

**Cherokee County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Regular meeting
Cherokee County Courthouse / Emergency Operations Center**

October 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairwoman Holly Capron.

Introductions were made by those in attendance:

Jackie Miller – Kansas Department of Emergency Management
Judy Leighty – LEPC Treasurer
Larry Hiatt – Columbus News Report
Mary Burke – St. John's Maude Norton Hospital
Vicki Rahall – Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
Art Mallory – Cherokee County Sheriff's Office / Emergency Management
Holly Capron – Chairwoman L.E.P.C.
Wayne Elliott – Cherokee County 911 and Mapping
Jim Burton – City of Columbus
Dusty Groves – Cherokee County Emergency Management / C.E.R.T.
Jason Allison – Cherokee County Emergency Management
Betha Elliott – Cherokee County Health Department
Carl Hayes – Cherokee County Health Department / Environmentalist
Art Blick – C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team)
David Groves – Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
Scott Leamon – Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
David Jenkins – Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Steven Burton – Columbus Fire Department
Toni Speith – Cherokee County CERT
Jim Mitchell – Hallowell Manufacturing
Terry Clugston – Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Kurtis Gregory – Columbus Vet Clinic

Mrs. Jackie Miller opened discussion for potential problems that have been pre-identified in past event exercises, either in Cherokee County or other areas. Those identified by various organization members were: communications, volunteer management, Emergency Operations Center activation / hierarchy, review of county emergency operations plan, hazmat, evacuations, and animal disease incidents.

It was noted that Emergency Management, Hospital and Health Departments are all required to do various exercises throughout the year or several years, so the intent is to incorporate them into the County exercise so they meet their requirements.

A plan was laid out for exercises, workshops, seminars and tabletops,

which will be conducted over the next three years. That information is attached to these minutes.

Jim Mitchell with Hallowell Manufacturing volunteered to present explosive safety information at next month's LEPC meeting.

Judy Leighty provided the Treasures report of no income, no expenses and \$0.00 balance.

Cherokee County Health Department Administrator Betha Elliott reminded the group of the drive thru flu shot clinic being held on October 14, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cherokee County Health Department.

It was also noted that there will be an E-Waste recycling event on October 15th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds.

The Sheriff's Office will be working with the LEPC, Health Department and other organizations on the National Drug Take Back Event, to be held on Saturday, October 29th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Locations will be set up in Columbus, Baxter Springs and Galena.

There were no other discussions and the next meeting was set for November 1, 2011 @9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Cherokee County Courthouse Emergency Operations Center.