

Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group
KLERWG
Draft Minutes: April 1, 2025
Virtual/Teams Platform

Call to Order

Captain Amber Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. The following members were in attendance: Tyler Van Coevern – NC Region, John Koelsch – NE Region, Doug Schroeder - KLETC, Anthony Maness – SE Region, Andy VanDerWege – NW Region, Glen Virden - KBI, Toby Prine – TAG/KDEM, Courtney Leslie – SW Region, Derek Garver – KHP/JTTF, Adam Simon – KHP, and Melanie Lawrence – KHP

Sheriff Maness was welcomed to the group as a new member.

Review of Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the October 29, 2024, draft minutes as written by Koelsch and Virden seconded.

Chairperson's Comments or Reports

Waiting to receive the FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which is the grant guidance. Another issue is that FEMA continues to have holds on the HSGP/NSGP grants funds. The HSO/EO office has been tasked with providing justifications for each reimbursement request to ensure the FEMA grant funds aren't in reference to DEIA or involving support to aliens.

FY21 and FY22 are set to close by August 31, 2025. An FY22 extension request has been submitted to FEMA as there are concerns there is not enough time for activities to be completed without expected funds.

The HSO office continues to work with the FEMA Program Consultant along with other SAAs across the nation. SAAs are experiencing the same issues with DHS/FEMA. There are lawsuits from different states that could be holding up some of the process.

Membership Reports/Updates

NC Region -Van Coevern reported that his region is in the same boat. NCRPC has been great to work with on the process. The extension will put some minds at ease.

TAG/KDEM – Prine reported that KDEM is impacted the same way. Angee Morgan has sent an email to all emergency managers on the reform or abolishment of FEMA. All disasters begin and end at the local level, but state and federal level is necessary. There are a lot of active disasters in

the form of recovery – fires, hurricanes, and developing storm systems. KDEM is emphasizing an emergency management partnership with all respective agencies.

KLETC – Schoeder announced that he has a change in role. He is leaving CPOST and will be moving to KLETC. He is still here but wearing a different hat. They are in the process of finding his CPOST successor.

NW Region – Van Der Wege said they are plugging along and will be ordering IFAK for KLETC.

NE Region – nothing to add

SW Region – nothing to add

SE Region - Maness reported that he is new to this, but everything is running smoothly.

KBI – nothing to add

JTTF - Derek Garver is newly assigned to the JTTF and is Mark Engholm's replacement. Garver reported that he has been reading up on possible threats to Kansas, including protests. He is working on a few cases but cannot talk about them at this point. Garver falls under the HSO/EO office, and his direct supervisor is LT Dave Gritman.

Special business / Old business

No special or old business discussed.

New Business

No new business to report other than what has been previously discussed under Chairperson's comments.

Announcements

The October 29 minutes will be published and will keep everyone apprised on the grants.

Adjournment

Viridon motioned to adjourn with all agreeing.