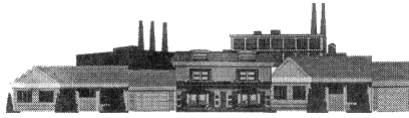


KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



Managing our Risk Together

General Committee Meeting

July 27, 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. David Hoge moved that the minutes of the May 25, 2016, meeting be approved; Matt Brown seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written. Attendees introduced themselves and gave the name of their company / organization.

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Program: Update on Emergency Response & Relief of June 2016 Floods
Presenter: C.W. Sigman, Deputy Director & Fire Coordinator
Kanawha County Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

C.W. Sigman stated that due to the recent massive flooding that occurred in multiple areas of our state June 23-25, 2016, several people will be reporting on the events. C.W. Sigman provided a timeline of how quickly the flood evolved and examples of many situations and response efforts. The extent of the flood damage was incomprehensible and C.W. stated that the response to this flood emergency was huge with everyone working together. The massive humanitarian efforts at the onset of the flooding and that continue today are unbelievable and so moving.

C.W. Sigman provided a slide presentation to the members showing the large amounts of rainfall in specific areas and the rainfall trajectories. He provided flood records of the rivers affected, showing the old flood stage records and new records set. There have been approximately 8,000 FEMA applicants thus far from this flood emergency.

C.W. Sigman introduced John Sikora, Senior Service hydrologist with the National Weather Service. John Sikora explained how this disastrous rain event evolved. John explained that a large air mass, originating in the Pacific, flowed east and settled over West Virginia. Another system came up from the Gulf of Mexico, bringing more moisture over the state. Massive amounts of moisture, prefaced by thunderstorms, produced enormous amount of rain. John Sikora provided terrain maps and graphics showing the flow of rain. This was a rainfall amount that occurs once in a thousand years.

Dennis Mangioni, FEMA Division Superintendent introduced FEMA representatives attending the meeting. These FEMA representatives, from various divisions of FEMA, have been supporting the flood relief since the beginning of the disaster.

FEMA reported that on June 25, 2016, President Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia. The declaration released federal funding to help individuals and communities recover from the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred June 22, 2016, and continue. The assistance covered individuals and households in Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Nicholas counties. Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) were conducted to assess public and individual assistance.

FEMA worked to provide commodities and support to the distribution efforts. FEMA deployed over 250 staff to assist in response and recovery efforts. Disaster Recovery Centers were opened where survivors could go for assistance and information. The FEMA program covered partial reimbursement for eligible infrastructure repairs and debris cleanup. At this time, FEMA has distributed around \$29.4 million in individual assistance money to about 1,300 families.

Gary Ayers from FEMA Headquarters reported that FEMA works through communication, coordination, and collaboration with local businesses, trying to get information out to the people. During the initial phase of the incident (response mode), FEMA is trying to get the message out, setting up distribution centers at disaster locations. When they talk with the private sector, they establish a point of contact and partner with them. Later in the recovery process, they try to set up workshops to help business prepare in the event of another disaster.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Chair

No Report.

C.W. Sigman

Vice Chair:

No Report.

Krista Farley

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Janet Briscoe provided the members with the June 30th Financial Report. Janet explained the budget details and provided balances to all KPEPC accounts. Janet reported that \$60,914 had been received in contributions through July 25th, 2016; \$11,700 remains unpaid. Contribution second-request letters were sent out June 30, 2016.

Janet Briscoe

KPEPC Committees / Committee Chairs

**Business, Membership & Community Outreach
Communication Systems Committee**

**Faith Borden
John Dearnell
Nanci Keenan**

Drill Planning, Exercise & Training
Finance Committee
Hazard Assessment, Planning & Mutual Resources
Plan Implementation & Evaluation

Chris Gautier
Janet Briscoe
Keith Vititoe
Tim McDaniel

Business, Membership & Community Outreach

John Sikora

No Report.

Communication Systems Committee

John Dearnell
Nanci Keenan

John Dearnell reported that his committee is holding a meeting, August 25th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to address the radio communication problem. We plan to have involvement from all 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 SIRN 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

No Report.

Plan Implementation & Planning

Tim McDaniel

Tim McDaniel stated that he could use help with his committee and invited the members to participate.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Brad Stewart reported that the KPEPC office is now operational with CityNet and completely separated from the, American Red Cross. The KPEPC is working through a few glitches but will be updating the KPEPC website very soon. Also, we are currently working on having a new display board created to be used at Safety Fairs and EXPOS.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Hoge reported that several classes have been added to the Flood Plain Mitigation & Management Plan.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:02 p.m.