

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group
February 26, 2018
Conference Call
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Call to Order

The Kansas Law Enforcement Working Group (KLERG) was called to order by Chairman Eric Sauer at 14:05 hours on February 26, 2018 as a conference call.

Those in attendance were: Andy Van Der Wege – NW Region, Chuck Dunn – NC Region and Sheriff's Association, John Koelsch – NE Region, Ed Pavey – KPOA, Frank Papish – KBI, Mark Engholm – FBI/JTTF, Toby Prine – KDEM, Bryan Murphy – SE Region, Todd Ackerman – KACP and Eric Sauer – KHP

Chairperson Eric Sauer called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Review of Minutes

Chairman asked if everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes and asked for any corrections. Koelsch made a motion to approve the minutes and Van Der Wege seconded the motion.

Chairperson Comments or Reports

Sheriff Bryan Murphy has replaced Danny Thayer on the board for the SE Region.

Congratulations went out to Ed Pavey on his retirement. He will have been in law enforcement for 49 years.

KHP Updates: Major John Eichkorn has retired, with then Captain and now Major Josh Kellerman as his replacement. Headquarters has done some rearrangement of positions which has moved Sauer's section under the West Region Commander Major Jason DeVore. The Mobile Field Force administrative structure has been placed under Sauer. Lieutenant Dave Grittman has moved on to the Fusion Center and oversees the DEA Task Force and the JTTF along with being the Fusion Center Analyst. Mark Engholm who is a member of this group reports to Grittman. Grittman's Emergency Operations position has been replaced by Lieutenant Josh Weber. He will be handling COOP and many Emergency Operations duties along with assisting Lieutenant Edna Cordner with the Homeland Security Grant.

More clarification was given on the Mobile Field Force. Tactical Commander Lieutenant Carl Mackey is out of Wichita and he reports to Sauer. Technical Trooper Dave Ruble is under Mackey as assistant Tactical Commander. There are two regional teams with the East Region Command under Captain Dek Kruger and the West Region under Captain Robb Keener. Regional Commanders are will be a integral part of a unified command while Lieutenant Mackey oversees the tactical operations of the MFF. Just about to be fully equipped and should be so by the start of summer. We are currently receiving, inventorying and issuing equipment to 125 people. Have

been doing monthly to a month in a half trainings. Eventually training will become quarterly. Lots of personnel and logistical challenges. Planning on being deployable in the late summer or early fall. We should be able to start giving presentations at that time.

Membership Reports/Updates

NW – Only concern for this group is the Region is having difficulty in getting law enforcement members to create projects. It seems like each region has these struggles.

NC – Everything is on track. Within the past couple of years a regional SWAT team has been building up. Has been working with the KLETC on the Tactical Medical Kits. Now looking at equipping established law enforcement officers with the kits.

NE – Across the state we need to discuss how to move forward with equipping established law enforcement officers across the state. The clotting agents do have an expiration date, so the KLETC doesn't want to stockpile the kits for the new recruits.

SAA – NC Region has been doing the kits on a local level, but this really begins at the Regional Council Coordinating Committee. Not sure how to identify the right kind of training and where it should be provided in each region, but it should be similar across the state. NC and SE have been working to move forward and should take off across the state. We will look to this group to help spread the message. EMS has an interest in this as well. Koelsch would like to see a plan across the entire state and to meet the same standards established by KLETC. Many providers can do this type of training but need to have a criteria and standardization. Murphy has reached out to Terry David with MERGe and to Bruce Joliff for training along with local paramedics and believes these groups can establish a standardized training that will be consistent across the state. This would be a good presentation before the RCCC. Terry David and the paramedics say this is something that can be done on a local level.

SE – Being new to this he has been working on getting input with other local law enforcement partners. With the transition of leadership, projects had to be change. Cordner has been a great help in this process.

KPOA -Joliff has taken this project and moved it forward. He will be part of moving this across the state.

KBI – Papish has completed the nine-month Executive Leader program through the Centers for Homeland Security. It is a fantastic program. They haven't had a lot of requests or interest from Kansas. Meet one week a quarter. The networking and take-aways were impressive. He would be happy to send the link and think members of this group would benefit from it. There is a Homeland Security Digital Library that is very useful.

JTTF – In July we will be bringing in the FBI laboratory to teach a one-day class NC Region for law enforcement to identify the diverse types of labs. They are going to do a class in Missouri and ten one in Kansas with prominent level people, and it should be a good course. In August hoping to have the KLETC host a one-day epidemiological investigation course. They have done this before in the Manhattan area and it has been well received. More information will be coming out

soon. They have had many Public Access Line calls for suspicious threat reports. Social media accounts being spoofed by others pretending to be a student that will do a shooting. There was one mistaken at Seamen high school in Topeka, but it was actually one in Springfield, IL high school. Many people realize they can cause mayhem by putting something out there on social media.

Special Business/Old Business

Bryan Murdie is looking for CRMCS enhancements. They have been a lot of CRMCS discussions at all levels, so the message is getting out to people. The Resource Tracking has been because of recent EMAC deployments. We are now looking at the detail level, getting them typed, and able to track them. Much of the drive in Kansas has been the Wildland Fires, where the most resources have been deployed. The Harvey county shooting is the law enforcement drive. There has been discussion all over the state with this is what we want to do and the planning. If anyone has ideas on how to enhance the CRMCS software and make it better contact Bryan Murdie or contact Sauer and he will get it to Murdie. The capability is getting easier to use. We need to get counties to get their individuals on the system and to get their resources typed.

Law Enforcement Review Process – thank you for participating in the review process we have been stumbling through these past few months. Many of you have asked questions that may not have received answers. Don't think the questions were not valuable, but they were rhetorical for us, because we could go through the process of figuring them out. Some we are still waiting for answers. Every response that came through was valuable. We are in the beta test to learn how the process will work. I hope you can see the difficulty we have with the approval of projects – what is missing in the workbooks and the process that we must go through when projects are not complete.

The vetting process is working. We are catching things we need for the workbook on the front end. Getting more detail from the project managers. We would not have the time to catch these things until we had to submit that report. It was a short turnaround time; a huge thank you for helping us vet the projects. The vetting process is now until September – this group or you as a subject matter expert in your region can be asked questions. A project should go through the regional council and the regional council will determine if this project moves forward. They may ask you as a subject matter expert if you feel this is a good spend, do you think this will be good across the state or other questions. This may be the opportunity to close that question gaps and make sure all information has been gathered. Between September and October, we hope to have the entire process wrapped up so it can go back to the region with the groups comments and recommendations. The council will vote on it a second time and it will come back to us for formal vote. Therefore, it is important for you to attend the regional meetings. If you cannot go, please send a proxy.

We are starting to schedule our State Preparedness Report activity. We can do this as a group or you can participate with your region. We will be doing this from now until May. Will look at trying to meet in May and do the SPR activity then in Hutchinson. There are two big conferences in early May.

New Business

Toby queried the group about how many have been contacted by other law enforcement agencies or superintendents of schools since the Parkland shooting to find out about possible funding for security measures in schools. Prine has gotten a few on his end. Ackerman said they are a small 4A school and they are looking at getting a full time SRO. The school would be willing to find 75% so the local department could use the officer in the summer with their 25%. They already have SROs and they aren't too sure about this but are entertaining the idea. Prine has been asked questions about funding of SROs to the funding of physical security measures – involving the EMPG and SHSGP. It is something we are going to have to investigate because it appears there are questions out there about it.

Chairperson election – open the floor for discussion and nominations. Ackerman has nominated Sauer and Pavey moved that all nominations cease. There were no nays

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

Pavey motioned to adjourn and Koelsch seconded, and at 15:54 hours the meeting was adjourned.