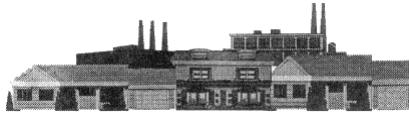


# KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



*Managing our Risk Together*

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## **General Committee Meeting**

February 6, 2019

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center

South Charleston, West Virginia

In the absence of Tim McDaniel, Chair, John Dearnell, Vice Chair called the KPEPC General Membership meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Brad Hartley moved that the minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting be approved; Michael Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

John Dearnell explained that at the beginning of a new year, there are changes in the KPEPC officers and committee chair persons. An election of officers for the KPEPC Board of Directors was held at the January 9, 2019 Board of Director's meeting. 2019 Executive Officers are: Tim McDaniel, Chair; John Dearnell, Vice-Chair; Krista Farley, Secretary/Treasurer. Officers will serve a term of one (1) year from January to December or until such time as their successor is appointed. The members were provided a list of 2019 KPEPC Board of Directors as well as a KPEPC Committees with Committee Chair assignments (attached). John encouraged the members to participate by serving on a committee.

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

**Program:** AT&T FirstNet and Emergency Planning

**Presenter:** J. D. Sigman, FirstNet Solutions Principal Consultant – WV; AT&T Global Public Sector Solutions

J.D. Sigman explained evolution of ATT FirstNet Emergency Planning. As a result of the 911 Commission Reports, the FCC recommended the creation of Interoperable Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, March 2010. The First Responder Network Authority was created to oversee design and build and manage the network, February 2012. During 2013 thru 2016, ongoing outreach to public safety, strategy, planning and state coverage assessments were conducted. March 2017, First Responder Network Authority awards AT&T a 25-year contract and by December 2017, all 50 states and 6 territories opted for the program.

FirstNet is the nationwide public safety broadband network, services and solutions that are dedicated to First Responders and those that support them. It is more than a network, including advanced services, applications and purpose-built devices.

The types of FirstNet Users are:

Primary Users: EMS, Fire, Police, 911, EMA, National Guard

Extended Primary Users: Hospitals, Utilities, Transportation, Education-K12/Higher Ed

Subscriber Paid Users: Volunteer Fire, EMS, Police, users for primary agency, user that maintains service responsibility.

FirstNet's first commitment is exclusively for public safety. AT&T is bound by contract to deliver unique services for public safety's dedicated use. The U.S. based FirstNet security operations center provides 24 X 7 X 365 support to keep vital apps, devices and connections secure. The team works with 500+ device OEMS to bring the latest technology to market.

For more information about FirstNet, D.J. Sigman can be reached by phone: (304) 932-8194 or email: ds8355@att.net.

**Program:** Results of 2018 Hazard Vulnerability Analysis

**Presenter:** C.W. Sigman, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

C.W. Sigman reported that as a result of the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment conducted at the KPEPC General Membership meeting, December 12, 2018, he was providing the survey results.

The top hazards identified December 2018 were:

- 1) Fire
- 2) Drug Abuse / Homelessness
- 3) Weather Issues ( storms, severe weather)
- 4) Seasonal Influenza
- 5) Active Shooter
- 6) Hazardous Materials

**FIRE:** C.W. stated that West Virginia is one of the states where you are more likely to die in a house fire. C.W. discussed the camp fire in Paradise, California. He stated that this was not the biggest fire with the most wind. This fire wasn't the top 15 fires of area burned but it was the worse in loss of life. Paradise had a large population of people 65 of age and older, along with a disabled population.

**DRUG ABUSE/HOMELESSNESS:** Our area has a large population of drug abusers and homelessness which is a huge attack on our society.

**SEASONAL FLU:** Our health department has a robust program for vaccinations and provides lots of public information out on prevention. Health Care providers make a lot of effort to get the population vaccinated.

**ACTIVE SHOOTER:** Preparedness activities are currently being conducted. Stop the Bleed and Active Shooter Training is being conducted in schools and in the public. There is an upcoming Critical Decision Making for Complex and Coordinated Attack Training being conducted in September, as well as Active Threat Integrated Response Training in October.

HAZMAT: The basis for the KPEPC is hazardous materials. We provide citizens with information about the location of toxic chemicals in their communities.

Disaster Siren Information: C.W. reported that we have a disaster siren system in Kanawha and Putnam counties consisting of 55 warning sirens. These sirens are activated in the event of chemical manufacturing incidents, hazardous material transportation accidents and natural weather disasters. Nearly one-half of the sirens are capable of producing intense warning signal, love and digital voice messaging. The sirens are tested at noon the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The siren will emit a steady tone followed by the pre-recorded test message, concluding the steady tone.

The problem being, is many people don't know about the sirens and what the warnings mean. Our organizations will be stepping up public education about the siren system and shelter-in-place. We will be conducting public service announcements about these issues.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Chair**

**Tim McDaniel**

Not Present

In the absence of Tim McDaniel, John Dearnell read a letter sent by Tim McDaniel (attached). John reported that Tim McDaniel is recovering from surgery. He has a challenge for everyone to get involved with the KPEPC by serving on committees. A list of the KPEPC committees and responsibilities was provided to the members (attached).

Our committee chairs graciously agreed to serve on their committees but they need help. Your input, suggestions and ideas are needed! Our LEPC covers two progressive counties and a municipality that work hand in hand with the common goal of keeping our communities prepared for and safe from potential hazards. Please reach out to us! If you have a safety fair or class and need us to be there as a presenter, this can be arranged. If you need volunteers for a drill, we can help facilitate that

**Vice Chair:**

**John Dearnell**

No Report.

**Secretary/Treasurers Report:**

**Krista Farley**

In the absence of Krista Farley, Jacque Gumm provided the members with the Financial Reports through January 31, 2019.

**KPEPC Committees / Committee Chairs:**

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

**John Sikora/Marc Crouse**  
**John Dearnell/John Sikora**  
**Keith Hobbs/Keith Vititoe**  
**Krista Farley**  
**Matt Lyons**

**Plan Implementation & Evaluation**

**Seth Staker**

**Business, Membership & Community Outreach:**

**John Sikora  
Marc Crouse**

Not Present; No Report.

**Communication Systems Committee:**

**John Dearnell  
John Sikora**

No Report.

**Drill Planning, Exercise & Training:**

**Keith Hobbs  
Keith Vititoe**

No Report.

**Hazard Assessment & Planning/Mutual Resources:**

**Matt Lyons**

No Report.

**Plan Implementation & Planning**

**Seth Staker**

Not Present; No Report.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Jacque Gumm reported that the KPEPC website is “under construction” and being updated. The business internet services have been changed from CityNet to Suddenlink, utilizing the website hosting of My Virtual Advantage, owned by Andrea Smock. Once the new website is completed, it will allow the KPEPC to make changes and updates on the website, in-house, eliminating significant charges for every website change.

Additionally, the KPEPC is trying to reach out and gain more followers on social media, so that we can get important information out to the public.

**Please like us on Facebook and Follow Us on Twitter @kpepc. I will keep you updated on the progress of the new KPEPC website, [www.kpepc.org](http://www.kpepc.org)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The West Virginia Public Safety EXPO 2019 will be held at the Charleston Convention Center, May 8 thru May 11, 2019. The safety EXPO is an annual event in Charleston that provides public safety officials an opportunity to network, obtain training, and enhance their skills in a centralized location with some of the best resources in the country. <http://www.safetyexpo.com>

Meeting Adjourned: 12:55 p.m.