

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

April 29, 2021

Minutes



Call to order

Justin Bramlett called the virtual meeting to order at 11:01.

Those in attendance: Andy Van Der Wege – NW Region, Mark Engholm, - JTTF, Ron Gould – KLETC, Kelly Ralston – KBI, Bryan Murphy – SE Region, Darin Beck – KLETC/KPOA, Courtney Leslie – SW Region, Daryl Reece – KC Metro Region, Nate Reiger – SC Region, Doug Jorgensen – KSFMO, Justin Bramlett – KHP, Josh Weber – KHP, Edna Cordner – KHP, Melanie Lawrence - KHP

Review of meeting minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Murphy and Van Der Wege seconded and hearing no objections the minutes are accepted as written.

Chairperson's comments or reports

Looks like we missed the last quarterly meeting, but did have discussion over Homeland Security Projects. Hopefully we will start meeting in person soon.

Membership reports/updates

None

Special business / Old business

None

New Business

KLETC Training

A new national priority was created, Combatting Domestic Violent Extremism, and had to be funded at 7.5% out of our total grant allocation. KLETC is offering training for this priority. Got a team together and did brainstorming to see what kind of training they could do across the state to meet this priority. Once we get approval to move forward we will develop a comprehensive plan to move forward. Cordner was able to inform them on how much funding is available to host the training, and they will be able to do quite a bit of training. Once we have the award and the training will be created. This looks like it is perfectly align with the guidance. Engholm requested that the JTTF is involved in the planning of the training. The threats are not exactly what the media is portraying and we want our officers to have knowledge on the real world threats.

The refocused funding will prevent or limit the regions from providing tactical medical kits. It looks like we will be able to go though September. They will continue providing the training, but not issuing the kits to new recruits when they run out of funds. Funding for FY19 and FY20 could be moved or reallocated to help fill this gap. Reece asked how much the kits cost? Cordner said approximately \$100 a kit. Breakout for the regions was discussed and will be sent out the membership. The Patrol can put this out, but it might be better coming from the regional representative.

KLERWG Vetting of Projects

Have considered having the October meeting available for vetting projects. We could meet in person and have it open to allow possible project managers to attend in person or virtually to present the project.

Engholm brought up that we are the only ones vetting the required law enforcement set aside. What brought it up this year has had items for fire/hazmat that have been listed as law enforcement. Just want to make sure that we are reviewing all law enforcement projects. It would be beneficial to have people explain how this benefits law enforcement. I don't want to be the guy that says we look at everything, but we need to take closer looks at these expenditures. Cordner would like to see the local level catch as much of this as possible. Nothing moves forward without regional approval. Last year we were able to assign a Trooper to look at projects. This is a lot of work for our small office to take and we need to have other eyes on this as well. Any work you can do ahead time does help us out and create better investment justifications. KHP HLS is doing a great job. Engholm suggests the KLERWG has a role to help and take some of the burden off the shoulders. There are law enforcement needs that are not being meet such as respiratory protection for officers across the state. The tactical medical kits are needed. Murphy says he sees Engholm's issue is there a way we can see on the average how often this is occurring? We ask that each region set a target for 25% which can be difficult to meet for the rural areas. Connie does try to keep the tables updated on datacounts.net (please contact Envisage or KHP HLS for password). We cannot tell a region what their gaps on or how to fill their gaps. What we can do set priorities and percentages. The KLERWG can give feedback and suggestions. The other thing that was unique this year that gave us a curve ball this year was the Kansas priority for 25% to cybersecurity. All sound good to meet in person to do project vetting. KLETC has several options for a room for our group to meet. This review and vetting all at once will lift a large weight off our shoulders.

May look at doing a virtual meeting in August and then meet in person at KLETC in October.

Adjournment

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting Van Der Wege seconded at 11:37.

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