

CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
JULY 5TH 2011
CHEROKEE CO. EOC OFFICE, COLUMBUS KS

The Cherokee Co. LEPC meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. Tuesday July 5th by Chairwoman Holly Capron.

Those in attendance: Jason Allison, CK CO EM, Art Mallory, CK CO EM, Larry Delmont, Galena PD, Pat Collins, Galena PD, Judy Leighty, Cherokee City, Dustin Groves, CK CO EM, Toni Speith, CERT, Steven Burton, Col Fire, Larry Hiatt, News Report, Vicki Rahall, CK SO, Wayne Elliott, 911 Mapping, Angie Rippel, Appraisers Office, Jim Burton, City of Columbus, Betha Elliott, CK CO Health Dept, Carl Hayes, CK CO Health Dept, David Groves, CK SO, Terry Clugston, CK SO, Doug Heady, KOAM TV, Karry Moore, CERT Via Christi Hosp, Kurtis L. Gregory, VET, Melissa Cromwell, SRMHW, Holly Capron CK CO EM.

Chairwoman Capron turned the meeting over to Dough Heady, Meteorologist for Channel 7 KOAM TV. Doug spoke on the Joplin tornado, the warning system and all the elements it took to make the "perfect storm". He encouraged the county in their efforts for community sirens. He also reminded the group that the sirens were for the people outside not for and inside warning.

Chairwoman Capron asked if there were questions/comments over the last meeting. Jason Allison spoke on Weather Alert Radio grant and distribution. The distribution went well, calling it a big success. There are over 400 names on the Columbus list for weather radios. He has put in a request for another 1000.

The storm siren grant is in the works for this fall. The request is for 10 more David Groves spoke about the Nixle Warning system- Have had video conferences with Nixle group and are beginning setup on the program. There are already over 500 signed up to receive texts.

Dusty Groves spoke about the booth that CK CO EM and CERT would have at the CK CO Fair. It will be set up with the Columbus Police Dept and will have Nixle Warning System info available. Chances will be sold to win a storm shelter to be given away Columbus Day weekend. They will also have the information available on the Yellow Dot System/Lions Club.

Betha Elliott spoke for the Health Dept. They will be sponsoring two classes Tues July 12 Mitigation Strategies for Rural America and Wed. July 13th Responding to the Functional Needs Populations of Rural America.

Via Christi Hospital is offering a free MEMS class July 7th 4:30-8:00 call Karry Moore at 620-704-7200... Dinner will be provided. Karry also commented she is with the

Crawford Co. CERT team and they have Animal Rescue Team and are in negotiations with CK CO.

In other dept. news...Judy Leighty was introduced as the new treasurer for the group in light of Art Blick's resignation.

New Business: Jason Allison talked about the trip to Wathena Ks and the flooding there. Dr. Gregory voiced concerns about weather spotter qualifications. They were advised to call National Weather Service and the County Sheriffs Office. Larry Delmont voiced a concern about a definite need for more certified storm shelters in the county. Chairwoman Capron asked if there were any other questions.

Next meeting will be Aug. 2nd at 9:00 a.m. EOC Ck Co. Court House. Adjourned