

LEPC MEETING

LEPC Meeting December 18, 2025 located at the Anderson County Emergency Management EOC was called to order at 1010 hours.

TC Hamm opened the meeting as the Vice Chairman since the chairman was not present. VP decided we did not meet quorum with having 8 people present so anything that needed a vote we were not able to do so.

TC opened with prayer.

Sherry gave a report from EMS to include she is now interim until they hire a new Manager for EMS. They are conducting interviews and will most likely decide after the holidays. EMS is also offering a EMT course through Neosho County Community College however being held here in Garnett. If there are any issues with EMS contact Sherry, she wants to continue the strong relationship between us all.

Cruz gave report on Fire Department. I am being stricter on PPE that really wasn't followed the past 3-4 years and fire fighters are starting to realize that and understand. Anderson County Fire is hosting a Fire Fighter 1 class here in Garnett starting some time in February. I believe right now we have a great working relationship with all entities in the county and I want that to continue. I also have still been attending trainings to hopefully eventually get my Emergency Manager Certificate. Cruz also advised that Sarah was currently in Wichita at training and she has been busy going to trainings as well. We both got our exercise development classes. Sarah also got the EOP sent off for approval and to make us compliant.

Chelsy gave dispatch update with a lot of change that has happened in 2025. She advised her goals in 2026 were trying to be more consistent from dispatcher to dispatcher. She also shared she did receive 2 grants one for a mapping system for the schools and one for transcribing the 911 calls. She is also wanting to do some trial runs on an APP called lighting.

Hawkins advised no big changes besides they increased their chlorine that they can keep on site to 85,000 lbs. Business is now growing they now have roughly 10 employees.

Kris with community development is still growing the relationship between city and county. Kris has been attending trainings as well through this year. She wants to keep moving on communication ideas she does have a new system through the city where she can send a message out if needed to people within the city.

Kirk Pagerkopf got some free HAM radios. He is wanting to give 1 radio to each LEPC partner to keep at their office or where ever. He said that he will provide a free training about the HAM radios as well. He did note that right now the nearest repeater is in Paola and it works for Anderson County, however he is working on getting a repeater installed in Garnett.

Sheriff McClain shared that he put in 300K into the jail, this money has include cameras installed, working on mechanics, additional trainings being offered. He is also working on Policies and Procedures in the jail, SO, and dispatch. Sheriff office is working on developing a Citizens Academy to bring the community in to show them how and what the sheriff office too. Sheriff is also looking into a reserve program.

Nothing Further to be said

Meeting Adjourned at 1130 hours.