

CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
JUNE 7TH 2011-07
CHEROKEE CO. EOC OFFICE, COLUMBUS KS.

The Cherokee Co. LEPC meeting was called to order at 9am Tuesday June 7th by Chairwoman Holly Capron.

Those in attendance were: Holly Capron, CK Co. LEPC, Vicki Rahall, CK CO Communications Officer, Wayne Elliott, CK CO 911 Mapping, Jim Mitchell, Hallowell MFG., Terry Clugston, CK CO SO, Dr. Kurtis Gregory, Columbus Vet. Clinic, Angie Rippel, CK CO Appraisers Office, Betha Elliott, CK CO Health Dept, Carl Hayes, CK CO Health Dept, Dustin Groves, CK CO Emergency Preparedness, Mel Greene, Maple Uncommon.

It was noted that Jason Allison, EM Director and Art Blick, CERT were not in attendance because they were deployed to Wathena, Ks to help with flooding.

After welcoming the group Chairwoman Capron turned the meeting over to Mel Greene to present a program on the Yellow Dot Program. The program is sponsored by the Lions Club/Kansas Lions Association. The program explained the use of a Yellow Dot in the windshield of your vehicle to help identify medical problems of the occupants. The Lions club will distribute information to join the program at the CK. CO. Fair in July and Columbus Days in October.

Capron asked if there were any questions/comments over the last meeting. She asked if everyone was receiving emails and asked everyone to please sign the updated member list to send to the State LEPC Office.

Capron read a report from Sheriff David Groves reporting on the Joplin Tornado response and the county dispatch handling almost triple the amount of calls. Dustin Groves gave a report on the CERT team and their part in helping with the Joplin Tornado. He is making a facebook page. He talked about the weather radios to be sold. There will be 500 with a \$5 charge at Radio Shack. Jason is trying to get a grant for an additional 500.

Terry Clugston, Betha Elliott and Holly Capron spoke on the Nixle Warning System. It is free until July 1st then program will cost \$2,500 a year. The cost for the program is to be split by Emergency Preparedness, Sheriff Office and the Health Dept. There is a web page and it will have more information.

Capron reported on the usage of the CK CO EM Facebook Page...when she started tracking in March there were 234 likes with a weekly average of 57 wall posts and 144 views, as of June 7th there are 974 likes with a weekly average of 391 wall posts and 2,233 weekly views.

Betha gave a Health Dept update of the “mitigation Strategies for Rural America” and “Responding to the Functional Needs Populations of Rural America”. Due to the Joplin Tornado the meetings were rescheduled for July 12 and 13th respectively at the Columbus Community Building.

Dustin Groves reported the Kids Safety Camp and been canceled with a possible reschedule at the end of August after school starts.

The next meeting was scheduled on July 5th 9:00 am Courthouse, bring a friend