

LEPC/PHERT March 25th, 2015

The monthly meeting of the LEPC/PHERT was called to order by Chairperson Bob Gering, at 11:30 at the Concordia Fire Department. Those present were Gering, Diana Gering, Vonda Pumarlo, Michelle Kindel, Brian Marks, Bruce Johnson, Shella Thoman, Gary Caspers, Leroy Dickinson and Janet Eubanks.

Janet Eubanks reported for Larry Eubanks that the Storm Spotter Meeting held at the college last week was a huge success with 70 attending. She stated that Jeremy Goodwin from WIBW in Topeka did a wonderful job.

Health Department staff Diana Gering and Vonda Pumarlo reported that following other portions of the meeting we needed to have the committee finish filling out a summary needed for the Health Department that involved emergency management. Diana told the committee that a new Smart TV had been purchased with grant monies from the Health Department EP grant for the Emergency Operations Center. She stated that Eric Voss with help of the fire department personnel were going to set the TV up and work with it to see that it contains all that is needed and learn how we run it. The TV is located in the EOC in the Health Department basement. Gering also stated that she has allocated \$3000.00 for installation of the generator and that she will use the money to get the wiring done and installation of a new junction box. If there is money left over she is going to apply it to the installation of the gas line. The Health Department security system is to be put in soon and the HD is very pleased with this system installation.

Brian Marks stated that he was pleased with the security system at the courthouse and that now the east door to the basement is locked at all time. Marks also stated that east elevator in the basement of the courthouse is also locked as it opens right into the court system area. This should help with security for the court and the rest of the courthouse. Those needing keys for the east door may ask Shella Thoman for them.

Bruce Johnson reported that he is having a hard time hiring a new dispatcher. He stated that the applicants are either not qualified or they cannot handle the stress. He stated that he attended a PSAP meeting at Crisis City and that there would be a need to hire two more dispatchers running 18,000.00 each per year. This would be grant funded but he was afraid with benefits and all that the grant would run short plus having so much difficulty hiring dispatchers. He talked about GPS mapping but stated the mapping done for the government was only available for government use and not public use. City Police Department has contracted to have GPS mapping done for the city but would be only for city use. Committee discussed not having a school resource officer and what problems could and more than likely will arise with the deletion of this position due to funding issues with the school system. Cost per year for this position runs \$43,000.00.

Leroy Dickinson, Hospital, discussed needed to repair generators at the hospital in case of an emergency. The generators are old and are needing repair.

No other business was discussed and the remainder of the meeting was spent doing the survey sheet for the Health Department. Lunch was furnished by the Fire and Health Departments as well as Shella Thoman. Thanks to John Christenson for cooking the hamburgers.

Next meeting will be held at the Fire Department at 11:30 on April 29th, 2015.

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