

# **Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group**

## **KLERWG**

**July 19, 2023**

**Approved**

### Call to order

John Koelsch called the meeting to order at 9:30.

### Attendance

Virtual: John Koelsch – NE Region, Todd Ackerman – KACP, Ron Gould – KLETC, Andy VanDerWege – NW Region, and Bryan Murphy – SE Region

In-Person: Courtney Leslie – SW Region, Terry Kegin – TAG/KDEM, Amy Osborne – KPOA, Russell Thornton – CEPR, Tyler VanCoevern – NC Region, Max Barrett – SC Region, Mark Engholm - JTTF, Doug Jorgenson - KSFMO, Cory Beard – KHP/SAA, Edna Cordner – KHP/SAA, Adam Simone – KHP/SAA, and Melanie Lawrence KHP/SAA

### Review of meeting minutes

10-25-2022 Minutes VanDerWege motioned to approve Engholm seconded and all approved.

### Chairperson's comments or reports

- New TAG, Brigadier General Michael T. Venerdi has been appointed. Currently there are no changes to grant priorities, and Cybersecurity remains a focus.
- Wolf Creek Hostile Action Based (HAB) Graded Exercise now a Graded Plume Phase Exercise. The HAB will be in 2025 for the next graded exercise with a tabletop exercise on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a HAB focus.
- National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) coming online in a couple of years.
- Commission on Emergency Planning & Response (CEPR): Sheriff Thornton (Ottawa County) has been appointed to the CEPR, but he is not yet confirmed.

### Membership reports/updates

- KHP: New Colonel Erik Smith and is having a command staff meeting and will be going around the state to meet the troops. Major Eric Sauer has retired and the new major for our section is Major Andy Dean. The Homeland Security and Emergency Operations section

has also added two lieutenants. LT Adam Simone is the replacement for LT Josh Weber and LT Cory Beard has been assigned with a focus on the Non-Profit Security Grant.

- Parcel Threat Response: KSFM Jorgensen and TTRP Engholm presented. Eight (8) of the nine (9) Hazmat teams have responded to these incidents. Kansas was not the only state to receive letters as they were sent across five states along to members of Congress and the Supreme Court. There have been many lessons learned from the response and training will occur at many levels from how the recipient should handle a suspicious letter, to the officers investigating, to the Hazmat response.
- Training, projects, resource typing, etc.
  - Corder reported FEMA definition of controlled equipment has been updated. Remind those in your regions they cannot purchase weapons or anything that goes on a weapon. Look at other ways to purchase equipment that is controlled or attaches to controlled equipment.
  - Simulations – if weapons are designed to be a simulation weapon it is allowable.
- Koelsch asked if any other agencies have had a rise in 911 calls with the iPhones new crash protection feature? Certain motions will cause the iPhone to call 911 when it believes an individual has fallen or crashed. Pratt, Shawnee, and Lyon counties have experienced many false 911 calls. Lyon county had over 100 calls before their bike race began on gravel roads. 911 is looking at a way to make people aware of this feature and to suggest ways of preventing it. Pratt has been experiencing this trend in the agriculture communities, and when an officer shows up they are surprised. The City of Shawnee has put out information on android phones with if you click a button several times it calls 911. Realize the feature could save lives, but also need to make the smart phone creators know that it doesn't exactly work how intended.
- Domestic Violence Extremism classes offered though KLETC are doing well and there are several classes they offer as continuing education that will meet the definition. Regions can also piggyback the training with the Stop the Bleed Kits. Training is one of the most positive projects that FEMA supports, KLETC can tailor to meet your needs. This is continuing education. Corder will send out the information on what KLETC offers.
- Engholm motions the KLERWG recommends that each region puts in 3% of their allocation toward KLETC's Combatting Domestic Extremism training. This would be in addition to IFAK/Stop the Bleed Kits. Van Coevern seconds. Motion carried.
- Bruce Joliff has the need for IFAK kits met until October.

#### Special business / Old business

- FY23 HSGP and NSGP grants have been submitted and we are waiting to hear that it has been approved for HSGP with or without special conditions. We are also waiting to hear about the non-profit recipients and the amount of the rewards.
- Cybersecurity is not a national priority, but it is a state priority.

- FY23 Non-profit was our biggest year yet, and that is with the KC Metro counties applying for the UASI Non-Profit grant through Missouri. We had over 10 million in applications competing for 2 million in funding. We should be hearing something soon, and hoping we continue to receive a larger allocation than expected.

#### New Business

- FY24 HSGP Projects same NPA's and KS PA's
- We don't think there will be many changes including the amount.
- **November 1, 2023, 0930-1530 hours: FY 24 Project Vetting** - KLETC, Classroom 8. (Same as last year). Will be done live in ASTRA.

#### Announcements

Jorgensen does not have an announcement, and he will probably be around through December. The top two candidates have withdrawn, and it is a senate confirmation requirement that requires a KBI background check.

#### Adjournment

Barrett moves and VanDerWege seconds with all agreeing, and the meeting adjourns at 10:34 AM.