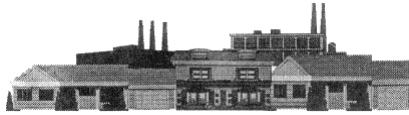


KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



Managing our Risk Together

General Committee Meeting

March 27, 2019

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
South Charleston, West Virginia

Tim McDaniel, Chair, called the KPEPC General Membership meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Matt Blackwood moved that the minutes of the February 6, 2019, meeting be approved; John Sikora seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

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

Program: Overview of Active Shooter & Stop-the-Bleed

Presenter: Keith Vititoe, Executive Director of Security
Kanawha County Schools/Regulatory Training Center

Keith Vititoe reported that both training programs, Active Shooter and Stop-the-Bleed are being taught in Kanawha county schools. This has been an on-going project for the last four years. We realize that there is a need to improve our ability to protect the safety of our students and staff for someone coming into the school to hurt people. Recently the legislature has signed bills into law requiring active shooter training and first aid training. This is a continuous improvement process.

ACTIVE SHOOTER:

There is an ever increasing phenomena of tragic incidents especially in school systems. 2018 was the greatest number of fatalities due to active shooters.

Active shooter/armed intruder incidents:

- Occur rapidly without warning
- Fluid & dynamic
- The suspect shows a continuous intent to harm others
- There is no real profile for an active shooter
- Incident usually lasts for a short period of time before the police arrive, the suspect commits suicide, or citizens in the danger zone subdue him/her
- The suspect may use other weapons such as knives or swords, so the more correct term may be active killer/violent intruder/armed intruder.
- All staff and students should be mentally prepared to respond to an armed intruder event.

The mental preparation comes from participating in training and drills

Keith stated that there have been so many active shooter incidents in this country resulting in injuries and deaths. In a large percentage of the incidents, citizen engagement or the shooter

committing suicide ended the attack before law enforcement arrived. In many incidents, unarmed citizens ended the attack by successfully restraining the shooter.

Kanawha County schools uses the ALICE Training Program (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) and Run-Hide-Fight.

- ALICE was adopted by Kanawha County Schools in April 2015
- Provides awareness training to all full-time employees
- Teaches basic, life-saving skills for emergencies
- Increases mandatory lockdown drills from one to four each school year
- Increases situational awareness
- Promotes a “survival mindset” in staff and students

**Active Shooter Preparedness drives the entire security program by:

1. Training/Drills
 2. Security Procedures
 3. Doors and Access Control
 4. Intercoms
 5. Cameras
 6. Law Enforcement walk-throughs
- And many more...

Many other training programs use a similar message: Avoid, Deny, Defend; Evacuate, Hide, Take Action; Get Out, Hide Out, Take out. All of the training program contain the same message: (1) Get out of the danger zone if you can (2) If you can't get out safely, hide and/or lockdown in place (3) As a last resort, defend yourself if necessary.

Keith detailed the stages of ALICE to explain how the school staff and students are being trained.

STOP THE BLEED:

Stop the Bleed program was initiated by the White House in 2013. It is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. The program is part of active shooter and terrorism preparedness and shows simple techniques to stop serious bleeding; dressings, pressure dressings, and press. Stop the Bleed program has to be delivered in an age-appropriate manner. Last year CAMC provided training at all high schools and will complete training at all schools in 2019.

Tim McDaniel thanked Keith Vititoe for his very informative presentation.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Chair

Tim McDaniel

Tim McDaniel reported that there are many changes coming for the KPEPC which will be explained later in the reports.

Vice Chair:

Not Present; No Report.

John Dearnell

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Krista Farley, provided the members with the Financial Reports through February 28, 2019. The KPEPC checking account balance is \$63,236.92; reserve account is \$86,491.95, totaling \$149,728.87.

Krista Farley

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**

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

Business, Membership & Community Outreach:

John Sikora reported that he will be helping at the WV Safety EXPO representing the KPEPC.

**John Sikora
Marc Crouse**

Communication Systems Committee:

Not Present; No Report.

**John Dearnell
John Sikora**

Drill Planning, Exercise & Training:

Keith Hobbs reported that he will be helping at the WV Safety EXPO providing Shelter-In-Place information.

**Keith Hobbs
Keith Vititoe**

Hazard Assessment & Planning/Mutual Resources:

No Report.

Matt Lyons

Plan Implementation & Planning

Seth Staker reported that he will be coordinating efforts with Matt Lyons on reviewing the Hazard Plan Annexes.

Seth Staker

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

Jacque Gumm reported that she submitted her resignation as Administrator of the KPEPC after nearly 14 years of service. Jacque stated that she has loved the job, the many people she has met but is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and traveling.

Tim McDaniel stated that Jacque will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sound the Alarm Campaign:

Kristen Warner of American Red Cross reported on the Sound the Alarm Campaign being held April 27 – May 12. The American Red Cross is partnering with the South Charleston Fired Dept. to install smoke alarms in the South Charleston community, Saturday, May 4th and would be grateful for any volunteers.

Pillowcase Program:

Clay County Fire:

Janet Briscoe discussed the fatal fire that occurred in Clay County last year. She asked if fire extinguisher training could be incorporated in fire safety training.

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>

Scheduled WVDHSEM Exercises:

David Hoge of WVDHSEM reported on the following upcoming exercises:

-Sport Event Risk Management – May 2-3, 2019
Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance

-Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents – May 21-22, 2019
State Police Academy

-Foodborne Outbreak Response – May 14-15, 2019
Highlands Event Center, Tridelphia

-Fundamentals of Grants Management – June 25-27, 2019
State Police Academy

-Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks – September 4-5, 2019
Columbia Gas Building

Meeting Adjourned: 1:06 p.m.