. Keith stated that he is coordinating a meeting of water providers in Kanawha and Putnam counties to improve emergency planning in our area. There is still a need to develop the shelter-in-place plan.

Plan Implementation & Planning

Tim McDaniel

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Seth Staker announced that the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department will be hosting a Bulnerable and At-Risk Training Workshop, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, South Charleston (Montgomery Room). Ms. Christina Smith from the American Red Cross of Mid-Ohio Valley will be teaching the workshop “Emergency Planning for At-Risk Populations”. Seth provided the members with detailed information to the workshop and asked that they RSVP to him.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.