

CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MAY 3RD 2011
Cherokee Co. EOC, Columbus Ks

The Cherokee Co. LEPC meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00am Tuesday May 3rd by Chairwoman Holly Capron

Those in attendance were: Holly Capron, Ck.Co. LEPC, Art Blick, Ck Co. CERT, Vicki Rahall, Ck.Co. Communications Officer, Wayne Elliott, Ck. Co. 911 Mapping, Brad Barnard, Ck. Co. SO, Jim Mitchell, Hallowell Mfg., Larry Hiatt, Columbus News Report, Terry Clugston, Ck. Co. SO, David Groves, Ck. Co. SO, Dr. Kurtis Gregory, Columbus Vet. Clinic, Angie Ripple, Ck. Co. Appraisers Office, Betha Elliott, Ck.Co. Health Dept., Carl Hayes Ck.Co. Health Dept., Larry Delmont Galena Police Dept., Pat Collins, Galena Police Dept., Dennis Elbrader, Ck. Co Ext. Office, Art Mallory, Ck. Co. SO/EM.

It was noted that Jason Allison and Dusty Groves of the Ck. Co. Emergency Management Office were not in attendance because they were at Homeland Security Training.

After welcoming the group Chairwoman Capron asked for a volunteer to take minutes...David Groves accepted. Then she stated that the group may be conducting some fundraising activities in the future and would like to nominate a secretary/treasurer. Art Blick nominated Angie Ripple as secretary - motion passed. Angie Ripple nominated Art Blick as treasurer- motion passed. It was discussed that Chairwoman Capron would like to have Dusty Groves for a Co-Chair and asked if there were any objections. There were none. She will contact Groves to see if he is interested in serving.

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.

Mel Greene from the Lions Club was to present a program called the Yellow Dot Program but was detained with other business.

Cherokee Co. Health Dept. Administrator Betha Elliott updated the group on two upcoming trainings:

The first will coincide with the Four Corners meeting (officials from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma), which will be held on June 1st, 2011 at Granny Shaffer's Banquet Facility (behind Granny Shaffer's Restaurant- 2728 North Rangeline Joplin Missouri) The free training will be presented by the Northwest Arkansas Community College and is called "Mitigation Strategies for Rural America" Start time is 8:00 a. m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

The second training "Responding to the Functional Needs Populations of Rural America" is also free and will be held at the Columbus Community Building, 300 East Maple Columbus Ks. From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2011

Capron asked if any other departments wish to update at this time: Sheriff Groves discussed the recent Drug Take Back Event held on April 30th 2011. Thanks to the assistance of the Ck. Co. Health Dept and the Galena Police Dept. 144 pounds of prescription medications were collected and will be properly disposed of.

Chairwoman Capron updated the group on the storm siren project. She stated the siren locations had been determined and that bid requests have been solicited for the installation and are awaiting the returns.

Chairwoman Capron notified the organization that the Grand Opening for the Roseland Storm Shelter was set for June 5th 2011. Upon that announcement, Wayne Elliott requested that he be provided with the actual physical address of the Roseland Storm Shelter, noting that Roseland sets its own addresses, rather than having them issued by the county.

Deputy Brad Barnard discussed the Youth Safety Day which is scheduled for June 4th 2011 at the Ck. Co. Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chief Delmont noted to the group that it is on the same day as the Galena Days Celebrations.

Capron asked if there was any new business or any questions/comments or concerns.

Dennis Elbrader advised the LEPC that he, Jason Allison and Rose Mary Pillar had met to discuss an animal disease outbreak and are devising a plan/identifying pre-determined animal burial sites throughout the county. The project is ongoing.

Angie Ripple announced that the Kansas Policy Institute would be conducting an upcoming meeting at the Ck. Co. 4-H building regarding Kansas Schools.

Capron stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June the 7th 9:00 a.m. at the Eoc meeting room Ck. Co. Court House
Meeting was then adjourned.