

# **Cherokee County Local Emergency Planning Committee**

January 22, 2010

Cherokee County EOC, Columbus, KS

Members Present: Betha Elliott, Jason Allison, Karry Moore, David Groves, Nancy Lamb, Steve Hale, Doug Mogle, Carl Hayes, Terry Clugston, Art Blick, Art Mallory, Wayne Elliott

## **Reverse 911:**

Jason Allison reported that a meeting was held in January regarding the Reverse 911 system and Cherokee County will link with Jasper County to utilize services. There is a \$2500 one time set up fee to be paid up front and Jason has spoke with a local company whom has agreed to pay this amount. There will be a media release with the contribution to acknowledge gratitude for the funding. There will also be a \$1300 yearly fee; there are a few different options being considered of where these funds will come from.

## **Grant Update:**

Jason Allison reported that with the details needed for the EOC grant, it will be best to wait until next term to apply. Assessments on how to best use funding requested will assist in the application.

Jason also reported that he provided Shawnee Township with mitigation shelter grant packet but had not heard anymore from them.

Nancy Lamb reported that Cherokee County received the HMEP grant and she is completing that project as LEPC voted her to do in an earlier meeting.

## **GIS Regional Project:**

Nancy Lamb advised the council that the Southeast Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council voted to support the GIS regional project and Cherokee County Emergency Management participates on the committee. The GIS regional project will pay for software to assist with Floodplain administration as well as all hazard response and training for the region and counties. The regional geographic information system (GIS) projects are part of a larger strategy to coordinate GIS efforts across the state. The catalyst for a GIS project was the formation of Incident Management Teams (IMTs). The goal of each region wide GIS project is to create a critical information network about infrastructure, assets and key populations for use by the IMTs, first responders and decision makers. The information will then be available to aide in timely response to any event, natural or man-made, across the region and eventually statewide. All Homeland Security Regions are working in conjunction with the Adjutant General's Department on regional GIS projects. The reigons are: South Central, Northwest, Southwest, North Central, Southeast, Northeast.

## **Road Conditions:**

Cherokee County Road & Bridge has been working with Cherokee County Emergency Management and providing closed road updates at which Emergency Management is forwarding information to all responding agencies, news media for the public, assisting agencies, and other necessary entities.

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Gene and Steve with Road & Bridge advised that there are several roads that emergency responders will not be able to get down. The rehabilitation of roads that are able to be worked on are based off a priority list such as those living on roads with health issues and school bus assess. Some roads are not able to be worked on as the equipment weight does more damage to the road before even reaching the worse part of the road.

Terry Clugston suggested that Emergency Management work with Wayne Elliott in Mapping to map houses and addresses for dispatch then if response is needed they would be able to advise the type of vehicle needed to respond.

Doug Mogle suggested making sure all first responders had the list of the closed roads.

### **Storm Siren Update:**

Jason Allison reported that the sirens going up in Treece and Mineral Township has been recommended after reviewing bids and now the bids are being mailed to the state for the final approval.

### **Weather Spotters Class/Upcoming Severe Weather Season:**

Jason Allison announced that the Weather Spotters Course will be at Columbus High School Auditorium on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Jason Allison also provided a copy of the latest news watch, warnings, and advisories from the National Weather Service on the upcoming winter storm system.

### **800 system installment updates:**

Nancy Lamb advised that all 800 systems need to be completing installation as the regional will be scheduling tests for those and also announced that the state has offered any training needed for the communication equipment at no cost. She would just need to get a request from the agency and training would be set up.

### **Other Business:**

Betha Elliott, Cherokee County Health Department Director advised that Cherokee County Health Department still has H1N1 vaccination available to the public and responders at no cost. She reported that Cherokee County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has scheduled to receive such. She also reported that Cherokee County Health Department provided H1N1 vaccination to all school in Cherokee County. They also participated in a POD exercise at the Riverton School and Nancy Lamb with Cherokee County Emergency Management evaluated for the event.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be February 26, 2010 at 9am in the Cherokee County EOC, Columbus.