

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group

Minutes

March 13, 2024

Attendees

Members

Membership Attendance: Toby Prine – KDEM/TAG, Max Barrett – SC Region, Andy Van Der Wege – NW Region, Ron Gould - KLETC, Glen Virden - KBI, John Koelsch – NE Region, Bryan Murphy – SE Region, Doug Schroeder – KS-CPOST, Mark Engholm - KSFMO, Tyler Van Coervern – NC Region, Todd Ackerman KACP, Courtney Leslie – SW Region, Daryl Reece – KC Metro Region, Amber Harrington -KHP, and Justin Bramlett - KHP

Guests

Adam Simone – KHP and Melanie Lawrence - KHP

Call to order:

Bramlett called the meeting to order at 0900 am, welcome everyone, and started the introductions.

Bramlett announced because of his change of duties he can no longer be chair of this working group, and that we should have an election for his replacement. Ackerman motioned to have Harrington fulfill Bramlett's role as chair and Engholm seconded with all agreeing.

Review of meeting minutes

Van Der Wege motioned to approve the November 1st, 2023, minutes as written and Virdon seconded with all approving.

Chairperson's comments or reports

Harrington reported that we are still waiting on FY24 Congressional budget to be passed and will let everyone know when the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released.

Grant Highlights

- FY20 and FY21 will be closing on May 31, 2024.
 - FY22 – all procurement should be in procurement phase by April 1 and Training and Exercise will need to be scheduled by September 1.
 - Quarterly Reports will be due at the end of April for January -March
 - FY24 Project proposals need to be in Astra.

Please note that LT Edna Cordner has had her last name changed to Murphy. Her new email is edna.murphy@ks.gov.

Membership reports/updates

Prine reported for KDEM that they held the IST Symposium in Wichita. Attendance was down because of the venue change. They had a couple of ICS courses and an exercise on Friday with law enforcement participating. There will be upcoming training and exercise opportunities for law enforcement to participate with Incident Command and EOC Interface as the focus.

Engholm briefly spoke regarding the recent House Bill 2777 prohibiting OKSFM from utilizing body camera during inspections. On Monday they will have a new HazMat Coordinator, John Michael. Michael is originally from Osage County and is coming out of the Air Force with his last position being the Fire Chief for Edwards Air Force Base in California. They plan to have a two-day Law Enforcement HazMat class that will hit all the required points without having to go through a full firefighter course.

Van Coervern with NC Region reported he is still receiving emails about the vetting process. It sounds like some of the emails that needed joint vetting were only vetted by our group. Harrington did state that all FY23 projects were vetted and approved by the SAC/RCCC in January, but will do a deeper dig into this issue.

Ackerman for KPOA, Virden for KBI, Gould for KLETC, Schroeder for KS-CPOST, Koelsch for Ne Region, Van Der Wege for NW Region, Barrett for SC Region, Murphy for SE Region, Leslie for SW Region, and Reece for the KC Metro Region had nothing to report.

Adjournment

Ackerman motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:22 AM.