

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

June 20, 2022

1300 Hours Virtual via TEAMS

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➤ Call to order

○ Welcome and roll call

- Justin Bramlett called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
- Toby Prine – TAG/KDEM, Edna Cordner – KHP Guest, Andy VanDerWege – NW Region, Todd Ackerman - CoPA, Ron Gould - KLETC, Josh Webber – KHP Guest, Justin Bramlett – KHP, Heather Buller - KLETC, Tyler Van Coevern – NC Region, Doug Jorgensen - KSFMO, Max Barrett – SC Region, Courtney Leslie – SW Region, Daryl Reece – KC Metro Region, John Koelsch – NE Region, and Melanie Lawrence – KHP Guest.

➤ Review of meeting minutes

○ 03-09-2022 Minutes

Motion to accepted as written Ackerman and seconded by Barrett. All accept.

➤ Chairperson's comments or reports

- October Vetting Meeting, 10-25-22 at KLETC; Classroom #8 at 0930-1430 hours. Went ahead and set a date for the October Vetting Meeting and will do what we did last year. Bramlett will send out a meeting invite. If he gets feedback that it is bad date will consider changing it.
- RCCC/SAC had a leadership meeting to discuss strategic planning meeting. Each regional council will be asked to send four members to the July meeting. Help determine how it will move forward.

➤ Membership reports/updates

- SC Region – Barrett the Wichita Bomb Squad presented a project for a drone. They have federal guidelines to use drone collection devices to collect certain information. The TAG has not allowed drones to be purchased, and the group felt like it was time to write a letter to see if drones could be purchased if they meet certain guidelines. Asking the KLERWG to write a letter along with additional groups to write letters. Not have it be a free for all, but to have certain standards.
 - Do we want to write a blanket letter? Barrett believes the Bomb Squad will put together a draft for us to review and see if they can make changes. Who would be

setting the standards if we decide to back this initiative? There are many good American made drones. These standards are set by the Feds for Bomb Techs. Ackerman stated TAG would take the standards more seriously if we have where they are coming from, but also the group saying they are going to be used in the capability they are going to be used. Who would qualify to attain these certifications? Hate to see assets not available to organizations that need them.

- Bramlett offered to reach out to Dave Young to see what additional information that the TAG may want to have to consider making exceptions to the restriction. Koelsch asked if the neighboring states have done this as it is a federal standard. Jorgenson suggests if we move forward to have it begin with just the Bomb Squads. Maybe we have the individual group requirements and the TAG/Drone Group approval. Ackerman does not want to see it limited to just bomb squads. Also reach out to different bomb squads.
- Barrett, Ackerman and Reece want us to have our research done before we write the letter. We want to have letters from our group have more weight. Bramlett will work with Ackerman as he is a drone pilot and Barrett to move this process along.
- KC, SC, NC, NE, NW, CACP, KBI, KLETC, KSFMO – nothing new to add.
- Cordner stated we are continuing with the timeline of activities as planned, however, would like to review the timeline with the RCCC/SAC. 30% of the funds will go to support national priorities and 70% filling regional gaps. We will need to look at a timeline to get involvement and want to have the KLERWG involved.
 - 33 applicants for the Non-Profits. We should receive at least 1.8 million for the non-profit grant.

➤ Special business / Old business

- KLETC Update (Ron Gould and Heather Buller) on Domestic Violent Extremism project. Buller has been working hard on this. Looking at what is happening around the country with mass killings and school shootings seems to be the prevalent form what we are currently seeing which will be the focus.
- Update of where we are and what we are doing to move forward. Buller has been working with Mark Engholm when his schedule has allowed. Meeting with federal, state and local groups and being cautious on information available on virtual platforms.
- KLETC is working with SME's on outlaw motorcycle gangs to coordinate more to avoid trainings are not overlapping. There are 8-hour training blocks in Hays and Hutchinson. They are also working with Springfield, MO – MOCIC and better the relationship and help the Kansas/Missouri border officers to where they can attend each other's training.
- VanDerWege stated with MOCIC you must be a member to access their training. There are many agencies that cannot afford or do not want to be member, so you may want to emphasis the CIU with KBI and Fusion Center for training.

➤ New Business

- FY 22 HSGP FEMA submission was submitted on time. Waiting to hear back if there are any issues with the applications.

- Able to submit in a very short timeline. They must give us 30 days and only gave us 30 days.
- Thank you for helping us to get this completed.
- FY23 HSGP Vetting in October 25 at KLETC
- NBAF
 - Will be online soon. Starting to have meetings on roles of responsibility and response. Will share information with the group.
- Next meeting will be in August. Hopefully we will have more information on the drone letter.

➤ Announcements

- None

➤ Adjournment

- Reece motioned to adjourn and simultaneously Ackerman and VanDerWege seconding with all agreeing at 13:45 hours.